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By Mr. Mahar, petition of Ralph C. Mahar and others that provision be made for a survey and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of public education in the Commonwealth. Education.

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### The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY AND STUDY OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN THE COMMONWEALTH BY AN UNPAID SPECIAL COMMISSION.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission consisting of two mem-  
2 bers of the senate to be designated by the president thereof,  
3 three members of the house of representatives to be designated  
4 by the speaker thereof, and ten persons to be appointed by  
5 the governor, five of whom shall be educators and five of whom  
6 shall be persons who have no professional connection with edu-  
7 cation and do not represent educational organizations, is here-  
8 by established to make a comprehensive study of the quality  
9 of public education at all levels in the commonwealth to deter-  
10 mine its strength and weakness and to establish educational  
11 programs to meet the needs of all the children and youth of  
12 the commonwealth. Said commission shall not only consider  
13 programs of elementary and secondary schools and programs  
14 of higher education but shall also consider other educational  
15 fields such as vocational training, libraries, educational tele-  
16 vision and adult education. Said commission shall also study  
17 the problems involved in the determination of the policy, con-  
18 trol and administration of higher education in the common-  
19 wealth with a view to establishing (1) the most efficient organ-  
20 izational and administrative structure of public higher educa-  
21 tion, (2) the responsibility for determining public educational  
22 policy at a state level, and (3) appropriate roles and inter-  
23 relationships of public and private institutions of higher educa-  
24 tion. The commission shall investigate and study the current

25 financial needs of all public education in the commonwealth,  
26 and shall consider the future financial requirements therefor,  
27 and shall study the organization and the proper functions of  
28 the state department of education, and the necessary financial  
29 support for the proper administration of said department. The  
30 commission shall be provided with quarters in the state house  
31 or elsewhere, may hold public hearings, may travel within and  
32 without the commonwealth. The commission may expend for  
33 professional assistance, for educational research workers, for  
34 clerical and other assistants and for other services and ex-  
35 penses, such sums, not exceeding two hundred and fifty thou-  
36 sand dollars, as may be appropriated. Said commission shall  
37 report to the general court from time to time the results of its  
38 study, and its recommendations, together with drafts of legis-  
39 lation necessary to carry said recommendations into effect by  
40 filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives,  
41 but shall file its final report on or before the last Wednesday  
42 in December, nineteen hundred and sixty-four.