

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 319**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Alan Silvia*

*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 non-public school student access to the MCAS exam.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>

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By Mr. Silvia of Fall River, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 319) of Alan Silvia and others relative to non-public school student access to the MCAS exam. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 411 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to non-public school student access to the MCAS exam.

*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. The department of elementary and secondary education shall issue a report  
2 on the feasibility and costs associated with non-public school students and home schooled  
3 students in grade 10 voluntarily taking the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System  
4 exam; provided that said report shall be provided to the secretary of administration and finance,  
5 the commissioner of elementary and secondary education, and the clerks of the senate and house  
6 of representatives who shall forward the same to the chair of the senate ways and means  
7 committee, the chair of the house ways and means committee, and the house and senate chairs of  
8 the joint committee on education within 6 months of the effective date of this act.