

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2014**

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**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 reduce barriers to education and career opportunities.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balseer</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	

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By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2014) of Antonio F. D. Cabral, Ruth B. Balseer and Michelle M. DuBois relative to high school graduation requirements. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to reduce barriers to education and career opportunities.

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

1            Subsection (i) of section 1D of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the second sentence, in line 64, the  
3 following sentence:-

4            “Students who have demonstrated competency under this section by passing the state’s  
5 assessment tests, the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System, and any successors  
6 thereto, shall be granted a Commonwealth Diploma issued by the state department of education.  
7 Students who have demonstrated competency under this section by meeting the academic  
8 standards and curriculum frameworks enumerated in this section by satisfying the requirements  
9 of their local school committee shall be granted a Horace Mann Diploma issued by the local  
10 school committee. Students may receive both diplomas. Issuance of either the Commonwealth  
11 Diploma or the Horace Mann Diploma will certify that a student has met the competency

- 12 determination described in this section and will entitle a student to all the rights and privileges of
- 13 high school graduation.”.