

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1226**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Jason M. Lewis, (BY REQUEST)***

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*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).**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Vincent Lawrence Dixon*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*60 Lake Street – Unit N Winchester, Mass.  
01890*

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1226**

By Mr. Lewis (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1226) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for legislation for a Bridge Employment Training Program (BET). Labor and Workforce Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1091 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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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 Massachusetts General Laws are hereby amended by 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  
6 are  
7 matched to productive employment. This legislation has been devised, in order to specify,  
8 and

9 expand, all reasonable opportunities.

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

13 2.) Individuals authorized to participate in this program, shall be individuals determined  
14 to be employable, and/or who have lost their employment, within at least six weeks, or  
15 more.

16 3.) The Department is authorized to devise Independent Employment Training Contracts  
17 (IETC) to stipulate agreed-upon training programs, for up to two years, with specified  
18 requirements, which shall be matched with available positions in the Commonwealth, in  
19 private,  
20 non-profit, and/or public employment.

21 4.) The goal of this bill, is to accomplish, as far as is practicable, that all individuals may  
22 have  
23 access to Employable Skills Training (EST) to improve their economic lives, and the  
24 benefit of  
25 our Commonwealth, as a whole.

26 5.) The Department shall be innovative in creating these options, coordinating private,

- 27 non-profit, and public resources, including, but not limited to, suitable consultation with
- 28 Human
- 29 Resource professionals, and diverse in all respects of being non-discriminatory.