

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1199**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

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

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*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).**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Vincent Lawrence Dixon*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*60 Lake Street Unit N, Winchester MA  
01890*

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By Mr. Lewis (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1199) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for legislation for a Bridge Employment Training Program (BET). Labor and Workforce Development.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1226 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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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:*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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