

HOUSE No. 4753

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Ten

An Act Relative to High School 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. Section 1B of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “attendance” in line 114 the
3 following: ; provided, however, that all children under the age of 18 shall be required to attend
4 school if they have not graduated from high school.

5 SECTION 2. The first sentence of section 1 of chapter 76 of the General Laws, as
6 appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the following words
7 “by the board of education, except a child between fourteen and sixteen who meets the
8 requirements for the completion of the sixth grade of the public school as established by said
9 board and who holds a permit for employment in private domestic service or service on a farm,
10 under section eighty-six of chapter one hundred and forty-nine, and is regularly employed
11 thereunder for at least six hours per day, or a child between fourteen and sixteen who meets said
12 requirements and has the written permission of the superintendent of schools of the town where
13 he resides to engage in non-wage-earning employment at home, or a child over fourteen who

14 holds a permit for employment in a cooperating employment, as provided in said section eighty-
15 six”.