

HOUSE No. 451

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 relative to pausing PARCC.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Bradford R. Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps Lee</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>

<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>James M. Kelcourse</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Dennis A. Rosa</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>

HOUSE No. 451

By Mrs. Orrall of Lakeville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 451) of Keiko M. Orrall and others relative to the implementation or use of Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to pausing PARCC.

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. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the
2 department of elementary and secondary education, herein known as the department, shall not
3 implement or use the Partnership for Assessment for Readiness for College and Career, herein
4 known as PARCC, assessment to provide any student competency determination as a graduation
5 requirement or school and district accountability purpose until such time as the commissioner of
6 the department shall provide the general court with the following: (i) an assessment of the costs
7 including but not limited to the department, the costs to the board of elementary and secondary
8 education, herein known as the board, and the costs to each individual school district in the
9 commonwealth to develop and implement the PARCC; professional development associated
10 with PARCC; and any equipment, hardware, software, or technology upgrades needed for
11 compliance with PARCC; and (ii) any additional costs associated with data mapping of students
12 in the commonwealth, as well as the administrative costs required to collect, maintain and protect
13 the confidentiality of such data collection.

14 (b) In conducting such an assessment, the commissioner shall conduct not fewer than four
15 public hearings to receive testimony from members of the public, including parents, teachers,
16 and administrators. The hearings shall be held in locations that provide opportunities for
17 residents from all geographic regions of the commonwealth to testify. The commissioner shall
18 provide a summary of the transcribed hearings.

19 (c) The department, in coordination with the commissioner, shall report any preliminary
20 findings to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the clerks of the house and
21 senate no later than June 1, 2015. A final report due to the general court on the department's
22 recommendations shall be filed with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives on or
23 before September 1, 2015.