

HOUSE No. 3804

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 13, 2017

The committee on Labor and Workforce Development to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3147) of Kenneth I. Gordon, Eileen M. Donoghue and Jose F. Tosado for legislation to provide grants for pipeline training for unemployed persons, reports recommending that the accompanying Bill (House, No. 3804) ought to pass.

For the committee,

PAUL BRODEUR.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act to diversify the use of the Workforce Training Fund to support the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund.

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 (b) of section 2RR of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after paragraph (2) the
3 following paragraph:-

4 (3) To provide grants for pipeline training for unemployed persons by an employer with a
5 job vacancy; provided that, the director shall not allocate more than 5 per cent of the annual
6 capitalization of the fund to provide for such grants. In determining who shall receive the grants,
7 the director shall contract with the Commonwealth Corporation to distribute the grants in a need-
8 based, competitive process in accordance with the rules and parameters outlined in section
9 2WWW of chapter 29. The grants shall be performance based; with 50% paid upon enrollment in
10 the program, and the balance to be paid contingent on job placement and retention outcomes;
11 provided that for the purpose of this section, job placement shall mean placement in a training
12 related position requiring at least 30 hours per week; further, retention outcomes shall mean
13 placement in said position for at least two months. To further support pipeline training, and to

14 match the substantial contributions made from employers to the fund, the commonwealth shall
15 match, dollar for dollar, any monies used for grants pursuant to this paragraph.

16 SECTION 2. Section 14L of chapter 151A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
17 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (b) the following subsection:-

18 (c) Not later than March 1 of each year, the commissioner shall file a report in writing
19 with the joint committee on labor and workforce development and the house and senate
20 committees on ways and means concerning the collection of the workforce training
21 contributions, pursuant to subsection (a), during the calendar year ending on the preceding
22 December 31, which shall include, but not be limited to: (1) the amount collected in each quarter
23 and the total amount collected for the year; (2) the total number of employers that contributed to
24 the fund, and the total number of employees employed by this group of employers; and (3) the
25 contribution rate, to the extent it differs from 0.056 per cent.