

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

By His Excellency

Edward J. King
Governor

Executive Order No. 185

THE BAY STATE SKILLS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of our Commonwealth and it is the obligation of its Supreme Executive Magistrate to promote the employment opportunities available to our people through the most efficient and effective utilization of our institutions of skills training and education, and;

WHEREAS, there exists in our Commonwealth a great and growing need among organizations concerned with commerce, trades, and manufacturing for individuals with specific skilled and educational backgrounds, and;

WHEREAS, certain financial, informational and developmental resources are required to encourage and enable our institutions of skills training and education to develop and make accessible to our people the programs, courses and activities consistent with this need, and that these resources are not currently available from private and existing public sources, and;

WHEREAS, the provision by the Commonwealth of the resources necessary to encourage the development and increased accessibility of these skills training and educational activities will result in an increase in the opportunities for rewarding employment for our people and provide thereby for increased public revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward J. King, Governor of the Commonwealth, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth do hereby order and direct as follows:

1. There is hereby created a Commission, to be known as the Bay State Skills Commission, to consist of fourteen members. The Commission shall include the Secretary of Manpower Affairs, who shall serve as Chairman, and thirteen individuals appointed by the Governor, who shall serve without compensation, who are knowledgeable in the fields of skills training, business and industry and education. Each member appointed by the Governor shall serve for a term of five years. In the case of members appointed initially hereunder, three shall be appointed for five years, three shall be appointed for four years, three shall be appointed for three years, two shall be appointed for two years, and two shall be appointed for one year. I

2. The Commission shall meet at regular intervals and shall hold hearings and seminars in various parts of the Commonwealth.

3. The Commission may form committees from its own membership, at the discretion of the Chairman, and may call upon task forces from outside its own membership for support, research and recommendations relating to the functions of the Commission.

4. The Commission shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

- A. To cause to have assembled data related to the demand by organizations concerned with commerce, trades and manufacturing for individuals with specific skilled and educational backgrounds and data concerning the activities, capacities and resource requirements of institutions of skills training and education consistent with meeting this demand; and to disseminate the information so collected, in a manner calculated to protect and preserve the legitimate privacy expectations of reporting organizations, in an affirmative program of public information, awareness and career counselling.
- B. To survey and evaluate all statutes of the Commonwealth and all state governmental programs and practices, relating to skills training and education, and to make recommendations to the Governor for such changes as the Commission may deem necessary.
- C. To investigate the need for new and expanded services that may be required to encourage and enable institutions of skills training and education to develop and make accessible to interested individuals, programs, courses, and other activities consistent with the demand for individuals with such backgrounds, including the advisability of programs of matching grants to institutions of skills training and education, scholarship and return service agreement programs to individuals, and other informational and developmental assistance programs, and to make recommendations concerning the same to the Governor.
- D. To facilitate and encourage the support, by organizations concerned with commerce, trades and manufacturing, of institutions of skills training and education in a manner calculated to produce more employment opportunities for our people, and in furtherance thereof to make recommendations to the Governor regarding the advisability of an immediate expenditure of public funds and, if found to be necessary and convenient by the Commission, to cause to be established a private non-profit corporation for the purposes of facilitating such

support.

E. To draft and sponsor legislation to see that the recommendations of the Commission are enacted into law, and to oversee the implementation of such legislation throughout the Commonwealth.

F. To do any and all things necessary or convenient to carry out the purpose or exercise the powers expressly granted in this order.

5. The Commission shall receive the cooperation of all state departments and agencies in carrying out its activities.

Given at the Executive Chamber in
Boston this twenty-fourth day of
September, in the year of our Lord
one thousand nine hundred and eighty
and of the independence of the United
States of America, two hundred and
five.

EDWARD J. KING
GOVERNOR
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of the Commonwealth

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