

HOUSE No. 4020

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen

An Act relative to energy efficiency education.

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. In this act the following words and phrases shall have the following
2 meanings, unless the context requires otherwise:-

3 “Department”, the Department of Public Utilities, established under chapter 25 of the
4 general laws.

5 “EEAC”, the energy efficiency advisory council, established under Section 22 of chapter
6 25 of the general laws.

7 “Education Program”, an in-depth energy efficiency education and training program, to
8 be offered to commercial building managers and operators, funded in-part by electric and gas
9 distribution company energy efficiency program administrators under Chapter 25 of the general
10 laws. Education Programs may include existing training programs offered by the Association of
11 Energy Engineers, the Building Operators Certificate Program, the Building Owners and
12 Managers Institute, or other similar programs.

13 “Program Administrators”, electric and gas distribution companies and municipal
14 aggregators administering energy efficiency programs under Chapter 25 of the General Laws

15 SECTION 2. (a) Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, the
16 EEAC, in consultation with the Greater Boston Real Estate Board, shall develop
17 recommendations for cost effective Education Programs, funded, in part, by Program
18 Administrators.

19 (b) The EEAC shall consider recommending Education Programs that include (i) best
20 energy use and efficiency practices, (ii) use of new technologies, (iii) use of metering, tracking,
21 and monitoring of energy use, and (iv) economic analysis of reduced energy use.

22 (c) The EEAC shall submit its final recommendations to the Program Administrators and
23 the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy prior to January 1, 2015.

24 (d) Provided that the EEAC finds that Education Programs are cost effective and
25 recommends ratepayer funding of said programs, Program Administrators shall include funding
26 for recommended Education Programs in electric efficiency investment plans and natural gas
27 efficiency investment plans submitted to the EEAC and Department for review under chapter 25
28 of the General Laws consistent with the EEAC recommendations developed under subsection
29 (a).

30 (e) Nothing in the Act shall require the Department to approve funding for an Education
31 Program submitted as part of an energy efficiency investment plan submitted to the Department
32 under said chapter 25 if the Department does not determine that the program is cost effective.