

SENATE No. 311

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Barbara L'Italien

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>Barbara L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>

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By Mrs. L'Italien, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 311) of Barbara L'Italien, Mary S. Keefe, Ruth B. Balsler, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to Massachusetts high school diplomas. 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.