

SENATE NO. 341

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. Section 1-F of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following three paragraph:-
3 The Board is hereby authorized to expend a sum, not exceeding five million dollars in any one
4 academic year, for a public-private partnership to link high school students with economic and
5 learning opportunities on the job as part of the school-to-work transition program.
6 Said funds shall be made available, subject to board approval, as matching grants to regional
7 employment boards or other local recognized public-private partnerships involving local
8 community job commitments and work site learning opportunities for students, provided, however,
9 that such grants shall require at least a two hundred percent match in wages for such students from
10 private sector participants.
11 The program shall include, but not be limited to, a provision that those business leaders who
12 commit resources to pay salaries, provide mentoring and instruction on the job and to work closely

- 13 with teachers and public funds assume the cost of connecting schools and businesses to work with
- 14 such students to ensure that they serve productively on the job.