

HOUSE No. 4142

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 6, 2016.

The committee on Education to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 317) of Garrett J. Bradley and James M. Cantwell that the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education be directed to conduct a study relative to compulsory school attendance and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 342) of Marcos A. Devers and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to establish the maximum age for school attendance in the city of Lawrence, reports recommending that the accompanying resolve (House, No. 4142) ought to pass.

For the committee,

ALICE HANLON PEISCH.

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

Resolve providing for a study of compulsory school attendance.

1 **Resolved**, that the board of elementary and secondary education is hereby authorized and
2 directed to conduct a study relative to the establishment of ages five to eighteen years old as the
3 period of compulsory school attendance in Massachusetts. Such study shall include, but not be
4 limited to, analyses of the impact of the altered requirements on student’s readiness for
5 elementary school, and on high school completion, with due attention to the experience in other
6 states; and analyses of fiscal implications for the commonwealth and for school districts. Said
7 board shall report to the general court the results of its study, and any related recommendations,
8 by filing the same with the clerks of the Senate and of the House of Representatives on or before
9 December 31, 2017.