

HOUSE No. 362

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act to encourage students to stay in school..

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Part (i) of section 1D of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding after the second sentence the following sentence:-

3 Students who have demonstrated competency under this section by passing the state’s
4 assessment tests, i.e., the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS), shall be
5 granted a Commonwealth Diploma issued by the state Department of Education. Students who
6 have demonstrated competency under this section by meeting the academic standards and
7 curriculum frameworks enumerated in this section by satisfying the requirements of their local
8 school committee shall be granted a Horace Mann Diploma issued by the local school
9 committee. Students may receive either one or both diplomas. Issuance of either the
10 Commonwealth or the Horace Mann Diploma to a student will certify that a student has met the
11 competency determination described in this section and will entitle a student to all the rights and
12 privileges of high school graduation.