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By Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough, petition of Elizabeth A. Poirier and others relative to the awarding of diplomas for civics education by the Board of Education. Education.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PETITION OF:

Elizabeth A. Poirier  
James H. Fagan

Christine E. Canavan  
Richard J. Ross

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE INCORPORATION OF CIVICS IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

*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 2 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following  
3 paragraph:—  
4 The board of education shall establish criteria for awarding a  
5 diploma seal for excellence in civics education, based on under-  
6 standing of the state and federal constitutions and the democratic  
7 model of government for the standard and advanced studies  
8 diplomas. The board shall consider criteria for successful completion  
9 of history, government and civics course (including courses incorpo-  
10 rating character education); voluntary participation in community  
11 service or extracurricular activities; and related requirements.