

HOUSE No. 1720

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Gloria L. Fox and Benjamin Swan

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Martin J. Walsh</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>

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By Representatives Fox of Boston and Swan of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1720) of Gloria L. Fox and others relative to investment in a transitional employment program for hard to employ adults. Labor and Workforce Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION

SEE

□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 2870 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to investment in a transitional employment program for hard to employ adults.

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. Chapter 23H of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 Section 11 the following:-

3 Section 12. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, it shall be the
4 policy of the Commonwealth to invest in and equip low-income, hard to place, out of work
5 adults with job readiness skills and entry-level career competencies toward securing
6 unsubsidized jobs. The Department of Workforce Development shall coordinate with Action for
7 Boston Community Development, Inc. (ABCD) on the New Careers transitional employment
8 program, an employer-driven, competency-based approach to promoting employment in high-
9 growth industry areas. The Department shall assist ABCD to identify entry-level criteria, career
10 ladders, and meaningful credentials. The ABCD New Careers Program combines skills training
11 case management, paid on-the-job experience, and college coursework in growing career fields
12 that offer opportunities to move up the career ladder, including Early Childhood Education,
13 Community Health Work, Elder Care, Medical Office Technology, and other emerging
14 industries.

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