

Massachusetts House of Representatives Bill Summary

Bill #:	H.4134
Title:	An Act establishing the city of Cambridge employment and job training trust
Sponsor:	Rep. Decker
Committee:	Municipalities and Regional Government
Hearing Date:	6/10/25
Exec. Summary:	This act establishes a job training trust fund for the city of Cambridge, which would seek to connect Cambridge residents with jobs within the city.
Current Law:	<p>Chapter 2.66 of the Code of Ordinances of Cambridge deals with the Cambridge Employment Plan, which seeks to maintain or increase the current percentage of city jobs held by city residents. While the objectives of 2.66 and H.4134 overlap, the former does not establish a specific entity with delineated powers.</p> <p>Chapter 30B of the MGL deals with the Uniform Procurement Act.</p>
Summary:	<p>Section 1 establishes the Trust and declares its purpose as assisting Cambridge residents in acquiring jobs within the city.</p> <p>Section 2 states that the Trust shall be governed by a Board of five to nine members, to be appointed by the City Manager.</p> <p>Section 3 states that the Board may accept personal property, retain said property, make grants, make loans, offload property, employ and pay agents, exercise legal powers and rights, advocate for its actions, and exercise any other power delineated in the MGL.</p> <p>Section 4 states that all money dedicated to the Trust may be accepted without appropriation.</p> <p>Sections 5 through 7 define the Trust as a public employer, a municipal agency, and a governmental body.</p>

Section 8 exempts the Trust from any tax measured by personal property or income.

Section 9 mandates an annual, independent audit of the Trust.

Section 10 requires the declaration of Trust to be filed with the City Clerk.

Section 11 defines the Trust as a Board of the city but exempts it from the provisions of Chapter 30B of the MGL that concern agreements and conveyances between the Trust and other government instrumentalities.

Section 12 allows the city to require a linkage fee for certain projects.

Section 13 requires the Board to file an annual report to the City Manager detailing its activities.

Notes:

Language approved in January 6, 2025 meeting of the City Council by a vote of 7 yeas to 2 Nays.