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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Jason M. Lewis*, (BY REQUEST)**

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 for a Bridge Employment Training Program (BET).

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Vincent Lawrence Dixon	*60 Lake Street Unit N, Winchester, MA 01890*

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By Mr. Lewis (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1091) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for legislation for a Bridge Employment Training Program (BET). Labor and Workforce Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *1021* OF 2017-2018.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act for a Bridge Employment Training Program (BET).

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Massachusetts General Laws are hereby amended by inserting the following new chapter:

An Act for a Bridge Employment Training Program (BET).

Whereas, it is in the interests of sound economy, for the individuals, businesses, and organizations of Massachusetts, that well-trained individuals have appropriate skills, and are matched to productive employment. This legislation has been devised, in order to specify, and expand, all reasonable opportunities.

1.) The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD), is hereby authorized to develop a Bridge Employment Training Program (BET), for residents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

2.) Individuals authorized to participate in this program, shall be individuals determined to be employable, and/or who have lost their employment, within at least six weeks, or more.

3.) The Department is authorized to devise Independent Employment Training Contracts (IETC) to stipulate agreed-upon training programs, for up to two years, with specified requirements, which shall be matched with available positions in the Commonwealth, in private, non-profit, and/or public employment.

4.) The goal of this bill, is to accomplish, as far as is practicable, that all individuals may have access to Employable Skills Training (EST) to improve their economic lives, and the benefit of our Commonwealth, as a whole.

5.) The Department shall be innovative in creating these options, coordinating private, non-profit, and public resources, including, but not limited to, suitable consultation with Human Resource professionals, and diverse in all respects of being non-discriminatory.