

HOUSE No. 418

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mary S. Keefe

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act Relative to Massachusetts High School Diplomas.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Barbara L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Keefe of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 418) of Mary S. Keefe and others for legislation to prohibit the withholding of diplomas to students meeting all requirements except a score on a state standardized test. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act Relative to Massachusetts High School Diplomas.

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. Section 1D of Chapter 69 of the Massachusetts General laws, as appearing in
2 the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following paragraph after the
3 words "obtain a competency determination" in line 75:

4 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no student who has met all
5 other requirements for a high school diploma, including passing grades in all required courses,
6 shall be denied a diploma because of a score on a state standardized test. This provision shall
7 apply for three school years following the effective date of this act.