

By Mrs. Cleven of Chelmsford, petition of Carol C. Cleven, Evelyn G. Chesky, Mary Jane Simmons, Dianne Wilkerson, Marie-Louise Kehoe and Warren E. Tolman for legislation to establish an adult literacy program in the Commonwealth. Education, Arts and Humanities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN ADULT LITERACY EDUCATION FUND.

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. Chapter 10 of the General Laws, as most recently
2 amended by Chapter 121 of the Acts of 1990, is hereby amended
3 by inserting after Section 35J the following section: —

4 Section 35K. There shall be established and set up on the books
5 of the Commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the Adult
6 Literacy Education Fund, for adult literacy programs in the
7 Commonwealth. Said fund shall consist of all revenues received
8 by the Commonwealth under the provisions of section 6G of
9 chapter sixty-two from public and private sources as gifts, grants,
10 and donations to further adult literacy programs, and from the
11 federal government as reimbursements, grants-in-aid or other
12 receipts on account of adult literacy programs.

13 All revenues credited under this section shall remain in said
14 Adult Literacy Education Fund, subject to appropriation, to
15 establish literacy related activities which shall include, but not be
16 limited to, funding adult literacy programs; coordinating literacy
17 activities among various agencies in the state, both public and
18 private; training and certifying literacy instructors; and
19 publicizing the problem of adult literacy in the Commonwealth.
20 The fund shall be expended only for the purposes stated above
21 at the direction of the director of the Commonwealth Literacy
22 Corps. The State Treasurer shall not deposit said revenues in or

23 transfer said revenues to the General Fund or any other than the
24 Adult Literacy Education Fund.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 62 of the General Laws, as most recently
2 amended by Chapter 121 of the Acts of 1990, is hereby amended
3 by inserting after Section 6G the following section: —

4 Section 6H. Every individual who files a separate return and
5 every husband and wife filing a return jointly may voluntarily
6 contribute all or part of any refund to which they are entitled,
7 or may voluntarily add an amount onto any amount due, to be
8 credited to the Adult Literacy Education Fund established
9 pursuant to section thirty-five K of chapter ten.

10 A contribution made under this section may be with respect to
11 any taxable year at any time of filing a return of the tax established
12 by this chapter for such taxable year; provided, however, that the
13 commissioner shall prescribe the manner in which such
14 contribution shall be made on the face of the return required by
15 section five of chapter sixty-two C; and provided, further, that
16 the commissioner shall assure that taxpayers filing any such forms
17 are made clearly aware of their ability to make the contributions
18 provided for by this section.