

Amendments from Housing: 55, 60, 120, 143, 148, 189, 208, 230, 270, 275, 278, 279, 280, 281, 325, 327, 401, 403, 428, 468, 471, 482, 483, 488, 499, 523, 550, 577, 579, 581, 612, 637, 759, 792, 798 and 828.

Amendments from Economic Development: 3, 4, 6, 11, 12, 13, 130, 146, 172, 185, 202, 204, 222, 269, 282, 290, 372, 377, 384, 400, 414, 444, 450, 455, 474, 475, 501, 510, 513, 516, 519, 522, 526, 527, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 549, 583, 585, 607, 677, 731, 741, 753, 775, 779, 785, 789, 790, 807, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 818, 839, 844, 845, 852, 859 and 869.

Mr. Murphy of Burlington and others move to amend H. 4600 in section 2, in item 7002-0200, by striking out the figures "\$1,648,127" and inserting in place thereof the figures "\$1,770,497".

And further amend the bill in section 2, in item 7002-0201, by striking out the figures "\$252,850" and inserting in place thereof the figures "\$452,850".

And further amend the bill in section 2, by striking out item 7003-0702 and inserting in place thereof the following item:

7003-0702 For State Service Corps grants to be administered by the Massachusetts Service Alliance; provided, that not less than \$135,000 shall be expended for Just-A-Start Corporation to provide training for entry level employment in the biotech and medical fields for 30 unemployed, underemployed or displaced workers, or persons receiving benefits from transitional aid to families with dependent children; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for the Center for Women and Enterprise; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the North Shore Alliance for Economic Development; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Latino Chamber of Commerce in western Massachusetts \$1,360,000

And further amend the bill in section 2, in item 7004-0099, by adding the following: “; and provided further, that the department shall, on or before September 1, 2010, promulgate regulations clarifying that a household that otherwise qualifies for any preference or priority for state subsidized housing or rental assistance based on homeless or at-risk status shall retain that preference or priority notwithstanding receipt of rental assistance that is intended to be temporary, including, but not limited to, temporary or bridge subsidies provided with state funds”.

And further amend the bill in section 2, by striking out item 7004-0101 and inserting in place thereof the following item:

7004-0101 For certain expenses of the emergency assistance program as follows: (i) contracted family shelters; (ii) transitional housing that may include temporary rental assistance and stabilization services to bridge families to permanent housing at a lesser cost than shelter; (iii) short term housing assistance; and (iv) programs to reduce or prevent homelessness; provided, that eligibility shall be limited to families with income at or below 115 per cent of the 2009 or later-issued higher federal poverty

level; provided, however, that any family whose income exceeds 115 per cent of the federal poverty level while the family is receiving assistance funded by this item shall not become ineligible for assistance due to exceeding the income limit for a period of 6 months from the date that the 115 per cent level was exceeded; provided further, that the department shall establish reasonable requirements for such families to escrow a portion of their income; provided further, that any such escrowed funds shall be exempt from otherwise applicable asset limits; provided further, that the family may withdraw the amount placed in escrow upon transition to permanent housing or losing eligibility for shelter services; provided further, that benefits under this item shall be provided only to residents who are citizens of the United States or aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence or otherwise permanently residing under color of law in the United States; provided further, that the department shall take all steps necessary to enforce regulations to prevent abuse in the emergency assistance program; provided further, that no emergency assistance expenditures shall be paid from this item unless explicitly authorized; provided further, that eligible households shall be placed in shelters as close as possible to their home community unless a household requests otherwise; provided further, that if the closest available placement is not within 20 miles of the household's home community, the household shall be transferred to an appropriate shelter within 20 miles of its home community at the earliest possible date unless the household requests otherwise; provided further, that eligibility for shelter by an otherwise eligible family shall not be impaired by prior receipt of any non-shelter benefit; provided further, that the department shall make every effort to ensure that children receiving services from this item shall continue attending school in the community in which they lived prior to receiving services funded from this item; provided further, that should a family with a child under the age of 4 be placed in a hotel or motel, the department of housing and community development shall ensure that the hotel or motel provides a crib for each child under the age of 4 that meets all state and federal safety codes; provided further, that notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, the department shall immediately provide shelter for up to 30 days to families who appear to be eligible for such shelter based on statements provided by the family and any other information in the possession of the department but who need additional time to obtain any third-party verifications reasonably required by the department; provided further, that shelter benefits received under the preceding proviso shall not render a family ineligible under any regulation providing that a family who previously received shelter is ineligible for shelter benefits for a period of 12 months; provided further, that families receiving such shelter benefits who are found not to be eligible for continuing shelter benefits shall be eligible for aid pending a timely appeal pursuant to chapter 23B of the General Laws; provided further, that the department shall not impose unreasonable requirements for third-party verification and shall accept verifications from the family whenever reasonable; provided further, that in promulgating, amending or rescinding regulations with respect to eligibility or benefits under this program, the department shall take into account the amounts available to

