

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mr. O'Leary

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 Relative to College Readiness

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Mr. O'Leary	Cape and Islands

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO COLLEGE READINESS .

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 15A of the general laws, as appearing in the 2006 official edition, is hereby amended by adding,
2 after section 19E, the following new section:-

3 Section 19F. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law, rule or regulation to the
4 contrary, there shall be a high school student early assessment program for the purpose of evaluating
5 the college readiness of high school students and providing such students the support to prepare for
6 college-level coursework.

7 The department of higher education shall promulgate guidelines governing the early assessment
8 program. The guidelines shall include the following provisions:

- 9 (1) a college placement exam that provides information about student skill levels and abilities will be
10 administered by the public colleges and university campuses to selected participating high school
11 students no later than the eleventh grade;
- 12 (2) participating students will represent diverse academic, ethnic, and economic backgrounds; and
- 13 (3) the public colleges and university campuses will provide advising, curriculum development
14 assistance, and mentoring to high school teachers, guidance counselors, and students identifying
15 effective intervention programs and best practices.