

SENATE No. 1317

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act creating a special commission to study the prevalence and prevention of child lead poisoning.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Patrick M. O'Connor

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Plymouth and Norfolk

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1317) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to create a special commission to study the prevalence and prevention of child lead poisoning. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act creating a special commission to study the prevalence and prevention of child lead poisoning.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding any special or general law there shall be a special commission to study
2 the prevalence and prevention of child lead poisoning within the Commonwealth to develop
3 recommendations on actions to prevent such lead poisoning in the future including, but not
4 limited to legislative recommendations and administrative recommendations.

5 The special commission shall consist of: the secretary of health and human services, or
6 their designee; three members to be appointed by the governor, which shall include: the
7 commissioner of the department of public health, the commissioner of the department of public
8 utilities, and one member of the general citizenry impacted by lead poisoning; two members of
9 the House of Representatives, one of whom to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
10 Representatives, and the other to be appointed by the minority leader; and two members of the
11 Senate, one of whom to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and the other to be

12 appointed by the minority leader; provided, however, that the first meeting of the commission
13 shall take place not later than December 1, 2019.

14 Topics of research shall include, but not be limited to, the Commonwealth's compliance
15 with the United States environmental protection agency's renovation, repair, and painting
16 program rules and the lead and copper rule; the efficiency of real estate surveys determining the
17 presence of lead paint; emergency and legal response actions taken upon the notification of a
18 child who has attained high levels of lead in the blood; and prevention of the spread of lead
19 contaminants throughout school systems.

20 The special commission shall submit its recommendations, together with drafts of any
21 legislation, to the clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate, the chairs of the joint
22 committee on mental health and substance abuse not later than December 1, 2020.