

HOUSE No. 491

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tom Sannicandro

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 education.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Tom Sannicandro

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

7th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 550 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO EDUCATION.

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

- 1 **1. Whereas** the achievement gap defined by MCAS test scores for minorities, ethnic subgroups and poor
2 students still exist.
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- 4 **2. Whereas** intervention is needed to improve underperforming schools.
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- 6 **3. Whereas** student drop out rates has reach a 14% high while still other students remain unaccounted.
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- 8 **4. Whereas** the Hancock vs. Driscoll Case has demonstrated that school resource deficiencies still exist within the
9 Massachusetts school system and Supreme Judicial Court left the resolution up to the legislature.
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- 11 **5. Whereas** the funding formula adjustments are needed for both traditional and charter public schools, and the
12 funding restored for MCAS remediation.
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- 14 **6. Whereas** assessments for teachers through evaluation programs (603 CMR 35.00) and the program funding
15 support is still lagging.
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- 17 **7. Whereas** the Department of Education staffing shortfall has not been corrected.
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