

HOUSE No. 4067

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 12, 2014.

The committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 137) of James J. O'Day and others relative to eligibility and appropriations for programs for persons with disabilities, including the "Turning 22" program, so-called, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4067) ought to pass.

For the committee,

KAY KHAN.

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In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen

An Act for passage to independence.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Department of Developmental Services, hereinafter “DDS” shall
2 support a minimum of 170 persons in
3 supported competitive employment or competitive employment not including congregate
4 work settings, sheltered workshops, work enclaves or group
5 work settings, with the exception of work enclaves for a time period of no longer than 6
6 months, if it is determined that this is an appropriate step towards the individual’s employment
7 or supported employment.

8 DDS shall address the need for residential services for individuals over the age of 22 who
9 received no prior funding for community residential or family support services including but not
10 limited to family partnerships to 24 hour/7 day support in group
11 settings.

12 SECTION 2. The Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission shall provide
13 Community-based employment supports fort individuals who are by
14 virtue of becoming 22 years of age, no longer eligible for Special Education services of
15 the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. .

16 SECTION 3. Under the direction of the Executive Office of Human Services and in
17 consultation with the American Association of Intellectual and Developmental
18 Disabilities,

19 , the Department shall develop a transparent process
20 for prioritization of individual need for services and supports.

21 SECTION 4. Revenue, Sale of State Property

22 Under the direction of the Secretary of

23 Administration and Finance and the Secretary of the Executive Office of Human
24 Services, a

25 defined percentage of federal revenue as by the Secretaries, over and above a reasonable
26 fiscal year revenue

27 projection, will be retained and returned to the Department for specific use in support of
28 the aforementioned populations.

29 reaching the age of 22 years, or upon graduation from high school. These funds will be
30 targeted

31 for emergency family support intervention.

32 In the event of the sale of state school, ICF-MR's land and property, 100% of the

33 proceeds will be directed to the Department of Developmental Disabilities for the express
34 purpose of community-

35 based residential, family, employment and transportation supports for individuals in the
36 future who by

37 virtue of reaching age 22 are no longer eligible for special education services.