

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 497**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Benjamin Swan*

*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 to eliminate the use of the MCAS for high school graduation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Swan of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 497) of Benjamin Swan and others relative to repealing the testing requirements for graduation under the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 504 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act to eliminate the use of the MCAS for high school graduation.

*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. Section 1D of chapter 69 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by  
2 adding after the word “graduation” in paragraph (i) the following words: —; provided however,  
3 that the MCAS test, so called, or other state-developed, standardized test, shall not be a  
4 component of the competency determination.