

HOUSE No. 4293

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 9, 2018.

The committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2796) of Marjorie C. Decker and others relative to providing child care assistance to homeless families, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4293) ought to pass.

For the committee,

KAY KHAN.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act providing immediate child care assistance to homeless families.

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. Chapter 15D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

3 Section 19. (a) A family placed in temporary emergency assistance shelter, domestic
4 violence shelter, substance abuse and recovery shelter or non-emergency assistance shelter and
5 receiving TAFDC assistance from the department of transitional assistance shall be eligible for
6 the department of early education and care’s homeless child care assistance vouchers when the
7 family first arrives at the shelter and at any time the family chooses while residing in the shelter.

8 (b) A family receiving TAFDC assistance and living in a any type of shelter shall be
9 eligible for a full-time child care referral from the department of transitional assistance.

10 (c) A letter verifying shelter residency will qualify a family receiving TAFDC assistance
11 for a full-time childcare referral from the department of transitional assistance.

12 (d) The initial voucher shall be written for no less than 12 months.

13 SECTION 2. The department shall adopt regulations or policies for the administration of
14 this act within 90 days of the effective date of this act.