

SENATE NO. 730

AN ACT RELATIVE TO HIGHER EDUCATION WORKFORCE 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 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, it is hereby declared to be
2 the policy of the commonwealth to encourage state college training opportunities in order to
3 promote workforce development, minimize the shortage of skilled workers and raise economic
4 opportunity through a matching incentive grant program to be known as the state college higher
5 education workforce training incentive program. Subject to appropriation, the board of higher
6 education shall establish guidelines for the distribution of state college higher education workforce
7 training incentive grants; provided, however, that said guidelines shall provide: (i) allowable
8 incentive grant awards which shall not exceed \$200 for every \$1,000 in eligible revenues; (ii)
9 minimum requirements for the level of not-for-credit vocationally-oriented instruction which shall
10 be provided by incentive grant recipients in the fiscal year in which such grant is awarded; provided
11 further that after grant incentives are awarded, an amount not to exceed \$50,000 shall be allocated
12 equally to campuses for the purposes of funding a workforce training coordinator; provided further
13 that for the purposes of this section, eligible revenues shall be defined as revenues received by a
14 state college for one of the following purposes: tuition and fees paid by students enrolled in not-for-
15 credit vocationally-oriented courses; tuition and fees paid by Massachusetts employers on behalf of
16 employees enrolled in not-for-credit vocationally-oriented courses; and revenues from service
17 contracts with Massachusetts employers to provide not for-credit vocationally-oriented training;
18 provided further that revenues from contracts with public agencies, public grants or private gifts

19 shall not be considered eligible revenues for the purposes of this section. Incentive grants shall be
20 expended for the following purposes: to expand not-for-credit vocationally oriented course
21 offerings; to expand not-for-credit vocationally-oriented instruction provided through contracts with
22 Massachusetts employers; and to otherwise promote not-for-credit vocationally-oriented
23 instruction; and provided further that the total aggregate amount of incentive grants awarded by the
24 board shall not exceed \$2,500,000 in any fiscal year.

25 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, it is hereby declared to be
26 the policy of the commonwealth to encourage public university training opportunities in order to
27 promote workforce development, minimize the shortage of skilled workers and raise economic
28 opportunity through a matching incentive grant program to be known as the public university higher
29 education workforce training incentive program. Subject to appropriation, the board of trustees of
30 the university of Massachusetts shall establish guidelines for the distribution of public university
31 higher education workforce training incentive grants; provided, however, that said guidelines shall
32 provide: (i) allowable incentive grant awards which shall not exceed \$200 for every \$1,000 in
33 eligible revenues; (ii) minimum requirements for the level of not-for-credit vocationally-oriented
34 instruction which shall be provided by incentive grant recipients in the fiscal year in which such
35 grant is awarded; provided further that each public university which is eligible for grant awards in a
36 fiscal year shall, subject to appropriation, receive not less than \$50,000 from the total amount
37 appropriated for the incentive program to fund the salary of a workforce training coordinator at each
38 such campus; provided further that for the purposes of this section, eligible revenues shall be
39 defined as revenues received by a public university for one of the following purposes: tuition and
40 fees paid by students enrolled in not-for-credit vocationally-oriented courses; tuition and fees paid
41 by Massachusetts employers on behalf of employees enrolled in not-for-credit vocationally-oriented

42 courses; and revenues from service contracts with Massachusetts employers to provide not for-
43 credit vocationally-oriented training; provided further that revenues from contracts with public
44 agencies, public grants or private gifts shall not be considered eligible revenues for the purposes of
45 this section. Incentive grants shall be expended for the following purposes: to expand not-for-credit
46 vocationally oriented course offerings; to expand not-for-credit vocationally-oriented instruction
47 provided through contracts with Massachusetts employers; and to otherwise promote not-for-credit
48 vocationally-oriented instruction; and provided further that the total aggregate amount of incentive
49 grants awarded by the office of the president shall not exceed \$2,500,000 in any fiscal year.

50 SECTION 3. Each state college and public university campus shall report not later than December
51 31, annually, to the board of higher education or the board of trustees of the university of
52 Massachusetts, and the house and senate committees on ways and means on the level of not-for-
53 credit vocationally-oriented instruction provided in the preceding fiscal year and the anticipated
54 level of such instruction in the current fiscal year. Said report shall detail enrollment levels,
55 revenues received, sources of revenues, the number of service contracts established with
56 Massachusetts employers and such other information as the board of higher education and the board
57 of trustees of the University of Massachusetts may require.

58 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon passage.