# **SENATE** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 1021

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

#### PRESENTED BY:

#### Jason M. Lewis, (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 bill:

An Act for a Bridge Employment Training Program (BET).

#### PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Vincent Lawrence Dixon	60 Lake Street – Unit N Winchester, Mass.
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By Mr. Lewis (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1021) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for legislation for a Bridge Employment Training Program (BET). Labor and Workforce Development.

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court (2017-2018)

An Act for a Bridge Employment Training Program (BET).

*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.	The Massa	chusetts	General	Laws are	hereby	amended	by i	inserting	the

2 following new chapter:

3 An Act for a Bridge Employment Training Program (BET).

4 Whereas, it is in the interests of sound economy, for the individuals, businesses, and

5 organizations of Massachusetts, that well-trained individuals have appropriate skills, and are

6 matched to productive employment. This legislation has been devised, in order to specify, and

7 expand, all reasonable opportunities.

8 1.) The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD), is hereby
9 authorized to develop a Bridge Employment Training Program (BET), for residents of the
10 Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

- 2.) Individuals authorized to participate in this program, shall be individuals determined
   to be employable, and/or who have lost their employment, within six weeks, or more.
   3.) The Department is authorized to devise Independent Employment Training Contracts
   (IETC) to stipulate agreed-upon training programs, for up to two years, with specified
   requirements, which shall be matched with available positions in the Commonwealth, in private,
- 16 non-profit, and/or public employment.
- 17 4.) The Department shall be innovative in creating these options, coordinating private,
- 18 non-profit, and public resources; and diverse in all respects of being non-discriminatory.