

HOUSE No. 4453

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 21, 2004.

The committee on Education, Arts and Humanities, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 299) of Mark C. Montigny, Robert M. Koczera, Robert A. Havern, Richard T. Moore and other members of the General Court for legislation to authorize the funding of capital expenditures for workforce development and adult basic education, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 687) of Daniel E. Bosley, Alice K. Wolf and Robert M. Koczera for legislation to establish a commission for adult basic education within the Department of Education, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2936) of Kevin G. Honan and other members of the House that the Commonwealth be authorized to borrow a certain sum of money for the renovation and improvement of classroom facilities for vocational training and adult education services, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4453) ought to pass.

For the committee,

MARIE P. ST. FLEUR.

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In the Year Two Thousand and Four.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION ON ADULT BASIC EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

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

1 There is hereby established a special commission on adult basic
2 education and vocational training. The commission shall consist
3 of 3 members appointed by the president of the Senate, 1 member
4 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, 3 members
5 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, 1
6 member appointed by the minority leader of the House of Repre-
7 sentatives, the commissioner of education, ex officio, or his
8 designee, the secretary of economic development, ex officio, or
9 his designee, the director of workforce development, ex officio, or
10 his designee, the secretary of health and human services, ex
11 officio, or his designee, and 11 members to be appointed by the
12 governor, 2 of whom shall be from the field of adult basic educa-
13 tion, 2 of whom shall be from community based providers, 2 of
14 whom shall be from the business community, 2 of whom shall be
15 selected from recommendations made by the Massachusetts AFL-
16 CIO, 1 of whom shall be from a vocational training program, and
17 2 of whom shall be presidents of community colleges. The com-
18 mission shall examine the state's adult basic education and voca-
19 tional training system and make recommendations to enhance its
20 effectiveness in meeting the needs of under educated residents of
21 the state and limited English proficient residents. The commission
22 shall develop a vision, plan and strategy for the future of adult
23 basic education and vocational training, including but not limited
24 to, ensuring high standards, performance measures and outcomes,
25 and strengthened accountability for all service providers. The
26 commission shall examine funding issues including, but not lim-
27 ited to, ways to address waiting lists issues, and the need for state
28 capital funds for the construction or renovation of space for adult

29 basic education or vocational training, or for the purchase of
30 equipment. The commission shall submit a report and its recom-
31 mendations, if any, together with any drafts of legislation neces-
32 sary to carry such recommendations into effect, by filing the same
33 with the clerk of the House of Representatives on or before
34 November 1, 2004.

