

HOUSE No. 3695

By Mrs. Provost of Sandwich, petition of Ruth W. Provost and other members of the House for legislation to provide minimum aid to students failing the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test. Education, Arts and Humanities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and One.

AN ACT PROVIDING MINIMUM AID TO STUDENTS FAILING THE MASSACHUSETTS COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

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 1M the following section:—
- 3 Section 1N. The board shall require local school districts to
- 4 develop programs to assist students who fail to meet the required
- 5 academic standards as set by the state. Beginning in January, 2001,
- 6 and continuing each year thereafter, each school district shall
- 7 receive the sum of \$1,000 multiplied by the number of students
- 8 who failed any state mandated assessment, or any part thereof,
- 9 in the previous school year. The monies shall be available without
- 10 application by the school district and shall be distributed as part of
- 11 the second quarterly local aid payment to the school district. The
- 12 board shall evaluate the programs developed by the local school
- 13 district and may require information from local school districts to
- 14 assist in its evaluation.

