

# 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.

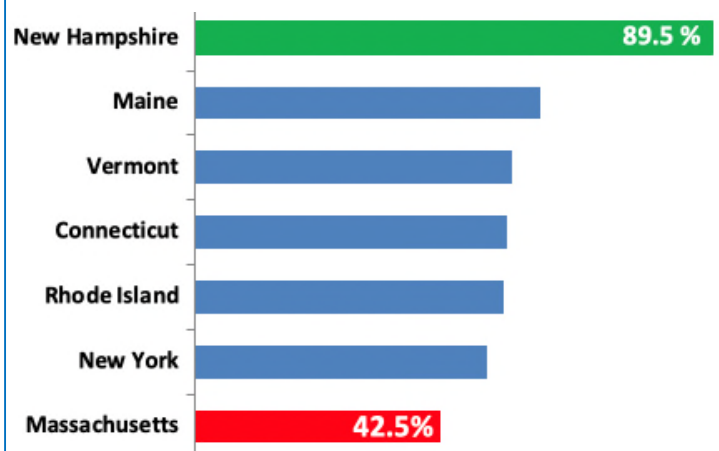
- “Deep poverty” is income below *half* the federal poverty level – \$889 a month for a family of three.
- TAFDC is intended to meet families’ basic needs. But the maximum grant for a family of three is only \$593 a month.



### 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 Our Region



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

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## Supporting Organizations

Action for Boston Community Development, Inc.  
Action Inc.  
AFT MA  
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  
Bethany Hill Place  
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  
Cradles to Crayons  
Crossroads Family Center  
De Novo Center for Justice and Healing  
Domestic Violence Action Committee in Needham  
DOVE  
Economic Development Council of Western Massachusetts  
Economic Mobility Pathways (EMPath)  
Elizabeth Freeman Center, Inc.  
Fenway Health/AIDS Action Committee  
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  
Justice Resource Institute  
JVS Boston  
Lawrence Community Works  
League of Women Voters of Massachusetts  
Lynn Economic Opportunity, Inc.  
Massachusetts Advocates for Children  
Massachusetts AFL-CIO  
Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS)  
Massachusetts Association for Community Action (MassCAP)  
Massachusetts Association of Early Education & Care (MADCA)  
Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless  
Massachusetts Community Action Network  
Massachusetts Head Start Association  
Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy (MIRA) Coalition  
Massachusetts Jobs With Justice  
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute  
Massachusetts Nurses Association  
Massachusetts School Nurse Organization, Inc.  
Massachusetts Teachers Association  
Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee  
Merrimack Valley Project  
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  
On Solid Ground Coalition  
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  
St. Mary's Center for Women and Children  
Stavros  
StreetCred  
The Home for Little Wanderers  
The Neighborhood Developers  
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  
Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness  
Witnesses to Hunger, Boston  
Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts  
Worcester County Food Bank  
Worcester Food Policy Council



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