

HOUSE No. 372

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera

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 bill:

An Act establishing a commission to study the feasibility of a charter school for students on the autism spectrum.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	10th Hampden

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF A CHARTER SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM.

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

1 **Section 1.** Pursuant to the Chapter 71, section 89, a Commission shall be established to study the
2 feasibility of developing a Charter School for children with diagnoses on the Autism Spectrum.

3 The Commission shall be comprised of the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Commissioner
4 of the Department of Public Health and the Commissioner of the Department of Elementary and
5 Secondary Education, plus 2 members of the Senate, appointed by the Senate President and 2 members of
6 the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, 1 representative of the
7 Massachusetts Teachers Association and 1 representative of the Massachusetts Federation of Teachers,
8 and 5 parents of children on the Autism Spectrum appointed by the Governor.

9 **Section 2.** The Commission shall file its recommendations with the Clerks of the House of
10 Representatives and the Senate, the Speaker of the House and the Senate President and the Joint
11 Committee on Education no later than December 31st, 2010.