

SENATE No. 1971

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SENATE, Monday, July 20, 2015

The committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies to whom was referred the petition (by resolve, Senate, No. 243) of James T. Welch, Benjamin Swan, Aaron Vega and Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation to establish a special legislative commission on young professionals,- reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 1971).

For the committee,
Donoghue, Eileen M.

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Resolve establishing a special legislative commission on young professionals

1 Resolved, Notwithstanding any general or special laws to the contrary, there shall be a
2 special commission on young professionals established to examine how the commonwealth can
3 better engage, involve and educate young professionals in decisions and policies that affect them
4 and the commonwealth. The commission will examine best practices and policies to retain and
5 attract intellectual capital that will make Massachusetts a place where young professionals want
6 to live, work and play.

7 The commission shall consist of 20 members, 1 of whom shall be the secretary of
8 housing and economic development or a designee, 1 of whom shall be the secretary of labor and
9 workforce development or a designee, 1 of whom shall be the secretary of education or a
10 designee, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the president of the senate; 1 of whom shall be
11 appointed by the minority leader of the senate, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of
12 the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of
13 representatives, and 11 of whom shall be appointed by the governor as representatives of young
14 professionals networks or economic development networks in the commonwealth, including the
15 President of the Greater Lawrence Young Professionals Network or a designee, the President of

16 the Young Professionals Society of Greater Springfield or a designee, the President of the
17 Northampton Area Young Professionals or a designee, the Executive Director of the Cape Cod
18 Young Professionals or a designee, the President of the Young Entrepreneurs of the North Shore,
19 the president of the Bristol Young Professionals Network or a designee, the president of the
20 Greater Lowell Young Professionals Network or a designee, the President of One in Three in
21 Boston or a designee, the President of the United Regional Young Professionals Organization or
22 a designee. When the commission sees fit by a majority vote they may add additional
23 members to the commission as recommended by the Governor.

24 The commission shall elect a chairperson who shall schedule the first meeting of the
25 commission within 30 days of passage of this Act. The commission shall meet not less than
26 quarterly thereafter and shall release a report of final recommendations to the office of the
27 governor and the house and senate committees on ways and means no later than 18 months
28 following the passage of this Act.

29 The special commission may receive and expend grants, gifts, contributions, bequests and
30 in-kind contributions, including volunteer services, from individuals, corporations or other
31 business entities, foundations and state or other government bodies for the purpose of completing
32 its report.