

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2870**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Gloria L. Fox***

*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 relative to investment in a transitional employment program for hard to employ adults.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/21/2011</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2011</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Josh Young, Director Legislative Affairs</i>	<i>Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. 178 Tremont Street Boston, MA 02111</i>	

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By Ms. Fox of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2870) of Gloria L. Fox and others relative to investment in a transitional employment program for hard to employ adults. Labor and Workforce Development.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**

An Act relative to investment in a transitional employment program for hard to employ adults.

*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 23H of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 Section 11 the following:-

3 Section 12. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, it shall be the  
4 policy of the Commonwealth to invest in and equip low-income, hard to place, out of work  
5 adults with job readiness skills and entry-level career competencies toward securing  
6 unsubsidized jobs. The Department of Workforce Development shall coordinate with Action for  
7 Boston Community Development, Inc. (ABCD) on the New Careers transitional employment  
8 program, an employer-driven, competency-based approach to promoting employment in high-  
9 growth industry areas. The Department shall assist ABCD to identify entry-level criteria, career  
10 ladders, and meaningful credentials. The ABCD New Careers Program combines skills training  
11 case management, paid on-the-job experience, and college coursework in growing career fields  
12 that offer opportunities to move up the career ladder, including Early Childhood Education,

13 Community Health Work, Elder Care, Medical Office Technology, and other emerging  
14 industries.

15 The Department shall work with ABCD New Careers program to apply a consistent  
16 framework across the targeted industry areas, including individual assessment and service  
17 planning, “soft skills” job readiness, industry-recognized certifications, college credits toward a  
18 career-related degree, paid work experience, integration of classroom training and on-the-job  
19 experience, intensive job development, case management, work supports, and wraparound  
20 services for the development of the overall family.