



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-THREE

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 TO PROVIDE FOR SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS AND FOR CERTAIN OTHER ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purposes, which are forthwith to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2023 and to make certain changes in law, each of which is immediately necessary to carry out those appropriations or to accomplish other important public purposes, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

SECTION 1. To provide for supplementing certain items in the general appropriation act and other appropriation acts for fiscal year 2023, the sums set forth in section 2 are hereby appropriated from the General Fund unless specifically designated otherwise in this act or in those appropriation acts, for the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this act or in those appropriation acts, and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. These sums shall be in addition to any amounts previously appropriated and made available for the purposes of those items. These sums shall be made available through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 2.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Department of Housing and Community Development

7004-0101 Emergency Assistance Family Shelters and Services \$44,938,224

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

7053-1925 School Breakfast Program \$65,000,000

SECTION 2A. To provide for certain unanticipated obligations of the commonwealth, to provide for an alteration of purpose for current appropriations, and to meet certain requirements of law, the sums set forth in this section are hereby appropriated from the General Fund unless specifically designated otherwise in this section, for the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this section, and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. Except as otherwise stated, these sums shall be made available through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Reserves

1599-0924 For a reserve to address the needs of homeless families and individuals; provided, that funding may be expended to supplement school district costs associated with additional student enrollments; provided further, that any such funds distributed to a city, town or regional school district to supplement school district costs associated with additional student enrollments shall be deposited with the treasurer of such city, town, or regional school district and held in a separate account and shall be expended by the school committee of such city, town or regional school district without further appropriation, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary; provided further, that funds in this item shall be distributed in a manner that promotes geographic equity and fairly distributes school burdens and associated funding to communities in which shelter capacity is increased; and provided further, that the secretary of administration and finance may transfer funds from this item to state agencies as defined in section 1 of chapter 29 of the General Laws \$40,061,776

1599-3068 For emergency allotments to households participating in the supplemental nutrition assistance program under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to address food needs and increased food costs; provided, that the emergency allotments shall be up to 40 per cent of the amount needed to bring the monthly benefit up to the applicable maximum monthly allotment for the household size or up to 40 per cent of \$95, whichever is greater \$130,000,000

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Department of Transitional Assistance

4400-1030 For reimbursement to clients who have had their federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program payments stolen through Electronic Benefit Transfer card skimming, card cloning, or other similar fraudulent electronically-based method, during the period of April 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022; provided, that claims for such reimbursement must be

verified by the department and must be reported to the department by June 30, 2023; provided further, that reimbursements shall not exceed the lesser of the amount of benefits stolen from the household, or the amount equal to 2 months of the monthly allotment of the household immediately prior to the date on which the benefits were stolen..... \$2,000,000

SECTION 3. Item 7004-0108 of section 2 of chapter 126 of the acts of 2022 is hereby amended by striking out the word “annually” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- annually; and provided further, that the secretary of housing and economic development may transfer funds between items 7004-0108 and 7004-0101; and provided further, that the secretary of housing and economic development shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 14 days in advance of any such transfer.