

WorkFirst

The WorkFirst Initiative will reform welfare to work and job training programs and create more opportunities for people to move from public assistance to the workforce

Summary

- 1 First, the initiative will look at our current workfare and job training system. It will determine what has been successful and what needs to be improved or eliminated without jeopardizing those who truly need a safety net to survive.
- 2 Secondly, the initiative will examine successful programs in other states that have moved people from public assistance or unemployment back into the workplace.
- 3 Finally, the initiative will focus on closing the skills gap and working with the private sector, community colleges, and universities to develop pipelines of workers for industries identified with the largest needs for skilled workers.



The WorkFirst Initiative is led by Senate President Pro Tempore Marc Pacheco (D-Taunton)



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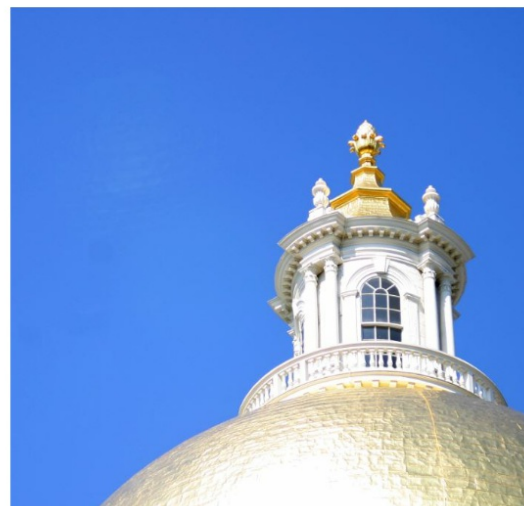
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STATUS



On-Going

RESPONSE

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"A major component of the Senate's plan to boost the state's economy centers around an effort to move more people off the welfare rolls and into the workforce."

-Taunton Daily Gazette

"The goal should be nothing less than restoring Massachusetts to the forefront of successful welfare reform, as it was 20 years ago."

- Daily Hampshire Gazette

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INFOGRAPHICS

Lifting ALL Families!



WorkFirst Initiative

This budget prioritizes investments to connect long term unemployed & underemployed workers with the skills they need to reenter the workforce.