

SENATE . . . . . No. 144

By Ms. Pollard, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 144) of Sharon M. Pollard, Argeo P. Cellucci, Kevin W. Fitzgerald, Nicholas J. Costello and Gerard D'Amico for legislation to promote the coordination of youth education training and employment services in the Commonwealth. Commerce and Labor.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-one.

AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE COORDINATION OF YOUTH EDUCATION,  
TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

*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. It is hereby found that there exists in the Com-  
2 monwealth certain programs and services to develop the em-  
3 ployability of and to facilitate into employment persons aged  
4 fourteen to twenty-two; that the Governor has endorsed the  
5 Youth Action Plan prepared jointly by the Department of  
6 Manpower Development, State Employment and Training  
7 Council and the Department of Education, Board of Educa-  
8 tion to provide a comprehensive approach to reducing youth  
9 unemployment through education, training, work experience,  
10 supportive services and job placement activities; that the al-  
11 leviation of the youth unemployment problem depends greatly  
12 upon the effective coordination of education, training and em-  
13 ployment services available to support the economic develop-  
14 ment of the Commonwealth.

1 SECTION 2. The Youth Council of the State Employment  
2 and Training Council, The Governor's advisory board on train-  
3 ing and employment related matters, shall be mandated to  
4 coordinate planning and program activity, with and among  
5 agencies of the Commonwealth or its municipalities which are  
6 vested with a youth education, training or employment func-  
7 tion including but not limited to the Department of Manpower

8 Development, the Division of Employment Security, the De-  
9 partment of Education, the Board of Regional Community  
10 Colleges, the Board of Higher Education, the Division of Ap-  
11 prentice Training, the Department of Commerce and Develop-  
12 ment, the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, the Ex-  
13 ecutive Office of Energy Resources, the Executive Office of  
14 Human Services and appropriate agencies within its auspices,  
15 the Executive Office of Educational Affairs and the Division  
16 of Personnel Administration. Each agency shall designate a  
17 liaison person to work with the Youth Council. This individ-  
18 ual shall be empowered to provide all information to the  
19 Youth Council pertaining to its youth education, training and  
20 employment activity. Each agency through its liaison shall  
21 review and respond to the Youth Council recommendations  
22 within a reasonable period of time to be determined by the  
23 Youth Council. The following organizations shall be associate  
24 members of the Youth Council and will have full voting privi-  
25 leges only on matters that pertain to fulfilling the mandate of  
26 this act; the Association of Secondary School Principals, a  
27 representative from the Massachusetts State Labor Council  
28 AFL/CIO, a representative from the Massachusetts Associa-  
29 tion for Public Continuing Adult Education, a representative  
30 from the Massachusetts School Counselors Association, an in-  
31 dividual knowledgeable about job creation incentives, repre-  
32 sentatives from the affected youth themselves, the Board of  
33 Regional Community Colleges, the Department of Commerce  
34 and Development, the Department of Energy Resources, the  
35 Office of Affirmative Action and the Division of Personnel Ad-  
36 ministration.

1 SECTION 3. There shall be a major emphasis placed by the  
2 Youth Council on developing a network of information sys-  
3 tems with the agencies named in this act. This network shall  
4 eventually include participating private industries, municipali-  
5 ties, school districts and regional and community based organ-  
6 izations. The Youth Council shall act in an advisory capacity  
7 in making recommendations concerning streamlining, over-  
8 lapping and/or unnecessary duties performed by any agency  
9 in this act which has to do with the education, training or  
10 employment of youth. It shall be a role of the Youth Council

11 to gather and review policy and program information for the  
12 purpose of assessing current coordination and planning within  
13 and between agencies and to propose recommendations lead-  
14 ing to improvements in the coordination, planning and delivery  
15 of educational, training and employment programs at the state  
16 and local level. The Youth Council shall make recommenda-  
17 tions concerning what labor market areas should have a con-  
18 centration of what types of training programs in relation to  
19 youth unemployment. The recommendations will be made in  
20 the form of a report to the Governor and the General Court  
21 and be made available to the general public through the Sec-  
22 retary of the Commonwealth. The Governor shall inform the  
23 Youth Council of the action he/she has taken with regard  
24 to the recommendations. The Youth Council shall use the  
25 information compiled by the Massachusetts Occupational Co-  
26 ordinating Committee to help with their report, but should  
27 also solicit information from any other appropriate sources  
28 they deem necessary. As an addendum to this report, there  
29 shall be an exhaustive list of state and federal training pro-  
30 grams along with training programs available in the private  
31 sector.

1 SECTION 4. The Great and General Court, building upon the  
2 work of the Special Legislative Commission on Youth Unem-  
3 ployment, shall in the consideration of legislative initiatives,  
4 determine the appropriateness of youth education, training  
5 and employment proposals in accordance with the Youth Ac-  
6 tion Plan and the subsequent recommendations of the Youth  
7 Council.

1 SECTION 5. The Speaker of the House and the Senate Presi-  
2 dent shall appoint a special committee on the Act to Promote  
3 the Coordination of Youth Education, Training and Employ-  
4 ment Services in the Commonwealth.

5 On or before January 1, 1983, the Joint Special Committee  
6 is directed to make a study and issue a report. This report  
7 shall include recommendations concerning the reestablishment  
8 of this chapter. Unless reestablished this chapter shall termi-  
9 nate on the first of July 1983.

