

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 407**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Daniel J. Hunt*

*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 high school civics requirement.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Daniel J. Hunt*

*Susan Williams Gifford*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*13th Suffolk*

*2nd Plymouth*

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By Mr. Hunt of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 407) of Daniel J. Hunt and Susan Williams Gifford relative to requiring the teaching of civics in all public elementary and high schools in the Commonwealth. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 513 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to high school civics requirement.

*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. Chapter 71: Section 2 is hereby amended and inserted in its place:

2 Section 2. In all public elementary and high schools American history and civics,  
3 including the constitution of the United States, the declaration of independence and the bill of  
4 rights, and in all public high schools the constitution of the commonwealth and local history and  
5 government, shall be taught as required subjects for the purpose of promoting civic service and a  
6 greater knowledge thereof, and of fitting the pupils, morally and intellectually, for the duties of  
7 citizenship. High school civic instruction for each public high school student shall be required as  
8 a means of graduation.