

HOUSE No.

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>

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

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

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.