

HOUSE No. 322

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 establish a new high school diploma.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>

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By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 322) of Antonio F. D. Cabral relative to high school graduation requirements. Education.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act to establish a new high school diploma.

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

1 Part (i) of section 1D of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 official edition, is hereby amended by adding after the second sentence the following sentence:-

3 Students who have demonstrated competency under this section by passing the state' s
4 assessment tests, i.e., the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) and any
5 successors thereto, shall be granted a Commonwealth Diploma issued by the state Department of
6 Education. Students who have demonstrated competency under this section by meeting the
7 academic standards and curriculum frameworks enumerated in this section by satisfying the
8 requirements of their local school committee shall be granted a Horace Mann Diploma issued by
9 the local school committee. Students may receive either one or both diplomas. Issuance of
10 either the Commonwealth or the Horace Mann Diploma to a student will certify that a student
11 has met the competency determination described in this section and will entitle a student to all
12 the rights and privileges of high school graduation.