

HOUSE No. 4014

Section 113 contained in the engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2022 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements (see House, No. 4002), which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment (for message see Attachment N of House, No. 4019). July 22, 2021.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act providing operating assistance to regional transit authorities.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith operating assistance to regional transit authorities, 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:

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, for fiscal year
2 2022, \$94,000,000 of the amount transferred in item 1595-6370 of section 2E of chapter 24 of
3 the acts of 2021 shall be considered operating assistance and distributed to regional transit
4 authorities; provided, however, that for fiscal year 2022, \$90,500,000 shall be distributed based
5 on fiscal year 2021 distributions, in accordance with the fiscal year 2020 bilateral memorandum
6 of understanding between each regional transit authority and the Massachusetts Department of
7 Transportation; provided further, that each regional transit authority shall receive operating
8 assistance from said item 1595-6370 of said section 2E of said chapter 24 of not less than the

9 amount received in fiscal year 2021; and provided further, that \$3,500,000 shall be distributed to
10 each regional transit authority based on the following formula: 60 per cent based on total transit
11 ridership as reported on the most recent certified national transit data base report, 30 per cent
12 based on population of its member communities from the most recent census, and 10 per cent
13 based on service coverage area determined by the total square miles of its member communities.
14 The department may require each regional transit authority to provide data on ridership,
15 customer service and satisfaction, asset management and financial performance, including
16 farebox recovery, and shall compile collected data into a report on the performance of regional
17 transit authorities and each authority's progress towards meeting the performance metrics
18 established in each memorandum of understanding.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of July 1, 2021.