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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Steven A. Tolman**

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General  
 Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to require public schools to ensure tuition for students attending Massachusetts recovery high schools.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act to require public schools to ensure tuition for students attending Massachusetts recovery high schools.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 71B of the Massachusetts General Laws, is herby amended by inserting after the last section the following new Section:- “Section 17.”

Any school district in the Commonwealth that may have students that are currently or were last enrolled in said district that are considered both clinically and academically appropriate for placement at a Massachusetts Recovery High School, shall ensure tuition for students that attend a Massachusetts Recovery High School and, upon completion of all other graduation requirements, conferment of a diploma.”

SECTION 2. Chapter 71, Section 71D, is herby amended by inserting the following after the words, “or approved program source,”:-

“including Massachusetts Recovery High Schools,”