

HOUSE No. 281

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mary S. Keefe

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 Massachusetts high school diplomas.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>1/17/2017</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	

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By Ms. Keefe of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 281) of Mary S. Keefe and others for legislation to prohibit the withholding of diplomas to students meeting all requirements except a score on a state standardized test. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 418 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to Massachusetts high school diplomas.

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 Massachusetts General laws, as appearing in
2 the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following paragraph after the
3 words "obtain a competency determination" in line 75:

4 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no student who has met all
5 other requirements for a high school diploma, including passing grades in all required courses,
6 shall be denied a diploma because of a score on a state standardized test. This provision shall
7 apply for three school years following the effective date of this act.