

SENATE No. 360

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis, (BY REQUEST)

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 for the end of Common Core, and establishing certain other curriculum standards.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Vincent Lawrence Dixon

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By Mr. Lewis (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 360) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for legislation for the end of Common Core, and establishing certain other curriculum standards. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 309 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act for the end of Common Core, and establishing certain other curriculum 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 SECTION 1. The Massachusetts General Laws are hereby amended by inserting the
2 following new chapter:

3 An Act for: Ending Common Core, and establishing certain other curriculum standards.

4 1.) The interest of parents, students, families, teachers, and many others, in achieving the
5 best of educational standards has, in many ways, been influenced by serious concerns
6 about the

7 “Common Core” curriculum.

8 2.) This legislation, seeks to spare the negative effects of the Common Core curriculum,

9 and establish certain new standards for curriculum in schools.

10 Therefore, the language below is proposed, and upon passage, is adopted:

11 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the

12 contrary, the vote taken by the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary

13 Education on

14 July 21, 2010, to adopt the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics and English

15 Language Arts is hereby rescinded. The curriculum frameworks in Mathematics and

16 English

17 Language Arts that were in effect prior to that date are hereby restored.

18 SECTION 3. Section 1D of Chapter 69 is hereby amended in the second paragraph by

19 inserting after the first sentence, the following new sentences:

20 The process shall include committees made up exclusively of public school teachers and

21 academics from private and public colleges and universities established and operated in

22 Massachusetts. The commissioner shall copyright the frameworks, which shall be wholly

23 owned

24 by the department; permission shall be granted to copy any or all parts of these

25 frameworks for

26 non-commercial educational purposes.

27 SECTION 4. Said section 1D of chapter 69 is hereby further amended in the second
28 paragraph by inserting after the third sentence the following new sentences:

29 There shall be three review committees, one for each discipline of math, science and
30 technology and English. Each review committee shall have three members appointed by
31 the

32 governor who shall choose said members from private or public research universities
33 established

34 and operated in Massachusetts for each of the disciplines. For the purposes of this
35 section, a

36 “research university” is any university that awards doctoral degrees in the arts and
37 sciences. Each

38 review committee shall warrant by a two-thirds vote that the frameworks are equivalent
39 to the

40 standards of the most educationally advanced nations as determined by the Trends in

41 Mathematics and Sciences Study. No framework shall be approved by the board without
42 such a

43 warrant.

44 SECTION 5. Section 1I of Chapter 69 is hereby amended in the third paragraph by

45 inserting after the second sentence, the following new sentence:

46 In order to better inform the teachers and administrators about the diagnostic
47 assessments, after the administration of the assessments but before the start of the new
48 school
49 year, the commissioner shall release all of the test items, including questions, constructed
50 responses and essays, for each grade and every subject.

51 SECTION 6. The several provisions of this Act are independent and severable and the
52 invalidity, if any, of any part or feature thereof shall not affect or render the remainder of
53 the Act
54 invalid or inoperative.

55 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming law.