

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

**Alice Hanlon Peisch**

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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 guaranteeing a high school diploma to some children accepted into post secondary educational programs.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

Alice Hanlon Peisch

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

14th Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 514 OF.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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**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 1. Section 1D of Chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 official edition, is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following at the end of subsection "(i)":—  
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4 No “school age child with a disability”, as defined in Chapter 71B of the General Laws, may be denied a  
5 competency determination on the basis of his performance on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment  
6 System (MCAS) tests, on any such alternative assessment, or on any appeal of such MCAS test or alternative  
7 assessment, if he has met all the following requirements:  
8 (1) Fulfilled all district graduation requirements;  
9 (2) Received preliminary or final acceptance into any accredited two-, three-, or four year-long post-secondary  
10 educational program at a technical school, vocational school, college, or university; and  
11 (3) Completed all of the goals of his Individualized Educational Plan (IEP), as defined in Chapter 71B of the  
12 General Laws and the regulations promulgated thereunder.  
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