

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 311**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.***

*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 parental opt-out of PARCC.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>1/16/2015</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>8/22/2019</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>8/22/2019</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>8/22/2019</i>
<i>James J. Lyons, Jr.</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>8/22/2019</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>8/22/2019</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>8/22/2019</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>8/22/2019</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>8/22/2019</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	<i>8/22/2019</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>8/22/2019</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>	<i>8/22/2019</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>8/22/2019</i>
<i>William Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>8/22/2019</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>8/22/2019</i>

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By Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 311) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., and others relative to the authority of parents to exempt their children from a certain standardized exam known as the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) exam. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to parental opt-out of PARCC.

*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 any general or special law to the contrary, parents or  
2 guardians of students enrolled in Massachusetts public schools shall be afforded the authority to  
3 exempt their children from the standardized exam known as the Partnership for Assessment of  
4 Readiness for College and Career (PARCC). No child so exempted shall be penalized by reason  
5 of such exemption. The department of education shall promulgate regulations for adjudicatory  
6 proceedings to resolve any and all disputes arising under this act.

7           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.