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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mark C. Montigny

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 authorizing the funding of capital expenditures for workforce development and adult basic education..

PETITION OF:

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By Mr. Montigny, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 939) of Montigny for legislation to authorize the funding of capital expenditures for workforce development and adult basic education [Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *701* OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act authorizing the funding of capital expenditures for workforce development and adult basic education..

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. To provide for a capital outlay program to support the capital needs of the adult basic education and workforce development systems so that these systems may better provide training to adults in the commonwealth who lack the skills necessary to obtain gainful employment, the sums set forth in section 2, for the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this act, are hereby made available subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds.

SECTION 2. Department of Labor and Workforce Development 7003-xxxx For the purposes of state financial assistance in the form of competitive loans or grants for the construction, renovation and rental of classroom space used for the purpose of providing vocational training to adults in the commonwealth; for the purchase of computers, software and

11 equipment, and the support services necessary for the use of such materials, used in the provision
12 of vocational training to adults in the commonwealth; and to strengthen the provision of
13 vocational training to adults in the commonwealth; provided, that said grants shall be
14 administered by the department of labor and workforce development, through the commonwealth
15 corporation, and shall be available to public or non-profit agencies that provide training to
16 recipients of TAFDC or who are authorized by the department to accept individual training
17 accounts pursuant to the Workforce Investment Act and that serve a majority of unemployed
18 adults, adults with limited English proficiency or low-wage workers, as that term is used in
19 section 2RR(b)(1)(i) of chapter 29; provided further, that the agencies receiving grants will be
20 selected competitively by the department; provided further, that not less than 20 percent of the
21 grants awarded shall be to agencies that provide training programs which combine adult basic
22 education or English proficiency training with vocational training; and provided further, that
23 preference shall be given to agencies that have demonstrated satisfactory levels of performance
24 as defined and determined by the department, including the placement of workers in living wage
25 jobs, and applications that demonstrate the likelihood of an adequate return on the
26 commonwealth's investment.....$100,000,000

27 Department of Education 7035 - xxxx For the purposes of state financial assistance in the
28 form of competitive loans or grants for the construction, renovation and rental of classroom
29 space used for the purpose of providing educational services to adults in the commonwealth who
30 lack a high school diploma or general equivalency diploma or who lack English proficiency; for
31 the purchase of computers, software, and equipment, and the support services necessary for the
32 use of such materials, used in the provision of educational services to adults in the
33 commonwealth who lack a high school diploma or general equivalency diploma or who lack

34 English proficiency; and to strengthen the provision of educational services to adults in the
35 commonwealth who lack a high school diploma or general equivalency diploma or who lack
36 English proficiency; provided, that said grants shall be administered by the department of
37 education and shall be available to public or non-profit agencies that the department approves to
38 provide adult educational services and who serve a majority of unemployed adults, adults with
39 limited English proficiency or low-wage workers, as that term is used in section 2RR(b)(1)(i) of
40 chapter 29; provided further, that the agencies receiving grants will be selected competitively by
41 the department; provided further, that the department shall work with the commonwealth
42 corporation to create programs that combine adult basic education or English proficiency training
43 with vocational training; and provided further, that preference shall be given to agencies that
44 have demonstrated satisfactory levels of performance as defined and determined by the
45 department, including the placement of workers in living wage jobs, and applications that
46 demonstrate the likelihood of an adequate return on the commonwealth's
47 investment.....$100,000,000

48 SECTION 3. To meet the expenditures necessary to carry out section 2, the
49 state treasurer shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth in
50 an amount to be specified by the governor from time to time, but not exceeding, in the aggregate,
51 $200,000,000. All bonds issued by the commonwealth, as aforesaid, shall be designated on their
52 face, Workforce Development Improvement Loan, Act of 2003, and shall be issued for such
53 maximum terms of years, not exceeding 20 years, as the governor may recommend to the general
54 court pursuant to section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution; provided,
55 however, that all such bonds shall be payable not later than June 30, 2029. All interest and
56 payments on account of principal on such obligations shall be payable from the General Fund.

57 Bonds and interest thereon issued under authority of this section shall, notwithstanding any other
58 provisions of this act, be general obligations of the commonwealth.

59 SECTION 4. The state treasurer may borrow from time to time on the credit
60 of the commonwealth such sums as may be necessary for the purpose of meeting payments
61 authorized by section 2 and may issue and renew from time to time notes of the commonwealth
62 therefor, bearing interest payable at such times and at such rates as shall be fixed by the state
63 treasurer. The notes shall be issued and m ay be renewed one or more times for such terms, not
64 exceeding one year, as the governor may recommend to the general court in accordance with
65 Section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution, but the final maturities of such
66 notes, whether original or renewal, shall not be later than June 30, 2011. Notes and interest
67 thereon issued under the authority of this section, shall be general obligations of the
68 Commonwealth.