

SENATE No. 1619

By Mr. Walsh, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1619) of Joseph B. Walsh for legislation relative to the establishment of a public works and highways training council. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS TRAINING COUNCIL.

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 General Laws are hereby amended by ad-
2 ding the following new Chapter, Chapter 90F.
3 Chapter 90F. There shall be established a Massachusetts
4 Public Works and Highways Training Council, hereinafter
5 called the council, to consist of the commissioner of public
6 works, Chairman of the Metropolitan District Commission, the
7 director of civil service, the commissioner of public works of
8 the cities of Boston, Worcester, and Springfield, the heads of
9 the Civil Engineering Departments of the University of
10 Massachusetts and the University of Lowell, and/or the
11 designees of all the aforementioned, and five members to be
12 appointed by the governor, two of whom shall be selected from
13 a list of five nominees submitted by the board of directors of
14 the Massachusetts Highway Association. The Chairman of the
15 Council shall be designated from time to time by the the gover-
16 nor. The members appointed by the governor shall serve for
17 terms of two years. Upon expiration of the term of a member,
18 his successor shall be appointed, in the same manner, for a
19 like term.

1 SECTION 2. The council shall conduct such training pro-
2 grams, seminars, long and short courses and meetings as it
3 votes necessary to provide training for the employees of state

4 departments, counties, authorities, cities and towns and other
5 subdivisions of the commonwealth who are engaged in plann-
6 ing, building and maintaining the highways, streets, and
7 sewers, water supply and drainage systems and other public
8 works.

9 These training programs shall be conducted at suitable lo-
10 cations throughout the state that may be made available to,
11 or procured by, the council.

1 SECTION 3. The council is hereby authorized and empowered
2 to receive and expend such funds as may be appropriated by
3 the legislature or cities and towns and other subdivisions of
4 the commonwealth for purposes related to training pro-
5 grams including but not limited to funds for staff salaries and
6 training facilities and materials. The council may receive and
7 expend grants from the federal government and other agen-
8 cies of government and from private sources and may receive
9 and expend appropriate course fees and other income
10 associated with conducting training programs. In addition, the
11 council is hereby authorized to employ an executive director,
12 and such other secretarial or technical assistance as it deems
13 necessary.