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By Representative Flanagan of Leominster and Senator Tolman, joint petition of Jennifer L. Flanagan and others for legislation to establish a children's mental health commission. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION.

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

1 A special commission is hereby established to study the provision  
2 of children's mental health services in public schools of the Com-  
3 monwealth. Said commission shall be comprised of 14 members,  
4 including three members of the house of representatives selected by  
5 the speaker of the house of representatives, three members of senate  
6 selected by the president of the senate, and eight members selected  
7 by the governor, as follows: one representative from the Parent  
8 Advocacy League, one representative from the executive office of  
9 health and human services, two representatives from professional  
10 mental health/psychology associations, one representatives from the

11 department of education, one representative from the department of  
12 mental health, one representative from the Massachusetts Teacher's  
13 Association and one representative from the Massachusetts School  
14 Nurses Organization. Said commission shall study the provision of  
15 children's mental health services available in public schools and  
16 shall attempt to identify funding sources for the establishment of a  
17 children's mental health services collaborative fund. Said commis-  
18 sion shall file a report of its findings and recommendations with the  
19 joint committee on education, the joint committee on mental health  
20 and substance abuse and the house and senate committees on ways  
21 and means no later than December thirty first, two thousand seven.