

SENATE No. 194

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act creating green jobs..

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. Chapter 23J of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 8 the following sections:-

3 Section 9. There is hereby established and placed within the center a program to be
4 known as the pathways out of poverty initiative. Said incentive shall award grants to clean
5 energy companies, regional employment boards, community-based nonprofit organizations,
6 educational institutions or labor organizations to enable said entities to carry out training
7 programs associated with the clean energy industry that lead to economic self-sufficiency. The
8 center shall give funding priority to entities that: (i) serve individuals in families with incomes
9 that do not exceed 200 per cent of the poverty level, as determined by the United States Census
10 Bureau, or a self-sufficiency standard for the local areas where the training is conducted that
11 specifies the income needs of families, family size, the number and ages of children in the family
12 and geographical considerations; (ii) engage in partnerships with public and private employers
13 and community-based non-profit agencies, and; (iii) establish career pathways for hard and soft

14 skill development and salary advancement. Said grants shall be awarded so as to ensure
15 geographic diversity within the commonwealth.

16 Section 10. The center shall conduct an annual study detailing the commonwealth's
17 clean energy sector. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the growth
18 rate of the commonwealth's clean energy sector, including the number of in-state jobs and
19 businesses. A copy of said study shall be submitted on or before December 1st of each year to
20 the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate.