

HOUSE No. 1853

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Josh S. Cutler

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 relative to the Department of Unemployment Assistance Advisory Council.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Josh S. Cutler</i> | <i>6th Plymouth</i> | <i>1/6/2023</i> |
| <i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i> | <i>1st Hampshire</i> | <i>1/25/2023</i> |
| <i>Mindy Domb</i> | <i>3rd Hampshire</i> | <i>2/22/2023</i> |
| <i>Vanna Howard</i> | <i>17th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/27/2023</i> |
| <i>Shirley B. Arriaga</i> | <i>8th Hampden</i> | <i>2/28/2023</i> |

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By Representative Cutler of Pembroke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1853) of Josh S. Cutler and others relative to the Department of Unemployment Assistance Advisory Council. Labor and Workforce Development.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to the Department of Unemployment Assistance Advisory Council.

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. Section 9N of chapter 23 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place
3 thereof the following paragraph:-

4 (a) There shall be in the department of unemployment assistance, but not subject to the
5 control of the director of unemployment assistance, a state advisory council of seven members
6 appointed by the governor, including at least 1 member from each list of nominees submitted by
7 the following organizations: the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts
8 AFL-CIO, the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation, and the Retailers Association of
9 Massachusetts. The governor shall from time to time designate one of the members as chairman.
10 Of the members originally appointed, two members shall be chosen for a term of four years, and
11 the remaining members shall be chosen for a term of six years; and thereafter as their terms
12 expire the governor shall appoint members for terms of six years. Vacancies shall be filled by

13 appointment by the governor, with like advice and consent, for the remainder of the unexpired
14 term, except that if the governor fails to fill such vacancy within sixty days after such vacancy
15 exists, such vacancy shall be filled forthwith by a majority vote of all the remaining members of
16 the advisory council for the remainder of the unexpired term. All members shall serve until the
17 qualification of their respective successors. The council shall meet at least six times a year. Each
18 of the members of the council shall receive the sum of one hundred dollars as compensation for
19 each day's attendance at meetings of the council; provided, that the total amount paid hereunder
20 to any such member shall not exceed three thousand dollars in any calendar year. Members of
21 the council shall receive their traveling and other necessary expenses incurred in the performance
22 of their duties. The director of unemployment assistance shall provide for the council suitable
23 meeting quarters and such clerical and other assistance as the council may deem necessary. Said
24 offices and the incumbents thereof shall not be subject to chapter thirty-one and the rules and
25 regulations made thereunder.

26 SECTION 2. Said section 9N of said chapter 23 is hereby further amended by inserting
27 after the last paragraph the following paragraph:-

28 (c) The state advisory council shall be subject to sections 18 through 25, inclusive, of
29 chapter 30A of the general laws.

30 SECTION 3. Section 62 of chapter 151A of the General Laws is hereby amended by
31 striking out, in line 28, the words "commerce and labor", and inserting in place thereof the
32 following words:- labor and workforce development