

HOUSE No. 386

By Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable, petition of Demetrius J. Atsalis and others that the Board of Education be directed to establish separate Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) examinations for special and vocational education students. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Demetrius J. Atsalis
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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO DIRECTING THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BE DIRECTED TO ESTABLISH SEPARATE MASSACHUSETTS COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM, MCAS, EXAMINATIONS FOR SPECIAL AND VOCATIONAL STUDENTS.

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 1I of Chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
- 2 2004 Official Edition, and as most recently amended by section 5 of
- 3 Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2002, is hereby further amended by
- 4 adding the following paragraph:—
- 5 The board shall establish separate Massachusetts Comprehensive
- 6 Assessment System examinations for special education students and
- 7 for vocational education students. Said examinations shall be desig-
- 8 nated as MCASsped MCASvoc. Passage of these examinations shall
- 9 satisfy the requirements for high school graduation. Any student
- 10 entitled to take these separate examinations may elect to take the
- 11 regular MCAS.