

SENATE No. 1371

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 establishing the Workforce Recovery Commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bruce E. Tarr

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex and Middlesex

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1371) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to establish the Workforce Recovery Commission. Labor and Workforce Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1227 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act establishing the Workforce Recovery Commission.

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. There shall be established a Workforce Recovery Commission, the purpose
2 shall be to facilitate the development, retention, and support of a workforce in the
3 commonwealth necessary to continued economic prosperity, inclusion, diversity, and equity in
4 the context of evolving changes attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic and other factors
5 including but not limited to changes in demographics, technology, housing and transportation,
6 and skill and education levels required by employers and those available in the workforce.

7 SECTION 2. The commission shall be chaired by the secretary of labor and workforce
8 development, and consist of 18 additional members appointed by the governor, including two
9 members representing employers in the commonwealth with less than ten employees, two
10 members representing employers with between 10 and 100 employees, two members

11 representing employers with more than 100 employees, 2 members representing institutions of
12 higher learning in the commonwealth, 1 of whom shall represent community colleges, 3
13 members representing organized labor, 3 members with professional experience in human
14 resources, staffing, and recruiting, 3 members representing regional workforce investment boards
15 from geographically diverse regions of the commonwealth, 1 member whom shall be an
16 economist, and 1 member whom shall represent vocational schools in the commonwealth.

17 SECTION 3. The commission shall meet not less than three times per year, provided that
18 its first meeting shall occur not more than ninety days following the passage of this act.