

HOUSE No. 705

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Todd M. Smola

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 education standards.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>10/26/2021</i>

HOUSE No. 705

By Mr. Smola of Warren, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 705) of Todd M. Smola relative to the education standards set by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 574 OF 2019-2020.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to education standards.

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

1 The 2010 vote of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education adopting
2 national education standards; i.e. the Common Core standards in English language arts and
3 mathematics, is hereby nullified, and furthermore the state of Massachusetts shall now use its
4 own assessment based on the state’s own curriculum frameworks as the standard for scholastic
5 achievement in Massachusetts. In addition, The Department of Elementary and Secondary
6 Education shall conduct an examination of academic standards and then update and revise the
7 existing frameworks and MCAS assessment. As part of the examination process, the governor
8 shall appoint a special commission to be chaired by the lieutenant governor and whose members
9 will consist of educators, teachers, administrators, school committee members, parents of
10 students, and concerned citizens. That commission shall provide input and assist DESE in

- 11 developing new standards that shall be submitted to the State Board of Elementary and
- 12 Secondary Education for final approval and adoption.