

**SENATE . . . . . No. 379**

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**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 classroom temperatures.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/1/2021</i>

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 379) of Patrick M. O'Connor, James M. Murphy and Hannah Kane for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study minimum and maximum allowable air temperatures in public school classrooms and facilities. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 530 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act creating a special commission to study classroom temperatures.

*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 to the contrary there shall be a special  
2           commission to study the regulation of minimum and maximum allowable air temperatures in  
3           public school classrooms and facilities, as well as any relevant statistics on the number of air-  
4           conditioned public schools in Massachusetts, the impact of indoor air quality on children,  
5           including, but not limited to, children with respiratory conditions or special needs, and the  
6           Commonwealth’s state funding and bidding processes for installing air conditioning and heating  
7           upgrades in public schools.

8           The special commission shall consist of: the secretary of the executive office of  
9           education, or their designee, who shall serve as chair; the commissioner of the department of

10 elementary and secondary education, or their designee; the commissioner of the department of  
11 public health, or their designee; the executive director of the Massachusetts School Building  
12 Authority; a representative of the Massachusetts Teachers Association; a representative of the  
13 Massachusetts Association of School Committees; a representative of the Massachusetts Parent  
14 Teacher Association; two teachers, selected by the Massachusetts Teachers Association, who  
15 have experienced difficulties with classroom temperatures; a school nurse, selected by the  
16 Massachusetts School Nurse Organization; the president of the Massachusetts Association of  
17 School Superintendents, or their designee; two members of the House of Representatives, one of  
18 whom to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the other to be  
19 appointed by the minority leader; two members of the Senate, one of whom to be appointed by  
20 the President of the Senate, and the other to be appointed by the minority leader. The chair shall  
21 commence first meeting of the commission not later than December 1, 2022.

22           The special commission shall submit its findings and recommendations, together with  
23 drafts of any legislation, to the clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate and the  
24 chairs of the joint committee on education not later than December 1, 2023.