



Massachusetts is making progress in eliminating motel use and reducing family homelessness. The following amendments will provide critical tools, resources, and data to further our commitment to ensure all children have a place to call home.

MRVP (7004-9024)

- [#382](#) MRVP Improvements sponsored by Representative Connolly allows for a data management system, increases the rent cap, requires timely distribution of vouchers, and allows prior appropriations to be continued.
- [#780](#) MRVP by Representative Donato increases funding for MRVP to \$120M.

Emergency Assistance Data and Income (7004-0101)

- [#344](#) EA Technical Amendment Data and Income sponsored by Representative Vega will increase reporting requirements and not apply the 6 month clock unless families sustain an income above 115% for a period of 90 days.

HomeBASE (7004-0108)

- [#1045](#) HomeBASE sponsored by Representative Barber will allow for HomeBASE renewals, reduce the 24 month bar to 12 months, remove the funding cap for HomeBASE expansion, allow forward funding, and increase funding to \$35M.

In addition, we urge consideration of the following amendments:

- [#85](#) by Rep. Decker to allow otherwise eligible families to be placed in shelter when they are otherwise heading to stay in a place not meant for human habitation, not just after they have stayed there.
- [#79](#) by Rep. Decker to lift the cap on kids and eliminate a policy which denies welfare benefits to children conceived while -or soon after -the family received benefits.
- [#531](#) by Rep. Rushing to increase funding for the Tenancy Preservation Program.
- [#152](#) by Rep. Vega to fund playspaces in family shelter programs.
- 1. [#858](#) by Rep. Wagner to establish the \$4 million Learn to Earn program.