

HOUSE No. 39

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael S. Day, (BY REQUEST)

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 proposal for constitutional amendment:

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution, for a Constitutional right to employable skills training.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Vincent L. Dixon</i>	<i>60 Lake St. Unit N Winchester Massachusetts 01890</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>

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By Representative Day of Stoneham (by request), a petition (accompanied by proposal for constitutional amendment, House, No. 39) of Vincent L. Dixon for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to a Constitutional right to employable skills training. Labor and Workforce Development.

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

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A majority of all the members elected to the Senate and House of Representatives, in joint session, hereby declares it to be expedient to alter the Constitution by the adoption of the following Article of Amendment, to the end that it may become a part of the Constitution [if similarly agreed to in a joint session of the next General Court and approved by the people at the state election next following]:

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2 1.) The Constitution of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, is hereby, and thus
3 amended, to provide that:

4 Each, and every inhabitant of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, has a Right to
5 Employable Skills Training.

6 2.) The provision of this Right, with equality for all individuals, shall be subject to
7 appropriate legislation by the Great and General Court. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

8 shall have statutory, and regulatory authority, to accomplish the goals of this Constitutional
9 Amendment.

10 3.) All legal residents of Massachusetts, shall be eligible for a Constitutional Right to
11 Employable Skills Training, for the purposes of assisting in their degrees of self-sufficiency, in
12 providing sound foundations for the economic health of our people, and Commonwealth, and for
13 the strengthening of our neighborhoods, and communities.

14 4.) This Right, shall permit up to two (2) years of specific technical, or other employable
15 skills training, in an accredited technical skills program, in such institutions, and their successors,
16 as high schools, regional vocational technical schools, junior colleges, colleges, universities, and
17 accredited for-profit schools. The tuition costs of this training, may be compensated by The
18 Commonwealth of Massachusetts, entirely; and/or partially by other transparent partnership
19 arrangements with employers, and/or other appropriate institutions. At the conclusion of such
20 training, individuals shall be encouraged, and preferably have a bridge to specific employment
21 positions.