

HOUSE No. 514

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, petition of Alice Hanlon Peisch and John W. Scibak that certain students accepted into post-secondary educational programs be granted a competency determination, notwithstanding performance on the MCAS test. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT GUARANTEEING A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA TO SOME CHILDREN
ACCEPTED INTO POST SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

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 1D of Chapter 69, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
- 2 adding the following at the end of subsection “(i)”:
3 No “school age child with a disability”, as defined in Chapter 71B
- 4 of the General Laws, may be denied a competency determination on
- 5 the basis of his performance on the Massachusetts Comprehensive
- 6 Assessment System (MCAS) tests, on any such alternative assess-
- 7 ment, or on any appeal of such MCAS test or alternative assessment,
- 8 if he has met all the following requirements:
9 (1) Fulfilled all district graduation requirements;
- 10 (2) Received preliminary or final acceptance into any accredited
- 11 two-, three-, or four year-long post-secondary educational program
- 12 at a technical school, vocational school, college, or university; and
- 13 (3) Completed all of the goals of his Individualized Educational
- 14 Plan (IEP), as defined in Chapter 71B of the General Laws and the
- 15 regulations promulgated thereunder.