

HOUSE No. 526

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven M. Walsh

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 relative to creating a community service graduation requirement. .

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Steven M. Walsh	11th Essex
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 592 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CREATING A COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT. .

*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 71 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is
- 2 hereby amended by inserting after Section 2B the following section:-
- 3 Section 2C.
- 4 Local School Committees shall have the option of instituting a requirement of all secondary school
- 5 students to complete no less than ten hours of community service over the course of their secondary
- 6 school career in order to receive a high school diploma. Individual school districts shall determine which
- 7 activities or projects in their local area qualify as “community service”.