

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 526**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act relative to creating a community service graduation requirement. ..

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

1 Chapter 71 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after Section 2B the following section:-

3 Section 2C.

4 Local School Committees shall have the option of instituting a requirement of all  
5 secondary school students to complete no less than ten hours of community service over the  
6 course of their secondary school career in order to receive a high school diploma. Individual  
7 school districts shall determine which activities or projects in their local area qualify as  
8 “community service”.