

HOUSE No. 467

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act guaranteeing a high school diploma to some children accepted into post secondary educational programs..

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 General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
2 official edition, is hereby amended by adding the following at the end of subsection "(i)":—

3 No “school age child with a disability”, as defined in Chapter 71B of the General Laws,
4 may be denied a competency determination on the basis of his performance on the
5 Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests, on any such alternative
6 assessment, or on any appeal of such MCAS test or alternative assessment, if he has met all the
7 following requirements:

8 (1) Fulfilled all district graduation requirements;

9 (2) Received preliminary or final acceptance into any accredited two-, three-, or
10 four year-long post-secondary educational program at a technical school, vocational school,
11 college, or university; and

12 (3) Completed all of the goals of his Individualized Educational Plan (IEP), as
13 defined in Chapter 71B of the General Laws and the regulations promulgated thereunder.