

SENATE No. 349

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to an employment marketability curriculum..

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. (a) To facilitate the transition of students to responsible adults and
2 encourage informed decision-making, the department of education shall, within twelve months
3 of the effective date of this act, develop an employment marketability program and related
4 materials within the existing curriculum from grade 6 through high school. The program shall
5 include, but not be limited to, instruction in the management of personal finances and credit, the
6 risks associated with leaving a digital footprint through the use of personalized Internet sites such
7 as MySpace and Facebook and the possibility of employment opportunities affected by the use of
8 such websites, and the impact of a criminal record on employment opportunities. Any
9 instructions materials related to the program shall be made available to accredited nonpublic
10 schools.

11 (b) By December 31 of each year, the department of education shall submit an annual
12 report to the Joint Committee on the Education detailing the program, including the components
13 of the program, the nature of its integration into the curriculum, any recommendations for
14 improving the program, and an evaluation of the program’s impact on students.