

By Mr. Honan of Boston, petition of Thomas M. Menino, Kevin G. Honan and other members of the General Court for legislation to further regulate the distribution of employment services funds. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ALLOCATION OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FUNDS.

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 2 of chapter 18 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after  
3 subsection (i) the following new subsections:—

4 (j) In determining the distribution of funding for the employ-  
5 ment service program among the various service delivery areas,  
6 the commissioner shall give the priority consideration to the  
7 following factors:

8 (1) the percentage of the Commonwealth's caseload of persons  
9 receiving assistance under the Temporary Assistance to Needy  
10 Families ("TANF") program residing in each Service Delivery  
11 Area;

12 (2) the percentage of each Service Delivery Area's TANF  
13 recipients who lack a high school diploma or its equivalent; and

14 (3) the percentage of each Service Delivery Area's TANF  
15 recipients in which English is not the primary language of the  
16 head of the household.

