

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 142**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Antonio F. D. Cabral*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to prevent dropouts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>1/19/2011</i>
<i>Stephen R. Canessa</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2011</i>
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>John P. Fresolo</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2011</i>

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By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 142) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others relative to increasing the minimum age for school dropouts. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 363 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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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, 2013.