

HOUSE No. 349

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Demetrius J. Atsalis

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to directing the Massachusetts Department of Education be directed to establish separate Massachusetts comprehensive assessment system, MCAS, examinations for special and vocational students.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 386 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO DIRECTING THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION BE DIRECTED TO ESTABLISH SEPERATE MASSACHUSETTS
COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM, MCAS, EXAMINATIONS FOR SPECIAL AND
VOCATIONAL STUDENTS..

*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 II of Chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, and as most
2 recently amended by section 5 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2002, is hereby further amended by adding the
3 following paragraph: -

4 The board shall establish separate Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System examinations for
5 special education students and for vocational education students. Said examinations shall be designated as
6 MCASped MCASvoc. Passage of these examinations shall satisfy the requirements for high school graduation.
7 Any student entitled to take these separate examinations may elect to take the regular MCAS.