

HOUSE No. 3147

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kenneth I. Gordon

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to diversify the use of the Workforce Training Fund to support the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	

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By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3147) of Kenneth I. Gordon, Eileen M. Donoghue and Jose F. Tosado for legislation to provide grants for pipeline training for unemployed persons. Labor and Workforce Development.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act to diversify the use of the Workforce Training Fund to support the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund.

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. Subsection (b) of section 2RR of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after paragraph (2) the
3 following paragraph:-

4 (3) To provide grants for pipeline training for unemployed persons by an employer with a
5 job vacancy; provided that, the director shall not allocate more than 5 per cent of the annual
6 capitalization of the fund to provide for such grants. In determining who shall receive the grants,
7 the director shall contract with the Commonwealth Corporation to distribute the grants in a need-
8 based, competitive process in accordance with the rules and parameters outlined in section
9 2WWW of chapter 29. To further support pipeline training, and to match the substantial
10 contributions made from employers to the fund, the commonwealth shall match, dollar for dollar,
11 any monies used for grants pursuant this paragraph.

12 SECTION 2. Section 14L of chapter 151A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
13 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (b) the following subsection:-

14 (c) Not later than March 1 of each year, the commissioner shall file a report in writing
15 with the joint committee on labor and workforce development and the house and senate
16 committees on ways and means concerning the collection of the workforce training
17 contributions, pursuant to subsection (a), during the calendar year ending on the preceding
18 December 31, which shall include, but not be limited to: (1) the amount collected in each quarter
19 and the total amount collected for the year; (2) the total number of employers that contributed to
20 the fund, and the total number of employees employed by this group of employers; and (3) the
21 contribution rate, to the extent it differs from 0.056 per cent.