

SENATE No. 601

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act designating a community college as a life sciences training center..

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

1 Whereas, Governor Deval Patrick has appointed a new Board of Directors of the
2 Massachusetts Life Sciences Center; and

3 Whereas, the life sciences is one of the fastest growing and stable industries in the
4 Commonwealth; and

5 Whereas, the life sciences has made a positive impact on our cities and towns, from
6 increasing tax revenue to reducing traffic generation to establishing partnerships with our city’s
7 schools; and

8 Whereas, this growing industry relies on well-trained and skilled workers; and

9 Whereas, our community college system is ideally suited to create a life sciences
10 preparatory curriculum for students seeing to retrain themselves and take advantage of
11 opportunities in the life sciences sector;

12 Therefore, be it enacted, as follows:

13 SECTION 1.

14 Chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby
15 amended by inserting after section 15F the following section:-

16 Section 15G. Life Sciences Training Center.

17 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the board of
18 higher education shall, within nine months of the effective date of this act, designate a
19 community college in the Commonwealth as a Life Sciences Training Center. The board, in
20 consultation with the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center, established by section 3 of chapter 23I
21 of the General Laws, shall promulgate regulations and other written guidance as needed to
22 designate, develop, and administer the Center and its curriculum. The board shall establish a
23 commission comprised of government and education officials and leaders in the life sciences,
24 biotechnology and medical manufacturing industries to help develop and implement the
25 curriculum offered at the Center and other institutions of higher learning in the Commonwealth.