

By Mr. Magnani of Framingham, petition of David P. Magnani for legislation to establish a pilot job training program for women committed to the Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Framingham. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-One.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT JOB TRAINING PROGRAM FOR INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The commissioner of correction shall establish a pilot prison
2 industries project or redesign an existing one to provide education,
3 vocational training and opportunities for work experience for
4 incarcerated individuals who have been committed to the custody
5 of the department of correction. Participants shall be paid at the
6 prevailing wage rates for the class of work performed and all
7 products produced shall be offered for sale at their fair market
8 price. Participants may perform their work either in or outside
9 their institutions provided, however, no work shall be performed
10 at a job site which is involved in a labor dispute.

11 Income earned by the participants after appropriate deductions
12 for taxes, and social security, shall be divided as follows: one-third
13 shall be paid to the prisoner; one-third shall be paid to the
14 Commonwealth's victim restitution fund, said determination to
15 be made by the Parole Board, and one-third shall be paid to the
16 Massachusetts Correctional Institution as reimbursement for the
17 cost of incarcerating the participant.

18 This program should apply to prisoners serving a six-month
19 sentence or longer, and implementation of said program must be
20 completed within three years of the date of enrollment.

