



MASSACHUSETTS COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

Please Cosponsor and Actively Support
These FY'18 Senate Budget Amendments



Committed to ensuring that everyone has a place to call home.

- Further increase funding to serve **unaccompanied youth and young adults experiencing homelessness (line item 4000-0007)** to \$4 million; amendment to be filed by Senator Jason Lewis
- Support the work of the **Commission on Unaccompanied Homeless Youth** by reestablishing language and providing \$150,000 in funding through the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (**line item, 4000-0300**); amendment to be filed by Senator Julian Cyr
- Eliminate the homelessness penalty in the **Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, and Children program (EAEDC, line item 4408-1000)**; amendment to be filed by Senator Thomas McGee
- Further increase funding for the **Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (line item 7004-9024)** to \$120 million and allow participants to use the subsidies in units at the current fair market rents; amendment to be filed by Senator Joe Boncore
- Strengthen tracking and reporting requirements for the **Emergency Assistance family shelter program (line item 7004-0101)** to better understand who is served/not served by the EA program, and to allow families to retain EA benefits without triggering the 6-month time clock if they exceed the program's income limit of 115% of the federal poverty guidelines for fewer than 90 days; amendment to be filed by Senator Jason Lewis
- Allow families that are in compliance with their rehousing plans to renew their **HomeBASE (line item 7004-0108)** subsidies for an additional 12 months and further increase HomeBASE funding; amendment to be filed by Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz
- Eliminate the family cap rule in the **Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children program (TAFDC, line item 4403-2000)**; amendment to be filed by Senator Joan Lovely

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