

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Frank I. Smizik

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 concerning the science and technology MCAS test.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Frank I. Smizik	15th Norfolk
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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3735 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MCAS TEST.

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. Chapter 69, Section 1D is hereby amended by adding at the end of
2 subsection (i) the following: -

3 The board, prior to requiring a science and technology MCAS test to measure the
4 competency of students, shall insure that each secondary school has the appropriate materials and
5 staff resources in place at least one year prior to the administration of such a test to provide
6 adequate laboratory and field experience. The board shall not use the MCAS test as the sole
7 competency determination for high school graduation, and shall provide for multiple competency
8 assessments.