The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court (2015-2016)

SENATE, November 2, 2015

The committee on Rules, to whom was referred the Senate Resolve establishing a special legislative commission on young professionals (Senate, No. 1971),-- reports, that the matter be placed on the Orders of the Day for November 5, 2015 with an recommended amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2044).

For the committee, Mark C. Montigny **SENATE No. 2044**

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Resolve establishing a special legislative commission on young professionals

Resolved, that there shall be a special commission on young professionals established to examine how the commonwealth can better engage, involve and educate young professionals in decisions and policies that affect them and the commonwealth. The commission shall examine best practices and policies to retain and attract intellectual capital that will make the commonwealth a desirable place for young professionals to live, work and play.

The commission shall consist of the following members: the secretary of housing and economic development or a designee; the secretary of labor and workforce development or a designee; the secretary of education or a designee; 2 people to be appointed by the president of the senate; 1 person to be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 2 people to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; 1 person to be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; and 10 additional members who shall be appointed by the governor and who shall be representatives of young professionals networks or economic development networks in the commonwealth, 1 of whom shall be a representative of the Greater Lawrence Young Professionals Network, 1 of whom shall be a representative of the Young Professionals Society of Greater Springfield, Inc., 1 of whom shall be a representative of Northampton Area Young Professionals, 1 of whom shall be a representative of the Cape Cod

Young Professionals, LLC, 1 of whom shall be a representative of the Young Entrepreneurs of the North Shore, Inc., 1 of whom shall be a representative of the South Coast Business Alliance, Inc., 1 of whom shall be a representative of the Young Professionals of Greater Lowell, Inc., 1 of whom shall be a representative of One in 3 in Boston, 1 of whom shall be a representative of the United Regional Young Professionals Organization, and 1 of whom shall be a representative of the South Shore Young Professionals, Inc. The commission may, by majority vote, add additional members to the commission as recommended by the governor.

The first meeting of the commission shall convene within 30 days of the effective date of this act at which the commission shall elect a chairperson. The commission shall meet not less frequently than quarterly thereafter and shall deliver a report of final recommendations to the governor and the chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than 18 months after the effective date of this act.

The special commission may receive and expend grants, gifts, contributions, bequests and in-kind contributions, including volunteer services, from individuals, corporations or other business entities, foundations and state or other government bodies for the purpose of completing its report.