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HOUSE . . . . . No. 70

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael S. Day*, (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 proposal for constitutional amendment:

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution for a Constitutional right to employable skills training.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Vincent Lawrence Dixon		*1/17/2025*

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By Representative Day of Stoneham (by request), a petition (accompanied by proposal for constitutional amendment, House, No. 70) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to a Constitutional right to employable skills training. Labor and Workforce Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *39* OF 2023-2024.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution for a Constitutional right to employable skills training.

A majority of all the members elected to the Senate and House of Representatives, in joint session, hereby declares it to be expedient to alter the Constitution by the adoption of the following Article of Amendment, to the end that it may become a part of the Constitution [if similarly agreed to in a joint session of the next General Court and approved by the people at the state election next following]:

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1.) The Constitution of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, is hereby, and thus amended, to provide that:

Each, and every inhabitant of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, has a Right to Employable Skills Training.

2.) The provision of this Right, with equality for all individuals, shall be subject to appropriate legislation by the Great and General Court. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, shall have statutory, and regulatory authority, to accomplish the goals of this Constitutional Amendment.

3.) All legal residents of Massachusetts, shall be eligible for a Constitutional Right to Employable Skills Training, for the purposes of assisting in their degrees of self-sufficiency, in providing sound foundations for the economic health of our people, and Commonwealth, and for the strengthening of our neighborhoods, and communities.

4.) This Right, shall permit up to two (2) years of specific technical, or other employable skills training, in an accredited technical skills program, in such institutions, and their successors, as high schools, regional vocational technical schools, junior colleges, colleges, universities, and accredited for-profit schools. The tuition costs of this training, may be compensated by The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, entirely; and/or partially by other transparent partnership arrangements with employers, and/or other appropriate institutions. At the conclusion of such training, individuals shall be encouraged, and preferably have a bridge to specific employment positions.