

HOUSE No. 1820

By Mr. Valianti of Marlborough, petition of Daniel J. Valianti and Michael P. Cahill that the Board of Education be authorized to appoint an advisory commission relative to maximum class size within public schools. Education, Arts and Humanities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Four.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION ON CLASS SIZE.

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

1 Chapter 15 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by
2 Chapter 71 of the Acts of 1993, is hereby amended by adding the
3 following section: —

4 Section 1U. The board of education, with the advice of the
5 commissioner, shall appoint an advisory commission on maxi-
6 mum class size, consisting of eleven members, seven of whom shall
7 be public school classroom teachers chosen to broadly represent
8 different grade levels and disciplines, two of whom shall be public
9 school principals and two of whom shall be parents of public
10 school students. Said members shall serve for a term of two years
11 each. The commission shall file a report with the board of educa-
12 tion no later than June 30, 1994 recommending maximum class
13 size for specific grades and subject areas within the public schools.
14 Thereafter the commission shall annually, no later than June 30,
15 file a report with the board assessing the extent of compliance with
16 the class size regulations adopted by the board and making any
17 recommendations for modification thereof. No member of the
18 commission shall receive any compensation, but shall be reim-
19 bursed for their expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the
20 discharge of their official duties. The board shall provide
21 reasonable support for the commission, including clerical and
22 research assistance.

