

HOUSE No. 613

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James K. Hawkins

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 to cancel the administration of the MCAS for the 2020-2021 school year.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/8/2021</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>

<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Steven C. Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>3/6/2021</i>
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>3/6/2021</i>
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>3/6/2021</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>3/6/2021</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/6/2021</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>3/6/2021</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	<i>3/6/2021</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>7th Hampden</i>	<i>3/6/2021</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Sally P. Kerans</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>3/10/2021</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>3/26/2021</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/26/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>3/26/2021</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/26/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/26/2021</i>
<i>Meghan Kilcoyne</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>	<i>3/26/2021</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/29/2021</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/30/2021</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/30/2021</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>4/6/2021</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>4/6/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>4/6/2021</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>4/6/2021</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>4/8/2021</i>

HOUSE No. 613

By Mr. Hawkins of Attleboro, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 613) of James K. Hawkins and others for legislation to cancel the administration of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System or any other named statewide standardized assessment during the 2020-2021 school year. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act to cancel the administration of the MCAS for the 2020-2021 school year.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner
2 of elementary and secondary education shall submit to the United States Department of
3 Education a request that the Commonwealth’s statewide assessment, accountability and reporting
4 requirements under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act be waived for the 2020-2021
5 school year. The request shall be made pursuant to section 8401 of the Elementary and
6 Secondary Education Act and shall include a request to waive the assessment requirements in
7 section 1111(b)(2); the accountability and school identification requirements in sections
8 1111(c)(4) and 1111(d)(2)(C)-(D); and the report card provisions related to assessments and
9 accountability in section 1111(h).

10 Notwithstanding section 1I of chapter 69 of the General Laws or any other general or
11 special law to the contrary, upon approval of the request referred to in the first paragraph of this
12 section, the requirement for a comprehensive diagnostic assessment of individual students under

13 said section 1I of said chapter 69 is waived for the 2020-2021 school year in order to address
14 disruptions caused by the outbreak of the 2019 novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, and
15 the department of elementary and secondary education shall not require students to take the
16 Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System or any other named statewide standardized
17 assessment during the 2020-2021 school year.