

HOUSE No. 5412

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 8, 1991.

The committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 2301) of George J. Bourque, Stephen M. Brewer, Robert J. Rohan, Athan Catjakis, Lida E. Harkins and Thomas G. Palumbo for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the development of a reorganization plan of employment training services for handicapped persons, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2321) of Paul Kollios that the Secretary of Human Services be directed to develop and implement a plan for employment training for persons with disabilities, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5412) ought to pass. [Cost \$1,100,000.00].

For the committee,

PAUL KOLLIOS.

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

**AN ACT TO PROMOTE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING FOR PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES.**

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 secretary of economic affairs, acting through the
2 commissioner of employment and training, and the secretary of
3 human services, acting through the commissioners of mental
4 health, mental retardation, and rehabilitation, is hereby
5 authorized and directed to develop and implement a plan to
6 provide people with disabilities with a full range of employment
7 and training options, including sheltered employment for those
8 persons unable to participate in competitive employment, and
9 supported work or supported employment, for those persons who
10 are able, with coaching and/or training, to work in such
11 competitive employment; provided, however, that persons
12 employed in sheltered workshops who are considered ready to
13 participate in a supported work or supported employment
14 program shall be transitioned into such a program within a
15 reasonable period of time.