

SENATE No. 291

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven A. Tolman

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 high school graduation requirements.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Steven A. Tolman	Second Suffolk and Middlesex
Robert L. Rice, Jr.	2nd Worcester
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex
Tom Sannicandro	7th Middlesex
Matthew C. Patrick	3rd Barnstable

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00380 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.

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. The second sentence of clause (i) of the fourth paragraph of Section 1D of
2 chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 inserting after the word “graduation” the following words:- “, except that revised competency
4 determinations coordinated to state frameworks and related and/or rescheduled assessment
5 methods defined under an individual education plan within the context of section 3 of chapter
6 71B, and fulfilled by a student with special needs who also scores two or more years below grade
7 level on a standardized reading test in grade 9 or above and who has failed to pass a grade 10
8 standard competency test at least once, can also determine eligibility for high school graduation.”