

SENATE No. 00225

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anthony W. Petruccelli

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 charter school working group.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Anthony W. Petruccelli

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Suffolk and Middlesex

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By Mr. Petruccelli, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 225) of Petruccelli for legislation to establish a charter school working group [Joint Committee on Education].

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act establishing a charter school working group.

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. There is hereby established a charter school working group to study the
2 equity in funding and innovations promoted by charter schools authorized under the provisions
3 of chapter 71, section 89. The working group shall report its findings and conclusions to the
4 general court and make recommendations regarding any necessary legislative and regulatory
5 changes which are suggested by those findings and conclusions. The first meeting of the
6 working group shall take place within 30 days after the effective date of this act.

7 SECTION 2. The working group shall consist of the speaker of the House of
8 Representatives, or his designee, who shall serve as co-chair, the president of the senate, or her
9 designee, who shall serve as co-chair; the minority leaders of the house and senate, or their
10 designees; the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on education; the chairs of the
11 house and senate committee on ways and mean; the secretary of administration and finance, or

12 her designee; the secretary of education or his designee; the Commissioner of Elementary and
13 Secondary Education, or his designee; and 2 appointees of the Governor.

14 SECTION 3. The working group shall solicit advice from such persons and entities as it
15 deems necessary.

16 SECTION 4. The working group shall file a report containing its recommendations,
17 including legislation and regulations necessary to carry out its recommendations, with the joint
18 committee on education and the clerks of the house and senate not later than 9 months following
19 the first meeting of the working group.