

HOUSE No. 565

By Mr. Smizik of Brookline, petition of Frank I. Smizik and others that parents, legal guardians and teachers be provided with copies of each students MCAS exam prior to public disclosure of scores. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RIGHTS OF STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND LEGAL GUARDIANS TO DIAGNOSTIC USE OF MCAS TEST SCORES AND TO THE MCAS APPEALS PROCESS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 69 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following new section:—
3 SECTION 1N. Any standardized test of achievement of aptitude
4 to be administered under the laws of the Commonwealth or any
5 office, board, department, agency or authority thereof to students in
6 any public school of the Commonwealth, including, but not limited
7 to, the so-called MCAS test, shall be subject to certain requirements
8 enumerated in this section. For the purposes of this section, the term
9 “test” shall mean such a standardized test.
10 (a) All standard accepted answers to test questions that are used in
11 test scoring, together with copies of the actual test booklets and
12 scores of test takers for each question shall be transmitted to parents,
13 and or legal guardians, and teacher of test takers prior to public dis-
14 closure of scores thereon and within three months after test adminis-
15 tration.

16 (b) Written notification of procedures for Score Appeals (set
17 forth in 603 CMR 30.04) and Performance Appeals (as set forth in
18 603 CMR 40.05) must be provided to parents and/or legal guardians
19 of test takers as part of the so-called Guide to the MCAS
20 Parent/Guardian Report.

21 (c) A score or performance appeal on behalf of a student may be
22 filed by the student, parent, legal guardian or superintendent of the
23 school district in which the student is enrolled, or by the superinten-
24 dent's designee.