

HOUSE No. 507

By Mr. Loscocco of Holliston, petition of Paul J. P. Loscocco relative to home schooling. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO HOME SCHOOLING.

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 11 of Chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
2 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the sixth
3 paragraph the following two paragraphs:—

4 The superintendent of every public school district in the Com-
5 monwealth shall on or before October 15 each year notify in writing
6 the headmaster of each private and parochial school and the parent
7 or guardian of every student who is otherwise instructed within the
8 district of the opportunity for said private or parochial school or oth-
9 erwise instructed student voluntarily to participate in and with the
10 statewide assessment of students in grades 4, 8, and 10 as authorized
11 in Section 11 of Chapter 69; provided, however, that the results of
12 any such assessment tests by private and parochial school students
13 or of any student who is otherwise instructed shall not be used to
14 evaluate the performance of any public school within the school dis-
15 trict or the performance of the school district and all records of such
16 results shall be collected and maintained separately by the depart-
17 ment; provided further, however, that no public funds shall be
18 expended by the public school district for any costs associated with
19 the acquisition, distribution, or administration of said tests relative to
20 any student of each such private and parochial school unless that stu-
21 dent resides in the public school district where such private or
22 parochial school is located. Any private or parochial school or the
23 parents or guardians of any student attending any private or
24 parochial school or of any student who is otherwise instructed
25 electing to have any student participate in said testing shall notify

26 the superintendent of the decision no later than November 15, with
27 any such participation at all times to be voluntary.

28 Any student who is otherwise instructed pursuant to this section
29 and who requests a diploma from a public high school shall be
30 required to satisfy the requirements of the competency determination
31 established in Section 1D of Chapter 69 as a condition for receiving
32 said diploma, which upon satisfaction of such requirements of com-
33 petency determination shall be granted; provided, however, that the
34 assessment instrument used to verify competency determination
35 shall be given at state expense; and provided further that in the case
36 of any student who is otherwise instructed and fails to meet the
37 requirements of the competency determination, the school district
38 may, but shall not be required to, provide a remedial plan as defined
39 in subsection (i) of Section 1D of Chapter 69; provided, however,
40 that nothing herein shall limit the rights of any student otherwise
41 instructed who re-enrolls as a student within the public school
42 district.