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By Mr. Bartley of Holyoke, petition of David M. Bartley for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to public financial aid to non-public primary and secondary schools and other related matters. Education.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO PUBLIC FINANCIAL AID TO NON-PUBLIC PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND CERTAIN RELATED MATTERS.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission, to consist of three  
2 members of the senate, seven members of the house of rep-  
3 resentatives, the attorney general or his designee, the com-  
4 missioner of education or his designee, and nineteen persons  
5 to be appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be a  
6 member of the Massachusetts Bar Association, one shall be  
7 a member of the American Civil Liberties Union, one shall be  
8 a member of the Massachusetts Association of School Com-  
9 mittees, one shall be a member of the Massachusetts Associa-  
10 tion of School Superintendents, one shall be a member of the  
11 Massachusetts Congress of Parents and Teachers, one shall be a  
12 member of the Massachusetts Teachers' Association, one shall  
13 be a member of the Massachusetts Federation of Teachers,  
14 one shall be a member of the Massachusetts Association of  
15 Independent Schools, one shall be a member of the Massa-  
16 chusetts Urban League, one shall be the Superintendent of  
17 Schools of the Archdioces of Boston, one shall be a member  
18 of the Massachusetts Council of Churches, one shall be a mem-  
19 ber of the Jewish Community Council, one shall be a member  
20 of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, one shall be a  
21 member of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association, one shall  
22 be a member of the Massachusetts Mayors' Association, and  
23 four shall be representative of the general public, is hereby  
24 established for the purpose of making an investigation and

25 study relative to public financial aid to non-public primary  
26 and secondary schools. Said commission shall specifically, but  
27 without limiting the generality of the foregoing, consider  
28 (1) the degree of need for public aid by non-public primary  
29 and secondary schools, (2) the effects on local tax rates in  
30 the event of the closing of said non-public schools, (3) the  
31 effects on public schools of providing aid to non-public schools,  
32 (4) the cost in terms of taxation of providing public aid to  
33 non-public schools, (5) the need to impose further public  
34 standards and regulations on non-public schools, (6) the im-  
35 plications of certain provisions of the federal constitution and  
36 the constitution of the commonwealth, (7) the possible prolif-  
37 eration of non-public schools resulting from public aid, (8)  
38 the possible alternatives to financial aid, (9) the results of  
39 other states involved with public financial aid to non-public  
40 primary and secondary schools, and (9) any other related  
41 matter. Said commission may call upon any department, board,  
42 or commission of the commonwealth and any subdivision there-  
43 of for such information as it may deem necessary for its  
44 purposes. Said commission may require by summons the at-  
45 tendance and testimony under oath of witnesses and the pro-  
46 duction of books, records and papers. Said commission may  
47 travel outside the commonwealth. Said commission shall re-  
48 port to the general court on or before the first Wednesday  
49 of January, nineteen hundred and seventy-one.