

SENATE No. 235

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act establishing a consistent funding source for reinvestment in vocational education infrastructure and programs ..

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. Because t is necessary to continually reinvest in training equipment,
2 facilities and programs to keep up to date with current employment and training needs, there
3 shall be established a commission to explore reinvestment in technical education infrastructure
4 and equipment and vocational facilities in the Commonwealth. The commission shall consist of
5 15 members: the Secretary of Education or his/her designee whom shall serve as chair; the
6 Treasurer or his/her designee; the Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development or his/her
7 designee; the Secretary of Housing & Economic Development or his/her designee; 3 members
8 appointed by the Governor, 2 of whom shall represent private industry; the President of the
9 Massachusetts AFL-CIO or his/her designee; the President of the Massachusetts Building Trades
10 Council or his/her designee; 4 principals or administrations appointed by the Secretary of
11 Education who represent vocational high schools or technical education programs; 1 member
12 appointed by the President of the State Senate; 1 member appointed by the Speaker of the House
13 of Representatives. All appointments shall be made within 30 days of the effective date of this
14 act. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation.

15 The commission shall examine and document the current resources available to technical
16 programs to reinvest in equipment and infrastructure in vocation high schools and programs.
17 Such review shall include but not be limited to consideration of including expenditures in the
18 school building assistance program and any other non-Chapter 70 state funding sources.

19 Not later than 9 months after the effective date of this act, the commission shall submit to
20 the Clerks of the House and Senate its detailed findings and recommendations, including any
21 recommendations for legislation and administrative actions necessary to promote reinvestment in
22 technical education and vocational high schools.