

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1603**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Edward F. Coppinger***

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*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 a youth apprenticeship commission.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Edward F. Coppinger*

*10th Suffolk*

*Paul F. Tucker*

*7th Essex*

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By Mr. Coppinger of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1603) of Edward F. Coppinger and Paul F. Tucker for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to developing a youth apprenticeship program to expand pre-apprenticeship opportunities and training to secondary education students. Labor and Workforce Development.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

An Act establishing a youth apprenticeship 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. Notwithstanding any general or special laws to the contrary, there shall be  
2 established a commission to examine the feasibility of implementing a youth apprenticeship  
3 program in the commonwealth. The commission shall recommend best practices for developing  
4 a youth apprenticeship program in order to expand pre-apprenticeship opportunities and training  
5 to secondary education students. These recommendations may include education requirements,  
6 methods of training and qualification, and employer standards.

7           The commission shall consist of the following members: the house and senate chairs of  
8 the joint committee on labor and workforce development, who shall serve as co-chairs of the  
9 commission; the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on education; 6 people shall be  
10 appointed by the governor; 2 people shall be members of the house of representatives appointed  
11 by the speaker of the house of representatives; 2 people shall be members of the senate appointed

12 by the president of the senate; 1 person shall be a member of the department of education; 1  
13 person shall be a member of the executive office of workforce development; and 1 person shall  
14 be a member of the apprenticeship advisory group.

15           The first meeting of the commission shall convene within 30 days of the effective date of  
16 this act. The commission shall meet not less frequently than quarterly thereafter and shall deliver  
17 a report of its findings and recommended policies or legislation to the joint committee on  
18 education and the joint committee on labor and workforce development.