

# How You Can Support Legislation for Less Testing, More Learning



Legislators supporting the Less Testing, More Learning campaign last week filed bills for a moratorium on most of the “high stakes” tied to standardized tests. **Please contact your own Representative and Senator and ask them to support these bills.**

You can find your Representative and Senator on the [Open States web site](#) and email them right from that site. Your email can be as simple as, “Please co-sponsor Rep./Sen. \_\_\_\_’s bill to \_\_\_\_.” If you explain why, that’s even better.

- **Rep. Mary Keefe** of Worcester filed H.418 and **Sen. Barbara L’Italien** of Andover filed S.311, identical bills calling for **a three-year moratorium on the graduation test**: No student who completes all other high school graduation requirements should be denied a high school diploma because of a score on a state standardized test.
- **Rep. Benjamin Swan** of Springfield filed H.497 and **Sen. Cynthia Creem** of Newton filed S.257 which would also **ban the use of a score on a state standardized test as a requirement for high school graduation**, but without the three-year time limit.
- **Sen. Pat Jehlen** of Somerville filed S.294 calling for **a three-year moratorium on the state’s five-level rating system for schools and districts**, and also on new school “turnarounds” and state takeovers. They are based almost entirely on test scores.
- **Rep. Marjorie Decker of Cambridge** filed H.340, **a broader bill for a three-year moratorium on these and other aspects of high-stakes testing** including tying test scores to teacher evaluation.
- **Rep. Liz Malia** of Boston filed H.3395 making it clear that **parents have the right to opt their children out of state and district-mandated standardized tests**.

Visit [www.citizensforpublicschools.org](http://www.citizensforpublicschools.org) for links to fact sheets and the text of each bill. **Please ask your own legislators to support these important bills!**