

LIFT OUR KIDS

Please Help Lift Kids Out of Deep Poverty

S. 36: An Act to Lift Kids Out of Deep Poverty (Sen. DiDomenico)

H. 102: An Act to Reduce Deep Poverty Among Kids (Rep. Decker)

The bills set a floor for welfare benefits at 50% of the federal poverty level.

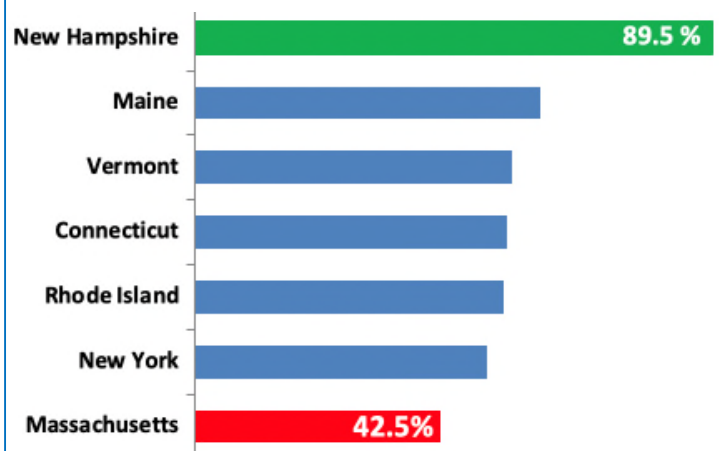
- “Deep poverty” is income below *half* the federal poverty level – \$889 a month for a family of three.
- TAFDC is intended to meet families’ basic needs. But the maximum grant for a family of three is only \$593 a month.

The bills increase TAFDC by 10% a year until grants reach 50% of the federal poverty level.

- The estimated cost of the first TAFDC increase is \$15 million.
- The bill also increases EAEDC (Emergency Aid to Elders, Disabled and Children) benefits at an estimated first year cost of \$7 million.



MA Benefits Meet Lowest Percentage of Housing Costs in New England



Maximum 3-person benefit as percentage of state cost for modest 2-bedroom apartment

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Partial List of Supporting Organizations

Action for Boston Community Development, Inc.
Action Inc.
AFT MA
AIDS Action Committee/Fenway Health
Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs
Amherst Survival Center
ARISE for Social Justice
Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence (ATASK)
Association of Haitian Women (AFAB)
Berkshire Community Diaper Project
Boston Area Rape Crisis Center
Brazilian Women's Group
Brookview House, Inc.
Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee
Cape Cod Children's Place
Casa Myrna
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Boston
Central West Justice Center
Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race & Justice
Children's HealthWatch
Children's Law Center of Massachusetts
Chinese Progressive Association
City Mission Boston
Coalition for Social Justice
Community Action Agency of Somerville, Inc.
Community Action Pioneer Valley
De Novo
Cradles to Crayons
Domestic Violence Action Committee in Needham
DOVE
Economic Mobility Pathways (EMPath)
Elizabeth Freeman Center, Inc.
Greater Boston Food Bank
Greater Boston Legal Services
Heading Home, Inc.
Health Care for All
Homes for Families
HomeStart, Inc.
Horizons for Homeless Children
Immigrant Service Providers Group/Health, Somerville
Jane Doe Inc.
Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action (JALSA)
Jewish Community Relations Council
Jewish Family and Children's Service
Justice Center of Southeast MA
Lawrence Community Works
League of Women Voters of Massachusetts
Lynn Economic Opportunity, Inc.
Mass. Association of Early Education & Care (MADCA)
Mass. Association for Community Action (MassCAP)
Massachusetts Community Action Network
Mass. Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy (MIRA) Coalition
Massachusetts Advocates for Children
Massachusetts AFL-CIO
Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers
Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless
Massachusetts Jobs With Justice
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
Massachusetts Teachers Association
Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee
Metrowest Legal Services
MLPB
NARAL Pro Choice Massachusetts
National Association of Social Workers, Mass. Chapter
New England Jewish Labor Committee
North Shore Postpartum Help
Northeast Justice Center
Northeastern University School of Law Clinics
One Family, Inc.
Open Pantry Community Services Inc.
Parenting Journey
Pathways for Children
Poor People's United Fund
Progressive Massachusetts
Project Bread
Project Hope
REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, Inc.
Roca
Rosie's Place
SEIU 32BJ Local 615
Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston
Somerville Homeless Coalition
Springfield No One Leaves
Springfield Partners for Community Action
Stavros
StreetCred
The Home for Little Wanderers
Transition House
UAW Region 9A Mass. State CAP Council
Union of Minority Neighborhoods
United Way Mass. Bay and Merrimack Valley
Vietnamese American Community of Massachusetts
Witnesses to Hunger, Boston
Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts
Worcester County Food Bank
Worcester Food Policy Council



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