

HOUSE No. 290

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kevin J. Kuros

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 ensure and maintain high education standards for Massachusetts children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>1/18/2017</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Bradford R. Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>	
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>	
<i>James J. Lyons, Jr.</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	

<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	

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By Mr. Kuros of Uxbridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 290) of Kevin J. Kuros and others for legislation to ensure and maintain high education standards for students by the establishment of review committees for all educational disciplines. Education.

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

An Act to ensure and maintain high education standards for Massachusetts children.

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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the
2 contrary, the vote taken by the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education on
3 July 21, 2010, to adopt the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics and English
4 Language Arts is hereby rescinded. The curriculum frameworks in Mathematics and English
5 Language Arts that were in effect prior to that date are hereby restored.

6 SECTION 2. Section 1D of Chapter 69 as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition of the
7 General Laws is hereby amended in the second paragraph by inserting after the first sentence, the
8 following new sentences:

9 The process shall include committees made up exclusively of public school teachers and
10 academics from private and public colleges and universities established and operated in
11 Massachusetts. The commissioner shall copyright the frameworks, which shall be wholly owned

12 by the department; permission shall be granted to copy any or all parts of these frameworks for
13 non-commercial educational purposes.

14 SECTION 3. Said section 1D of chapter 69 of said General Laws is hereby further
15 amended in the second paragraph by inserting after the third sentence the following new
16 sentences:

17 There shall be three review committees, one for each discipline of math, science and
18 technology and English. Each review committee shall have three members appointed by the
19 governor who shall choose said members from private or public research universities established
20 and operated in Massachusetts for each of the disciplines. For the purposes of this section, a
21 “research university” is any university that awards doctoral degrees in the arts and sciences. Each
22 review committee shall warrant by a two-thirds vote that the frameworks are equivalent to the
23 standards of the most educationally advanced nations as determined by the Trends in
24 International Mathematics and Sciences Study. No framework shall be approved by the board
25 without such a warrant.

26 SECTION 4. Section 1I of said Chapter 69 of said General Laws is hereby amended in
27 the third paragraph by inserting after the second sentence, the following new sentence:-

28 In order to better inform the teachers and administrators about the diagnostic
29 assessments, after the administration of the assessments but before the start of the new school
30 year, the commissioner shall release all of the test items, including questions, constructed
31 responses and essays, for each grade and every subject.