

HOUSE No. 3926

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Twelve

An Act relative to vocational technical education..

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to increase the capacity of vocational technical programs, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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. Section 1 of Chapter 74 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking lines 43 to 44, inclusive, and inserting in place
3 thereof the following section:-

4 “Service programs”, the preparation of students in occupational areas such as hotel and
5 lodging, cosmetology, child care or any service occupation that by its nature is characterized as
6 being a service, professional or non-professional. Such programs shall be in compliance with the
7 program approval criteria regulations published by the state board.

8 SECTION 2. There is hereby established a commission on vocational-technical education
9 in the twenty first century, to investigate and study the feasibility of authorizing public
10 vocational-technical high schools to award post-secondary associates degrees. The commission
11 shall consist of 14 members: the secretary of education or the secretary’s designee who shall

12 serve as chair of the commission; 2 members of the house of representatives, to be appointed by
13 the speaker of the house; 2 members of the senate, to be appointed by the senate president; 4
14 members to be appointed by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators; 3
15 individuals to be appointed by the governor; the commissioner of higher education or a designee;
16 and the commissioner of workforce development or a designee. The commission shall report to
17 the general court the results of its investigation and study and its recommendations, if any,
18 together with any drafts of legislation necessary to carry out such recommendations, by filing the
19 same with the clerks of the senate and house who shall forward the same to the chairs of the joint
20 committee on education on or before December 31, 2012.

21 SECTION 3. Subsection (a) of Section 13 of Chapter 13 of the General Laws, as
22 appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the figure "17" in line 1
23 and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-

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25 SECTION 4. Subsection (a) of Section 13 of said chapter 13, as so appearing, is hereby
26 amended by striking the words "and 2 consumers." in line 8, and inserting in place thereof the
27 following words:-

28 ; 2 consumers; and a vocational-technical licensed practical nursing educator or
29 administrator who shall be selected from a group of three nominees, to be nominated by the
30 Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators.

31 SECTION 5. Section 32 of said chapter 13, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
32 striking the word "eight" in line 4 and inserting in place thereof the following word:-

33 nine

34 SECTION 6. Section 32 of said chapter 13, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
35 inserting after the word "forty-one." in line 8 the following sentence:-

36 One of said appointees shall be a vocational-technical electrical educator or
37 administrator, who shall be selected from a group of three nominees, to be nominated by the
38 Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators.

39 SECTION 7. Section 36 of said chapter 13, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
40 striking the word "nine" in line 3 and inserting in place thereof the following word:-

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42 SECTION 8. Section 36 of said chapter 13, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
43 striking the word "seven" in line 5 and inserting in place thereof the following word:-

44 eight

45 SECTION 9. Section 36 of said chapter 13, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
46 inserting, after the words "systems," in line 16 the following words:-

47 , one of whom shall be a vocational-technical plumbing educator or administrator who
48 shall be selected from a group of three nominees to be nominated by the Massachusetts
49 Association of Vocational Administrators,

50 SECTION 10. Section 42 of said chapter 13, as so appearing in the 2008 Official Edition,
51 is hereby amended by striking the word "seven" in line 2 and inserting in place thereof the
52 following word:-

53 eight

54 SECTION 11. Section 42 of said chapter, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking
55 the word "and" in line 35.

56 SECTION 12. Section 42 of said chapter, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking
57 the word "cosmetology" in line 36 and 37 and inserting in place thereof the following words:-

58 cosmetology; and (c) one member shall be a vocational-technical cosmetology educator
59 or administrator who shall be selected from a group of three nominees, to be nominated by the
60 Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators.

61 SECTION 13. Subsection (a) of section 101 of said chapter 13, as so appearing, is
62 hereby amended by striking the figure "5" in line 4 and inserting in place thereof the following
63 figure:-

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65 SECTION 14. Subsection (a) of section 101 of said chapter, as so appearing, is hereby
66 amended by inserting, after the word "work," in line 9 the following words:-

67 , 1 of whom shall be a vocational-technical sheet metal educator or administrator who
68 shall be selected from a group of three nominees, to be nominated by the Massachusetts
69 Association of Vocational Administrators,