

HOUSE No. 3388

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

F. Jay Barrows

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 civics education.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>1/16/2015</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>8/13/2019</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>8/13/2019</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>8/13/2019</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>8/13/2019</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>8/13/2019</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>8/13/2019</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>8/13/2019</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>	<i>8/13/2019</i>

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By Mr. Barrows of Mansfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3388) of F. Jay Barrows and others relative to civics education. Education.

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

An Act relative to civics education.

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. Section 1D of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 Subject to appropriation, the competency determination shall include a requirement that a
4 student correctly answer at least 60 out of the 100 questions listed on a test that is identical to the
5 civics portion of the naturalization test used by the United States Citizenship and Immigration
6 Services. A school district shall document on a student’s transcript that the student has passed a
7 test that is identical to the civics portion of the naturalization test used by the United States
8 Citizenship and Immigration Services as required by this section.

9 SECTION 2. The board of elementary and secondary education may issue rules and
10 regulations as necessary to implement this act.