

HOUSE No. 592

By Mr. Walsh of Lynn, petition of Steven M. Walsh and others for legislation to authorize local school committees to create a community service graduation requirement. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Steven M. Walsh	Barbara A. L'Italien
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Lida E. Harkins	Thomas M. McGee
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	Jennifer M. Callahan
Thomas P. Kennedy	

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CREATING A COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.

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 71 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in
- 2 the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after
- 3 Section 2B the following section:—
- 4 Section 2C. Local School Committees shall have the option of
- 5 instituting a requirement of all secondary school students to com-
- 6 plete no less than ten hours of community service over the course of
- 7 their secondary school career in order to receive a high school
- 8 diploma. Individual school districts shall determine which activities
- 9 or projects in their local area qualify as “community service”.