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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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SENATE, August 19, 1999.

The committee on Commerce and Labor, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 294) of Henri S. Rauschenbach, Neil Mello, James Klocke and Stephen F. Lynch for legislation to establish a community college workforce development incentive program, reports the accompanying bill, Senate, No. 1965).

For the committee,

STEPHEN F. LYNCH.

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

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### AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY COLLEGE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

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

1 Chapter 23A is hereby amended by adding the following new  
2 section:—

3 Section . Notwithstanding the provisions of an general or  
4 special law to the contrary, there is hereby established a grant pro-  
5 gram known as the Community College Workforce Development  
6 Incentive Program for the purpose of providing an annual  
7 Incentive Grant to each public community college. Said grant pro-  
8 gram shall be administered by the board of higher education, in  
9 consultation with the department of economic development and  
10 the department of labor and workforce development. The total  
11 amount of said Incentive Grant shall equal two hundred dollars for  
12 every one thousand dollars of eligible revenues; provided how-  
13 ever, that a community college receiving funds pursuant to this  
14 section contracts with a number of Massachusetts employers to  
15 provide vocationally-oriented not-for-credit instruction that  
16 exceeds the number of Massachusetts employers contracted with  
17 in the prior fiscal year.

18 (a) For purposes of this section, eligible revenues shall be  
19 defined as revenues received by a community from the following  
20 sources: — tuition and fees paid by students enrolled in not-for-  
21 credit vocationally-oriented courses, tuition and fees paid by  
22 Massachusetts employers on behalf of employees enrolled in not-  
23 for-credit vocationally-oriented courses, and revenues from  
24 service contracts with Massachusetts employers to provide voca-  
25 tionally-oriented training. Revenues from public or private grants  
26 shall not be considered eligible revenues for purposes of this  
27 section. Incentive Grant funds shall be used to expand not-for-  
28 credit vocationally-oriented course offerings, increase the number

29 of service contracts with Massachusetts employers, and otherwise  
30 promote not-for-credit vocationally-oriented instruction.

31 (b) In addition to funds provided as Incentive Grants, the board  
32 of higher education shall also provide Support Grants from funds  
33 appropriated to the Workforce Development Incentive Program in  
34 the amount of fifty thousand dollars per campus. Support Grants  
35 shall be used to support the cost of an Employer Recruitment  
36 Officer at each campus. Said Officer shall be responsible for  
37 expanding not-for-credit vocationally-oriented course offerings,  
38 increasing the number of service contracts with Massachusetts  
39 employers, and otherwise promoting not-for-credit vocationally-  
40 oriented instruction.

41 (c) No later than October 1, each campus shall submit to the  
42 board of higher education an annual report on not-for-credit voca-  
43 tionally-oriented instruction provided at each campus in the pre-  
44 ceding fiscal year, along with projections for the current fiscal  
45 year. Said report shall detail enrollment levels, revenues received,  
46 sources of revenues, the number of service contracts established  
47 with employers and related information as specified by the board  
48 of higher education.

