HOUSE No. 1922

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PRESENTED BY:

Patricia A. Haddad

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 resolve:

Resolve A Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to child suicide.

PETITION OF:

NAME: DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Patricia A. Haddad 5th Bristol

HOUSE No. 1922

By Ms. Haddad of Somerset, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1922) of Patricia A. Haddad for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to child suicide. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

Resolve A Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to child suicide.

1 Resolved, SECTION 1. Resolved, that a special commission to consist of 11 members: 3 members of the senate; 1 of whom shall be a member of the joint committee on education; 1 of whom shall be a member of the joint committee on mental health and substance abuse; 1 of whom shall be a member of the senate; provided, however, that 1 member of the senate shall be designated as co-chair of the commission; 3 members of the house of representatives; 1 of whom shall be a member of the joint committee on education, 1 of whom shall be a member of the joint committee on mental health; 1 of whom shall be a member of the house of representatives; provided, however, that 1 member of the house of representatives shall be designated as co-chair of the commission; 1 of whom shall be the commissioner of elementary and secondary education, or his designee; 1 of whom shall be the commissioner of mental health, or his 10 designee; and 3 members to be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a member of the 11 Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, 1 of whom shall be a member of the 12 13 mental health advisory council established under section 11 chapter 19 of the General Laws, and 1 of whom shall be an advocate for pediatric early childhood mental health, is hereby established

for the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to strategies for suicide prevention and the resources necessary to assist elementary and secondary schools identify and assist 16 children at risk. The commission shall report to the general court the results of its investigation 17 and study and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry 18 out such recommendations, by filing the same with the clerks of the senate and the house and 19 20 who shall forward the same to the chairs of the joint committee on education and the chairs of the joint committee on mental health and substance abuse and the chairs of the joint committee 21 on children and families and the chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and means 22 on or before December 31, 2012.