

HOUSE No. 492

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Todd M. Smola

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 education standards.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden
Peter J. Durant	6th Worcester
Marc T. Lombardo	22nd Middlesex
Bradford R. Hill	4th Essex
Joseph D. McKenna	18th Worcester
Keiko M. Orrall	12th Bristol
David K. Muradian, Jr.	9th Worcester
Colleen M. Garry	36th Middlesex
Angelo L. D'Emilia	8th Plymouth
Geoff Diehl	7th Plymouth
Leah Cole	12th Essex
James J. Lyons, Jr.	18th Essex
Dennis A. Rosa	4th Worcester
Kevin J. Kuros	8th Worcester
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester
Nicholas A. Boldyga	3rd Hampden
Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.	5th Worcester
Richard J. Ross	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex

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By Mr. Smola of Warren, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 492) of Todd M. Smola and others for legislation to adopt national education standards. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to education standards.

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

1 The 2010 vote of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education adopting
2 national education standards; i.e. the Common Core standards in English language arts and
3 mathematics, is hereby nullified, and furthermore the state of Massachusetts shall now use its
4 own assessment based on the state’s own curriculum frameworks as the standard for scholastic
5 achievement in Massachusetts. In addition, The Department of Elementary and Secondary
6 Education shall conduct an examination of academic standards and then update and revise the
7 existing frameworks and MCAS assessment. As part of the examination process, the governor
8 shall appoint a special commission to be chaired by the lieutenant governor and whose members
9 will consist of educators, teachers, administrators, school committee members, parents of
10 students, and concerned citizens. That commission shall provide input and assist DESE in
11 developing new standards that shall be submitted to the State Board of Elementary and
12 Secondary Education for final approval and adoption.