

HOUSE No. 467

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Alice Hanlon Peisch

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act guaranteeing a high school diploma to some children accepted into post secondary educational programs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Alice Hanlon Peisch	14th Norfolk
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
John D. Keenan	7th Essex
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
David P. Linsky	5th Middlesex
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex
James R. Miceli	19th Middlesex
William Smitty Pignatelli	4th Berkshire
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire
Alice K. Wolf	25th Middlesex
Danielle W. Gregoire	4th Middlesex
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex
Michael F. Rush	10th Suffolk
Thomas P. Kennedy	Second Plymouth and Bristol

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 514 OF.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT GUARANTEEING A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA TO SOME CHILDREN ACCEPTED INTO POST SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

*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 General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 official edition, is hereby
2 amended by adding the following at the end of subsection "(i)":—
3 No “school age child with a disability”, as defined in Chapter 71B of the General Laws, may be denied a
4 competency determination on the basis of his performance on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment
5 System (MCAS) tests, on any such alternative assessment, or on any appeal of such MCAS test or alternative
6 assessment, if he has met all the following requirements:
7 (1) Fulfilled all district graduation requirements;
8 (2) Received preliminary or final acceptance into any accredited two-, three-, or four year-long post-secondary
9 educational program at a technical school, vocational school, college, or university; and
10 (3) Completed all of the goals of his Individualized Educational Plan (IEP), as defined in Chapter 71B of the
11 General Laws and the regulations promulgated thereunder.