

HOUSE No. 4094

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Keiko M. Orrall

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 ensure quality education.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Matthew A. Beaton</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Viriato Manuel deMacedo</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>

<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>James J. Lyons, Jr.</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>Shaunna O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>

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By Mrs. Orrall of Lakeville, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Keiko M. Orrall and others for legislation to authorize the board of elementary and secondary education to develop or implement the common core standards. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen

An Act to ensure quality education.

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 department
2 of elementary and secondary education, herein known as the department, shall expend no funds
3 to develop or implement the common core state standards, herein known as the standards, for
4 Massachusetts school districts until such time as the commissioner of the department provides
5 the general court with the following: (1) an assessment of the total funds expended since the
6 Education Reform Act of 1993 (Chapter 71 of the Acts of 1993), herein known as the act, to
7 develop the standards for and the assessment known as the Massachusetts Comprehensive
8 Assessment System; (2) an assessment of the costs to realign the educational curriculum of the
9 commonwealth, developed pursuant to the act, to the standards adopted by the board of
10 elementary and secondary education, herein known as the board, in 2010, including but not
11 limited to the costs to the department, the costs to the board, and the costs to each individual
12 school district in the commonwealth. Such costs shall include, but not be limited to: the cost of
13 developing and implementing any new assessment, such as the Partnership for Assessment for
14 Readiness for College and Career; professional development; teacher and administration
15 evaluations; and any equipment, hardware, software, or technology upgrades needed for
16 compliance with said new assessment; (3) any additional costs associated with data mapping of
17 students in the commonwealth, as well as the administrative costs required to collect, maintain
18 and protect the confidentiality of such data collection; (4) the procedure required to repeal the
19 2010 decision of the board to adopt the standards; provided further that the commissioner shall
20 provide a report on the impacts of the adoption of the standards on the commonwealth’s current
21 standards with particular regard to the high ranking of Massachusetts students on the National
22 Assessment of Education Progress and international standardized tests, such as the Programme

23 for International Student Assessment. In conducting such an assessment, the commissioner shall
24 conduct not fewer than four public hearings to receive testimony from members of the public,
25 including parents, teachers, and administrators. The hearings shall be held in locations that
26 provide opportunities for residents from all geographic regions of the commonwealth to testify.
27 The commissioner shall provide a summary of the transcribed hearings. The department, in
28 coordination with the commissioner, shall make a report to the general court on the department's
29 recommendations by filing the same with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives on
30 or before December 31, 2014.