

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 525**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Antonio F. D. Cabral*

*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 related to high school graduation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 525**

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By Representative Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 525) of Antonio F. D. Cabral relative to competency determination and high school diplomas. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 438 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act related to high school graduation.

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

1           Subsection (i) of section 1D of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the second sentence, in line 64, the  
3   following sentences: -

4           Students who have demonstrated competency under this section by meeting the academic  
5   standards and curriculum frameworks enumerated in this section by satisfying the requirements  
6   of their local school committee shall be granted a High School Diploma issued by the local  
7   school committee. Issuance of the diploma will certify that a student has met the competency  
8   determination described in this section and will entitle a student to all the rights and privileges of  
9   high school graduation. The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System is not a  
10   graduation requirement. Students who have demonstrated competency under this section by

11 passing the state's assessment tests, including the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment  
12 System, and any successors thereto, may be granted a certificate issued by the department of  
13 elementary and secondary education, acknowledging the passing of such assessment tests.