



## MASCD SPEAKS

A PUBLICATION TO INFORM MEMBERS OF LEGISLATIVE AND RELATED ACTIONS WHICH ARE IMPORTANT TO THE PURSUIT OF EDUCATION IN MASSACHUSETTS

A question is headed to the November ballot that would “end Common Core” and revert to the 2001 ELA standards and 2004 math standards in Massachusetts. As part of the process, the exact language sent to the legislature as House 3929, “An Act Relative to Ending Common Core Education Standards” is to rescind “the vote taken by the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education on July 21, 2010, to adopt the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics and English Language Arts ... The curriculum frameworks in Mathematics and English Language Arts that were in effect prior to that date are hereby restored.”

The proposed law would also establish three review committees, one for each discipline of math, science and technology, and English. Each committee would be made up of three members from Massachusetts research universities appointed by the Governor. The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education would be prohibited from approving any curriculum frameworks unless the review committees first decide by a two-thirds vote that the frameworks are equivalent to the standards of the most educationally advanced nations as determined by the Trends in International Mathematics and Sciences Study.

The proposed law would also require that, each year, the Commissioner publicly release all test items, including questions, constructed responses, and essays, for each grade and for every subject. The proposed law states that, if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

Among the signers are citizens from Worcester, Brookline, Concord, Webster, Uxbridge, Spencer, Sandwich, Seekonk, Chelmsford and Peabody.

The full text is available on <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/189/House/H3929>

MASCD members are encouraged to [speak with their legislators](#) about the impact of this bill.

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