

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 365**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Antonio F. D. Cabral***

*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 promoting capital investment in targeted employment areas.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
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By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 365) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others relative to the certification of targeted employment area districts in gateway municipalities. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

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

An Act promoting capital investment in targeted employment areas.

*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 16G of chapter 6A, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after subsection (n) the following subsection:-

3 “(o) Massachusetts EB-5 Authority.

4 (1) Definitions. In this subsection the term ‘TEA districts’ means ‘targeted employment  
5 area’, as defined in 8 C.F.R. 204.6(e).

6 (2) TEA District Designations.

7 (i) The secretary may draw TEA districts, subject to the requirements of this  
8 subsection.

9 (ii) In addition to the authority to draw TEA districts, all TEA district designations  
10 shall be certified by the secretary—

11 (A) in accordance with any federal requirements, including 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(5) and  
12 8 C.F.R. 204.6(i); and

13 (B) upon the recommendation of the secretary of the executive office of labor and  
14 workforce development.

15 (iii) The secretary shall prioritize certification of TEA districts located within a  
16 gateway municipality, as defined in section 3A of chapter 23A.

17 (iv) The TEA district designations, as described in clauses (i) and (ii), shall include—

18 (A) evidence of such designation, including a description of the boundaries of the  
19 geographic or political subdivision; and

20 (B) the method or methods by which the unemployment statistics were obtained.

21 (v) The TEA district designations shall be made available to the public.

22 (3) Authority to Create Regional Center. The secretary may adopt regulations to establish  
23 a regional center, as defined in 8 C.F.R. 204.6(e), and impose administrative charges to fund the  
24 personnel and operating expenses of the regional center. ”.