

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 515**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John Barrett, III and Paul W. Mark***

*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 exempting Hancock schools.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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By Representative Barrett of North Adams and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 515) of John Barrett, III (by vote of the town) for legislation to exempt the town of Hancock from certain provisions of the school choice laws. Education. [Local Approval Received.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**

An Act exempting Hancock schools.

*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 any general or special law to the contrary, subsection (k)  
2 of section 12B of chapter 76 of the General Laws shall not apply to public schools in the town of  
3 Hancock.

4 SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall prevent public schools in the town of Hancock to  
5 continue to participate in the school choice program under section 12B of chapter 76 of the  
6 General Laws after the effective date of this act.

7 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.