

SENATE No. 277

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 empowering vocational schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bruce E. Tarr

Robert L. Hedlund

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex and Middlesex

Plymouth and Norfolk

SENATE No. 277

By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 277) of Bruce E. Tarr and Robert L. Hedlund for legislation relative to empowering vocational schools. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An act relative to empowering vocational schools.

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. Subsection (a) of section 13 of chapter 13 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking, in line 1, the figure "17"
3 and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 18

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

7 consumers; and a vocational-technical licensed practical nursing educator or
8 administrator who shall be selected from a group of 3 nominees, to be nominated by the
9 Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators.

10 SECTION 3. Section 32 of said chapter 13, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
11 striking, in line 4, the word "eight" and inserting in place thereof the following word:- nine

12 SECTION 4. Section 32 of said chapter 13, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
13 inserting after the word "forty-one.", in line 8, the following sentence:- One of the appointees
14 shall be a vocational-technical electrical educator or administrator, who shall be selected from a
15 group of three nominees, to be nominated by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational
16 Administrators.

17 SECTION 5. Section 36 of said chapter 13, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
18 striking, in line 3, the word "nine" and inserting in place thereof the following word:- ten

19 SECTION 6. Section 36 of said chapter 13, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
20 inserting, in line 16, after the word "systems," the following words:- one of whom shall be a

21 vocational-technical plumbing educator or administrator who shall be selected from a group of
22 three nominees to be nominated by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators,

23 SECTION 7. Section 42 of said chapter 13, as so appearing in the 2010 Official Edition,
24 is hereby amended by striking, in line 2, the word "seven" and inserting in place thereof the
25 following word:- eight

26 SECTION 8. Section 42 of said chapter 13, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
27 striking, in line 35, the word "and".

28 SECTION 9. Section 42 of said chapter 13, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
29 striking, in line 36, the word "cosmetology" and inserting in place thereof the following words:-

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

33 SECTION 10. Section 101 of said chapter 13, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
34 striking, in line 4, the figure "5" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 6

35 SECTION 11. Subsection (a) of section 101 of said chapter 13, as so appearing, is hereby
36 amended by inserting, after the word "work," in line 9 the following words:- , 1 of whom shall
37 be a vocational-technical sheet metal educator or administrator who shall be selected from a
38 group of three nominees, to be nominated by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational
39 Administrators,

40 SECTION 12. Section 21 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
41 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the second paragraph, the following:-

42 For those public institutions of higher learning named in clause (iii) of section 5 of this
43 chapter, each community college's board of trustees shall designate a member or members to
44 serve as a non-voting member of the district trustees for vocational-technical schools that share
45 the same geographic region as the community college, provided that the board elementary and
46 secondary education shall promulgate regulations to ensure that each vocational-technical school
47 board of trustees is represented by a member from every community college in the region. The
48 designated member shall serve as a liaison between the two boards for the purposes of sharing
49 information and developing policies that will promote greater interaction between the
50 community college and the vocational-technical school while maximizing the educational
51 resources available to individuals seeking to learn a trade or develop targeted employment skills.

52 SECTION 13. Section 21 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
53 amended by inserting after the sixth paragraph the following paragraph:-

54 Each community college board of trustees shall also include a vocational school district
55 trustee, pursuant to section 4 of chapter 74, representing a vocational-technical school in the
56 region, to serve as a non-voting member.

57 SECTION 14. Chapter 21A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
58 inserting after section 41 the following section:-

59 Each community college board of trustees shall submit an annual report developed in
60 conjunction with the district trustees and advisory committees of vocational-technical schools in
61 the same geographic region as the community college, pursuant to geographic region
62 determinations made by the board of higher education. Said report shall be developed in
63 conjunction with employers, local workforce investment boards and regional economic
64 stakeholders. The report shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis of the collaboration
65 between the community college and regional vocational-technical schools and the training and
66 job development programs implemented by the community college and regional vocational-
67 technical schools. Copies of said report shall be filed with the board of higher education and the
68 house and senate chairs of the joint committee on labor and workforce development not later
69 than March 31, annually.

70 SECTION 15. Section 1 of chapter 74 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
71 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the definition of “service programs”
72 contained in lines 43 to 44, inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

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

77 SECTION 16. Section 4 of chapter 74 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
78 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:-

79 Pursuant to section 21 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, one member of said board
80 shall be designated by the district trustees to serve as a non-voting member of the board of
81 trustees for any community college that shares the same geographic region as the independent
82 vocational-technical school, provided that the board of higher education promulgate regulations
83 to ensure that each community college board of trustees is represented by a member of every
84 vocational-technical school in the same geographic region as the community college. The
85 designated member shall serve as a liaison between the two boards for the purposes of sharing
86 information and developing policies that will promote greater interaction between the vocational-
87 technical school and the community college while maximizing the educational resources
88 available to individuals seeking to learn a trade or develop targeted employment skills.

89 SECTION 17. Section 6 of chapter 74 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
90 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 5, after the word “program,” the
91 following

92 words:-

93 “representatives from the board of trustees of community colleges in the region.”.

94 SECTION 18. Chapter 74 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official
95 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 55 the following sections:-

96 Section 56. The district trustees shall establish a program, in collaboration with the
97 advisory committee, the director of the department of career services and a representative of the
98 local workforce investment board, to expand not-for-credit vocationally-oriented instruction
99 provided through contracts with Massachusetts employers. The program shall allow interested
100 business partners to sponsor a prospective or current employee for training provided by the
101 vocational school at the expense of the employer. Each vocational school shall report not later
102 than December 31, annually, to the commissioner of education on the level of not-for-credit
103 vocationally-oriented instruction provided in the preceding fiscal year and the anticipated level
104 of such instruction in the current fiscal year. The report shall detail enrollment levels, revenues
105 received, sources of revenues, recruitment tools, the number of service contracts established with
106 Massachusetts employers and such other information as the commissioner may require. The
107 commissioner shall prepare a comprehensive report of the information and present copies of
108 which to the board of higher education and the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on
109 labor and workforce development not later than March 31, annually.