

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2345

By Mr. Flynn of Hanover, petition of William J. Flynn, Jr., that the Department of Education be directed to prepare annual examinations for certain high school students. Education.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight.

AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PREPARE ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS.

*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 69 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting  
2 after Section 4 the following section:—

3 *Section 4A.* The department shall prepare annually for  
4 twelfth grade students an examination which shall measure each  
5 student's comprehension of the curricula offered to him during his  
6 schooling, including, but not limited to, subjects related to the  
7 student's ability to read, write and understand mathematical  
8 concepts.

9 Said examination shall be furnished by the department to any  
10 city, town or school district upon request. The individual mark of  
11 each student shall be kept confidential and released only to said  
12 student, and to the school committee of the city, town or school  
13 district giving the examination who shall use the results of said  
14 examination to measure the effectiveness of their school system in  
15 presenting the subject matter of their curricula.

of the House of Representatives, passed on August 11, 1912.  
Department of Education, Bureau of General Administration  
A system into which the following

The Commission on Education

of the House of Representatives, created by the act of August 11, 1912

to the Department of Education, in order to study the  
various educational problems of the country.

A report on the progress of the Commission is hereby  
submitted to the House of Representatives.

The Commission was organized on August 11, 1912,  
and has since that time been engaged in a study of the  
various educational problems of the country.

The Commission has held numerous public hearings  
and has received many suggestions from the public.  
It has also conducted extensive research into the  
various educational problems of the country.  
The Commission believes that the following  
recommendations will be of benefit to the country.

1. That the Department of Education should be  
strengthened in order to carry out its duties  
more effectively.  
2. That the various educational problems of the  
country should be studied more thoroughly.  
3. That the public should be kept informed of  
the progress of the Commission's work.