

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 376**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Edward F. Coppinger and Carlos Henriquez*

*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 relative to the compulsory age of school attendance.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/18/2013</i>
<i>Carlos Henriquez</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/18/2013</i>

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By Messrs. Coppinger of Boston and Henriquez of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 376) of Edward F. Coppinger and Carlos Henriquez (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to increase the compulsory age of school attendance in the city of Boston to eighteen years of age. Education. [Local Approval Received.]

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3846 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to the compulsory age of school attendance.

*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. Notwithstanding section 1B of chapter 69, or section 1 of chapter 76, of the  
2 General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary regulating the compulsory age  
3 of school attendance, the compulsory maximum age for school attendance in Boston public and  
4 private schools shall be eighteen (18). Children under the age of 18, attending a Boston public or  
5 private school, shall remain enrolled until such time as they turn 18, or upon successful  
6 completion of all coursework required to graduate.

7           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2012 and shall concern all students  
8 enrolled in Boston public and private schools for the 2012-13 school year and onward.