

By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 287) of Richard T. Moore, James P. Jajuga, Bruce E. Tarr, Mary Jeanette Murray, Daniel F. Keenan, Robert E. Travaglini and other members of the General Court for legislation to authorize the Board of Education to establish public-private matching funds to assist high school students with on the job training in the school-to-work system. Education, Arts and Humanities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING MATCHING FUNDS TO ASSIST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH ON THE JOB TRAINING IN THE SCHOOL-TO-WORK SYSTEM.

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-F of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 1992 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end
3 thereof the following three paragraphs: —

4 The board is hereby authorized to expend a sum, not exceeding
5 five million dollars in any one academic year, for a public-private
6 partnership to link high school students with economic and
7 learning opportunities on the job as part of the school-to-work
8 transition program.

9 Said funds shall be made available, subject to board approval,
10 as matching grants to regional employment boards or other local
11 recognized public-private partnerships involving local community
12 job commitments and work site learning opportunities for stu-
13 dents, provided, however, that such grants shall require at least a
14 two hundred percent match in wages for such students from pri-
15 vate sector participants.

16 The program shall include, but not be limited to, a provision
17 that those business leaders who commit resources to pay salaries,
18 provide mentoring and instruction on the job and to work closely
19 with teachers and public funds assume the cost of connecting
20 schools and businesses to work with such students to ensure that
21 they serve productively on the job.

