

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 363**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act to prevent dropouts..

*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 of chapter 76 is hereby amended by striking in lines 1 through 13 all between  
2 the word “minimum” in line 1 and the word “shall” in line 13, and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following: ages of six and eighteen, having completed at least the 12th grade or whichever comes  
4 first.

5           SECTION 2. Section 1 of chapter 76, Section 1 is hereby amended by striking in line 14  
6 the word “said” and inserting in place thereof the word: “His”,

7           SECTION 3. Effective Date. This Act shall become operative on August 1, 2011.