it for expenditure in this item so as not to exceed the amount appropriated in this item; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, 90 days before promulgating any such eligibility or benefit changes, the undersecretary shall file with the house and senate committees on ways and means and with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate a determination by the secretary of the executive office of housing and economic development that available appropriations for the program will be insufficient to meet projected expenses and a report setting forth such proposed changes; provided further, that in fiscal year 2011, no such determination and report shall be filed prior to December 5, 2010; provided further, that all of this item shall be subject to appropriation and, in the event of a deficiency, nothing in this item shall give rise to or shall be construed as giving rise to any enforceable right or entitlement to services in excess of the amounts appropriated by this item; provided further, that the department shall report quarterly to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the emergency assistance family shelter program; provided further, that the report shall contain the same data required in item 4403-2120 of section 2 of chapter 139 of the acts of 2006 and in addition shall include the number of families served with transitional housing or short term housing assistance, the nature of such assistance provided, the average, minimum and maximum cost of such assistance, how many of the families so served required further assistance at a later date, the type of assistance later required and provided, and the current housing stability of each family who received transitional housing or short term housing assistance within the prior 18 months; and provided further, the Department of Housing and Community Development shall notify local school departments of the placement of a family in its district within seven days of placement \$112,910,773

And further amend the bill in section 2, by striking out item 7004-0102 and inserting in place thereof the following item:

7004-0102 For the department of housing and community development; provided, that the department shall, in consultation with the interagency council on housing and homelessness and 3 agencies funded under this item in fiscal year 2010 that provide services in eastern, central and western Massachusetts, respectively, conduct a study and develop recommendations to standardize shelter contract rates across each of said geographic regions to effectively combat the differences in operating requirements across the commonwealth; provided further, that the report shall be provided to the secretary of administration and finance and the chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and means no later than September 30, 2010; provided further, that funds may be expended for the continued operation of the homeless resource center; provided further, that programs that currently provide shelter may renegotiate how they will use their shelter fund, with the agreement of the department and the host cities or towns, to provide alternative services that have proven to be effective including housing first models, transitional housing and diversion away from shelters; and provided further, that funds may be expended for a 16-bed year-round nonprofit men’s shelter program for

the chronically mentally ill homeless that provides individualized case management, including job search assistance..... \$37,643,335

And further amend the bill in section 2, in item 7004-0105, by inserting after the words “out of shelters” the following: “, including hotels and motels,”.

And further amend the bill in section 2, in item 7006-0040, by adding the following: “; and provided further, that the division shall maintain and staff an office in the city of Springfield”.

And further amend the bill in section 2, in item 7007-1000, by striking out the figure “\$2,250,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures “\$2,500,000”.

And further amend the bill, by adding the following section:

SECTION XX. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 5A the following section:-

Section 5A ½. There is hereby established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate trust fund to be known as the Emergency Stockpile Trust Fund for the purpose of effectively facilitating emergency management and pandemic preparedness in accordance with section 5A. The fund shall consist of monies collected from cities, counties and other entities pursuant to this section and any income derived from the investing of amounts credited to the fund. The department shall accept funds provided by municipalities, counties, healthcare facilities and other entities for the purpose of participating in federal contracts under 42 U.S.C. §247d-6b and made available to states under 42 U.S.C. §247d-3a. All monies deposited into the trust fund shall be expended on behalf of the contributing municipalities, counties or healthcare facilities for the purchase of health care products and supplies needed for the purposes set forth in the commonwealth’s comprehensive emergency management plan and made available under contracts accessible to the commonwealth under 42 U.S.C. §247d-3a. All monies deposited into the fund shall be expended exclusively for the purposes set forth in this section.