

HOUSE No. 02870

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Gloria L. Fox

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 relative to investment in a transitional employment program

for hard to employ adults

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
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By Ms. Fox of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2870) of Swan and others relative to investment in a transitional employment program for hard to employ adults
 Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by
- 2 the authority of the same, as follows:
- 3 SECTION 1. Chapter 23H of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after Section 11
- 4 the following:-
- 5 Section 12. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, it shall be the policy of
- 6 the Commonwealth to invest in and equip low-income, hard to place, out of work adults with job
- 7 readiness skills and entry-level career competencies toward securing unsubsidized jobs. The
- 8 Department of Workforce Development shall coordinate with Action for Boston Community
- 9 Development, Inc. (ABCD) on the New Careers transitional employment program, an employer-
- 10 driven, competency-based approach to promoting employment in high-growth industry areas.

11 The Department shall assist ABCD to identify entry-level criteria, career ladders, and meaningful
12 credentials. The ABCD New Careers Program combines skills training case management, paid
13 on-the-job experience, and college coursework in growing career fields that offer opportunities
14 to move up the career ladder, including Early Childhood Education, Community Health Work,
15 Elder Care, Medical Office Technology, and other emerging industries.

16 The Department shall work with ABCD New Careers program to apply a consistent framework
17 across the targeted industry areas, including individual assessment and service planning, “soft
18 skills” job readiness, industry-recognized certifications, college credits toward a career-related
19 degree, paid work experience, integration of classroom training and on-the-job experience,
20 intensive job development, case management, work supports, and wraparound services for the
21 development of the overall family.