

By Mr. Vernon of Mansfield, petition of William B. Vernon, William Constantino, Jr., Patricia G. Fiero and Byron Rushing that the Commissioner of Education be directed to establish and advance examination for certain students and providing for a "regents' diploma". Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Seven.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A "REGENTS' DIPLOMA" PROGRAM.

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 is hereby amended by adding
2 the following section: —

3 Section 7A. The Commissioner of Education is directed to
4 establish a voluntary, statewide advance examination for
5 graduating secondary public or private high school students. The
6 examinations shall be given in the following subjects; reading,
7 literature, mathematics, government and history, music and art,
8 a written essay examination to determine writing ability, and such
9 other academic subject matters as the board shall deem
10 appropriate.

11 Each examination shall be of such a degree of difficulty so to
12 provide a challenge above and beyond the norm as determined
13 by the Commissioner of Education.

14 A passing mark of eighty percent or better on said examina-
15 tion will confer upon the student a diploma hereinafter called a
16 "Regents' Diploma."

17 Advanced diplomas will not supersede or in any way affect the
18 operation and privileges of the standard high school diploma.
19 Students scoring in the top 10 percent of those passing said
20 examination or the 1000 students with the highest grades,
21 whichever is less, shall be permitted to attend any state community
22 college or state university at which they have been accepted.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

IN SENATE, FEBRUARY 1, 1877

REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ON FEBRUARY 1, 1877

AND A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SENATE

ON FEBRUARY 1, 1877

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IN THE TERRITORIES OF ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, COLORADO, ILLINOIS, IOWA, KANSAS, MISSOURI, NEBRASKA, NEVADA, NEW MEXICO, NORTH CAROLINA, NORTH DAKOTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, TEXAS, VIRGINIA, AND WISCONSIN

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