

HOUSE No. 02720

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter J. Koutoujian

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 passage of the accompanying Resolve:

A Resolve for a study by special commission relative to reviewing & evaluating the safety of high school and college level cheerleading.

PETITION OF:

NAME: _____ | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: _____

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By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 2720) of [petitioners] for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to current safety practices involving the activity of cheerleading Joint Committee on Education.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

RESOLVE A Resolve for a study by special commission relative to reviewing & evaluating the safety of high school and college level cheerleading

Resolved,

- 1 Resolved,
- 2 That a special commission to consist of one member of the senate, two members of the house,
- 3 the secretary of the department of education or designee, the director of the Massachusetts
- 4 athletic association or designee, the director of the national cheer safety foundation or designee,
- 5 and the director of the Massachusetts association of cheerleading coaches or designee is hereby
- 6 established for the purpose of conducting a study intended to review and evaluate current safety
- 7 practices involving the activity of cheerleading. The scope of the commission will include but is
- 8 not limited to, the certification of all cheerleading coaches; the presence of emergency medical
- 9 technicians, athletic trainers, and/or physicians where and when deemed necessary; reporting of
- 10 all injuries, requirements and precautions taken to prevent injuries; as well as the system by
- 11 which all standards are enforced. Said commission shall report to the house of representatives
- 12 the results and recommendations of its study, together with legislation necessary to enact these

13 recommendations, by filing with the clerk of the house of representatives within 1 year of
14 enactment.