

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

House of Representatives,

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the

Engrossed Bill providing operating assistance to regional transit authorities (see House, No. 4014) being section 113 contained in the 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 was returned by His Excellency the Governor pursuant to Article LVI with recommendation of amendment specified by him, (see Attachment N of House, No. 4019)

Reports recommending that the amendment recommended by His Excellency, the Governor, be considered in the following form:

By striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

“SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2022, of the \$90,500,000 transferred in item 1595-6370 of section 2E of chapter 24 of the acts of 2021, \$87,000,000 shall be considered operating assistance and distributed to regional transit authorities as determined by a formula that is based upon clearly established metrics and principles and that has been agreed to by each regional transit authority and approved by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, hereinafter referred to as the department. The operating assistance distributed shall be spent to advance the goals and targets as agreed to in an updated FY22 Bilateral Memoranda of Understanding, which shall also consider each regional transit authority’s comprehensive regional transit plan, and shall be entered into by each regional transit authority and the department. Of the amount to be distributed under said item 1595-6370

of said section 2E of said chapter 24, \$3,500,000 shall be distributed as performance grants to regional transit authorities. The performance grants shall be distributed to regional transit authorities that best demonstrate compliance with, or a commitment to, the service decisions, quality of service and environmental sustainability recommendations from the report of the task force on regional transit authority performance and funding established pursuant to section 72 of chapter 154 of the acts of 2018. The department may require each regional transit authority to provide data on ridership, customer service and satisfaction, asset management and financial performance, including farebox recovery, and shall compile any collected data into a report on the performance of regional transit authorities and each authority's progress toward meeting the performance metrics established in the memorandum of understanding. The report shall be filed with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the senate and house committees on ways and means and the joint committee on transportation not later than December 31, 2021.

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

And that when so amended the same will be correctly drawn.

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For the Committee.