

SENATE No. 177

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kenneth J. Donnelly

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 to increase contributions to the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Kenneth J. Donnelly</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>

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By Mr. Donnelly, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 177) of Kenneth J. Donnelly and Kenneth I. Gordon for legislation to increase contributions to the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

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

An Act to increase contributions to 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. Section 2WWW of chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out subsection (d) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

3 (d) There shall be credited to the fund amounts as detailed in section 14L1/2 of chapter
4 151A, and any gifts, grants, private contributions, investment income earned on the fund's assets,
5 and all other sources. Money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to
6 the General Fund.

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

9 (c) Not later than March 1 of each year, the commissioner shall file a report in writing
10 with the joint committee on labor and workforce development and the house and senate
11 committees on ways and means concerning the collection of the workforce training
12 contributions, pursuant to subsection (a), during the calendar year ending on the preceding

13 December 31, which shall include, but not be limited to: (1) the amount collected in each quarter
14 and the total amount collected for the year; (2) the total number of employers that contributed to
15 the fund, and the total number of employees employed by this group of employers; and (3) the
16 contribution rate, to the extent it differs from 0.056 per cent.

17 SECTION 3. Said chapter 151A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting
18 after section 14L the following section:-

19 Section 14L1/2. (a) Each employer liable to pay a contribution under subsection (i) of
20 section 14 shall also pay, in the same manner and at the same times as the commissioner
21 prescribes for the contribution required by said section 14, a workforce competitiveness trust
22 fund contribution. For an employer's first through nineteenth employee, inclusive, the
23 contribution shall be 0.028 per cent of so much of its wages as are subject to contributions
24 pursuant to clause (4) of subsection (a) of said section 14. For an employer's twentieth through
25 one-hundredth employee, inclusive, the contribution shall be 0.042 per cent of so much of its
26 wages as are subject to contributions pursuant to clause (4) of subsection (a) of said section 14.
27 For an employer's one hundred and first employee and any employee thereafter, the contribution
28 shall be 0.056 per cent of so much of its wages as are subject to contributions pursuant to clause
29 (4) of subsection (a) of said section 14. The commissioner shall deposit the proceeds of said
30 workforce competitiveness trust fund contribution in the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund,
31 established by section 2WWW of chapter 29.

32 (b) Except where inconsistent with the provisions of this section, the terms and conditions
33 of this chapter that apply to the payment of and the collection of contributions shall apply to the
34 same extent to the payment of and the collection of the workforce competitiveness trust fund

35 contribution required by this section; provided, however, that said contributions shall not be
36 credited to the employer's account or the solvency account established pursuant to section 14,
37 14A or 14C.

38 (c) Not later than March 1 of each year, the commissioner shall file a report in writing
39 with the joint committee on labor and workforce development and the house and senate
40 committees on ways and means concerning the collection of the workforce competitiveness trust
41 fund contributions, pursuant to subsection (a), during the calendar year ending on the preceding
42 December 31, which shall include, but not be limited to: (1) the amount collected in each quarter
43 and the total amount collected for the year; and (2) the total number of employers that
44 contributed to the fund, and the total number of employees employed by this group of employers.