

# Jobs Creation Commission

## Senator Jarrett T. Barrios, Rep. Alice Wolf

### S. 257 and H. 3763

### Investigative commission

The Jobs Creation Commission would be established to investigate and issue a study related to acquiring and maintaining quality jobs in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The eleven members of the Commission are drawn from diverse backgrounds including state government, academia, labor, unemployed and business. The commission shall report its findings to the legislature by December 31, 2005.

### Key facts on Massachusetts employment

- New England has reported less nonagricultural employment overall than the rest of the United States since 2002
- Massachusetts has lost jobs in government, manufacturing, construction, trade, transportation & utilities, professional & business services, information employment and financial activities since October 2002
- Jobs have grown in the education and health industries which, by October 2002, employed 34.4 thousand people in the Commonwealth



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Boston - Indicators December 2004<sup>1</sup>

### Comparable initiative

In Michigan, the Council for Labor and Economic Growth was recently created by an executive order. Michigan's council has over seventy members who are leaders in labor, business, community colleges, universities, and other organizations. The council will recommend ways to respond to Michigan's changing workforce.

Source: Michigan.gov<sup>2</sup>

For more information, please go to: [www.massjobscreeation.org](http://www.massjobscreeation.org)  
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<sup>1</sup> Available online at <http://www.bos.frb.org/economic/nee/neeitoc.htm>

<sup>2</sup> Michigan.gov (December 7, 2004). "Governor Signs Executive Order Creating Council for Labor and Economic Growth." Michigan: Author. Available online at <http://www.michigan.gov/som/0,1607,7-192--106005--,00.html>