

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3804**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to diversify the use of the Workforce Training Fund to support the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund.

*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. Subsection (b) of section 2RR of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after paragraph (2) the  
3 following paragraph:-

4           (3) To provide grants for pipeline training for unemployed persons by an employer with a  
5 job vacancy; provided that, the director shall not allocate more than 5 per cent of the annual  
6 capitalization of the fund to provide for such grants. In determining who shall receive the grants,  
7 the director shall contract with the Commonwealth Corporation to distribute the grants in a need-  
8 based, competitive process in accordance with the rules and parameters outlined in section  
9 2WWW of chapter 29. The grants shall be performance based; with 50% paid upon enrollment in  
10 the program, and the balance to be paid contingent on job placement and retention outcomes;  
11 provided that for the purpose of this section, job placement shall mean placement in a training  
12 related position requiring at least 30 hours per week; further, retention outcomes shall mean  
13 placement in said position for at least two months. To further support pipeline training, and to

14 match the substantial contributions made from employers to the fund, the commonwealth shall  
15 match, dollar for dollar, any monies used for grants pursuant to this paragraph.

16 SECTION 2. Section 14L of chapter 151A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
17 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (b) the following subsection:-

18 (c) Not later than March 1 of each year, the commissioner shall file a report in writing  
19 with the joint committee on labor and workforce development and the house and senate  
20 committees on ways and means concerning the collection of the workforce training  
21 contributions, pursuant to subsection (a), during the calendar year ending on the preceding  
22 December 31, which shall include, but not be limited to: (1) the amount collected in each quarter  
23 and the total amount collected for the year; (2) the total number of employers that contributed to  
24 the fund, and the total number of employees employed by this group of employers; and (3) the  
25 contribution rate, to the extent it differs from 0.056 per cent.