

HOUSE No. 255

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul K. Frost and Keiko M. Orrall

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 the common core opt out for school districts.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Paul K. Frost</i> | <i>7th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Keiko M. Orrall</i> | <i>12th Bristol</i> |
| <i>Timothy R. Whelan</i> | <i>1st Barnstable</i> |
| <i>Steven S. Howitt</i> | <i>4th Bristol</i> |
| <i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i> | <i>First Essex</i> |
| <i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i> | <i>5th Worcester</i> |

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By Representatives Frost of Auburn and Orrall of Lakeville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 255) of Paul K. Frost and others relative to the authority of school districts to be exempt from a certain standardized exam. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 370 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to the common core opt out for school districts.

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, the Department
2 of Elementary and Secondary Education shall not mandate that any school district in the
3 Commonwealth follow the curriculum standards offered by Common Core State Standards;
4 provided further the school district shall be afforded the authority to exempt itself from the
5 standardized exam known as the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career
6 (PARCC). No school district so exempted shall be penalized by reason of such exemption.