

SENATE No. 1350

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 Dixon

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By Mr. Lewis (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1350) of Vincent Dixon, for legislation for a Bridge Employment Training Program (BET). Labor and Workforce Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1199 OF 2023-2024.]

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

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.