

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 01774**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.*

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act regarding community access to energy efficiency programs and green jobs.

PETITION OF:

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<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
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<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
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# HOUSE . . . . . No. 01774

By Mr. Carl M. Sciortino of Medford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 01774) of Paul Schmid and others relative to energy efficiency programs and green jobs. Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act regarding community access to energy efficiency programs and green jobs.

*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. Chapter 25 of the General Laws is amended by in Section 21by inserting after  
2 subsection (e) the following new subsections:-

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4 “(f) Energy Efficiency Program Reporting. In implementing its energy efficiency plan, each  
5 electric and natural gas distribution company Program Administrator and any entity that receives  
6 public subsidy and provides energy efficiency services shall, in consultation with the Energy  
7 Efficiency Advisory Council, as defined by section 22 of chapter 25 of the General Laws, and  
8 subject to the approval of the Department of Public Utilities:

9 1. Report the residential and commercial ratepayers and buildings that receive energy  
10 efficiency program benefits to the Department Of Energy Resources. The report shall specify for  
11 each participant the US Census Block Group of the address served; energy efficiency measures

12 provided; program and participant dollars spent per measure; energy savings per measure; and  
13 whether the participant is a renter or owner.

14 2. Not later than January 1, 2012 and every January 1 and July 1 of each year thereafter,  
15 each electric and natural gas distribution company Program Administrator and any entity that  
16 receives public subsidy and provides energy efficiency services shall submit the data identified  
17 in Section (f)(1) to the Department Of Energy Resources.

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19 g. Energy Efficiency Program Database. The Department Of Energy Resources shall  
20 establish and maintain a database to store and manage the data.

21 (h) Statewide Weatherization Goals. The Department Of Energy Resources will establish  
22 statewide goals to weatherize 100% of residential homes and 50% of the businesses in  
23 Massachusetts by 2030 and establish benchmarks for equitable access to energy efficiency  
24 program benefits.

25 1. The Department Of Energy Resources shall establish annual benchmarks for reaching the  
26 statewide goals and providing equitable access to historically harder-to-reach segments,  
27 including, but not limited to, residential rental properties, low and moderate-income homeowners  
28 and renters (those earning up to 120% state median income), communities whose primary  
29 language is not English, and small commercial businesses, which may not be participating at  
30 rates commensurate with the funds that they are paying into the programs as ratepayers.

31 i. Not later than January 1, 2012 and every January 1 of each year thereafter, the  
32 Department Of Energy Resources shall provide a report demonstrating whether energy efficiency

33 programs are reaching ratepayers and buildings equitably, and progress towards reaching the  
34 statewide weatherization goals.

35 2. For purposes of this subsection, weatherize means: the practice of protecting a building  
36 and its interior from sunlight, precipitation, and wind, and of modifying a building to reduce  
37 energy consumption and optimize energy efficiency.

38 3. The Department Of Energy Resources shall promulgate regulations to implement the  
39 requirements of this legislation within twelve months following passage of this legislation.”

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41 SECTION 2. Chapter 23J of the General Laws is amended in Section 10 by inserting after  
42 subsection (iii) the following new subsection:-

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44 “(iv) Funds provided to the Pathways Out Of Poverty Initiative shall be used to:

45 1. Collect data on jobs created and demographic information about who is hired;

46 2. Adopt targeted hiring goals;

47 3. Require inclusion of Responsible Employer language in all state Requests For Proposals  
48 and contracts;

49 4. The Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development and Department Of Energy  
50 Resources shall submit within six months after passage of this legislation, a report to the Energy  
51 Efficiency Advisory Council and Department of Public Utilities, detailing the energy efficiency

52 and green industry workforce development needs in the State. The report shall include  
53 recommended legislation to implement the proposed plan on a long-term basis.

54 5. For purposes of this subsection, a Responsible Employer is: an employer that complies  
55 with all workplace laws and Criminal Offender Record Information requirements, provides fair  
56 wage and benefits levels, properly classifies workers, implements local and targeted hiring  
57 requirements, and abides by comprehensive safety and health plans.

58 6. The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center shall adopt regulations to implement the  
59 requirements of this legislation within twelve months following passage of this legislation.”