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HOUSE . . . . . No. 513

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Martin J. Walsh

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:

An Act relative to high school civics requirement.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Martin J. Walsh	*13th Suffolk*
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*
Robert M. Koczera	*11th Bristol*
Paul McMurtry	*11th Norfolk*
William Smitty Pignatelli	*4th Berkshire*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*
Michael J. Finn	*6th Hampden*
Ruth B. Balser	*12th Middlesex*
Christine E. Canavan	*10th Plymouth*
Stephen L. DiNatale	*3rd Worcester*
Gloria L. Fox	*7th Suffolk*
James M. Cantwell	*4th Plymouth*
Michael O. Moore	*Second Worcester*
Thomas J. Calter	*12th Plymouth*
Carlos Henriquez	*5th Suffolk*
Geoff Diehl	*7th Plymouth*

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By Mr. Walsh of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 513) of Martin J. Walsh and others relative to requiring the teaching of civics in all public elementary and high schools in the Commonwealth. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *174* OF 2011-2012.]

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An Act relative to high school civics requirement.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 71: Section 2 is hereby amended and inserted in its place:

Section 2. In all public elementary and high schools American history and civics, including the constitution of the United States, the declaration of independence and the bill of rights, and in all public high schools the constitution of the commonwealth and local history and government, shall be taught as required subjects for the purpose of promoting civic service and a greater knowledge thereof, and of fitting the pupils, morally and intellectually, for the duties of citizenship. High school civic instruction for each public high school student shall be required as a means of graduation.