Over 81% of people with disabilities are not working according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

You can help change this dreadful situation now!

This legislation will create more employment opportunities for people with disabilities in Massachusetts than any other piece of legislation in the state! The bill will require companies contracting with the Executive Offices of the Commonwealth to commit to hiring people with disabilities and training all employees involved in hiring decisions on the requirements of the ADA.

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Bill Text
An Act to increase the Commonwealth's compliance with federal law meeting requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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

1. SECTION 1. Section 61 of chapter 7 of the General
Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby
amended by adding after subsection (q) the following para-
graphs: -

2. The Executive Office of Administration and Finance,
with input from the disability community, shall develop standards
to identify and recruit with the intent to hire qualified applicants
with disabilities; said standards shall apply to all contractors and
sub-contractors providing goods and services under multi-year
contracts or grants funded by agencies within the Executive Of-
fices of the Commonwealth. Standards shall include a commit-
ment to hiring people with disabilities and training all employees
involved in hiring decisions on the requirements of the Ameri-
cans with Disabilities Act.

3. The Executive Office Administration and Finance shall
report its findings, which shall include the progress made toward
achieving this employment goal by enumerating percentages of
people with disabilities employed by total head count and new
hires at the beginning and end of contract period, to the Clerk of
the House of Representatives; the Clerk of the Senate; the Joint
Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities;
and the Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development
no later than October 31, 2015, and thereafter, no later than Oc-
tober 31 annually.