

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4887**

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Section 63 contained in the engrossed Bill relative to economic development in the Commonwealth (see House, No. 4732, amended), which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment (for message, see Attachment C of House, No. 4889). August 13, 2018.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act providing for a special legislative commission to study certain joint support programs.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide for a special legislative commission to study certain joint support programs, 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           (a) There shall be a special commission, governed by section 2A of chapter 4 of the  
2 General Laws, to study data related to programs that provide joint support for stable housing and  
3 to increase economic self-sufficiency. The commission shall examine various program  
4 components, program outcomes including changes in earned income, education and state and  
5 federally funded services and the feedback of participants and those not enrolled in programs, for  
6 the purpose of producing a report with recommendations for criteria for economic mobility and  
7 financial stability programs for families and individuals with extremely low incomes, as defined  
8 by the federal United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, that may be  
9 offered across the commonwealth. The commission shall examine the impacts of cliff effects on

10 households with low incomes and determine ways to adjust assistance in response to changes in  
11 income, including automatic adjustments tied to minimum wage increases.

12 (b) The commission shall be chaired by the house and senate chairs of the joint  
13 committee on children, families and persons with disabilities. The commission shall consist of,  
14 but shall not be limited to, the following members or their designees: the secretary of  
15 administration and finance; secretary of education; the secretary of labor and workforce  
16 development; the undersecretary of housing and economic development, the commissioner of  
17 transitional assistance; the president of the senate; the speaker of the house of representatives; the  
18 senate and house chairs of the joint committee on housing; the senate and house chairs of the  
19 joint committee on labor and workforce development; and 1 representative of each of the  
20 following organizations: Abt Associates; Cambridge housing authority; Central Massachusetts  
21 Housing Alliance; Citizens' Housing and Planning Association, Inc.; Compass Collaborative;  
22 CONNECT; Economic Mobility Pathways, Inc.; Father Bill's & MainSpring; Franklin County  
23 Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority; Homes for Families, Inc.; Housing Assistance  
24 Corporation; Local Initiatives Support Corporation; Massachusetts Chapter of the National  
25 Association of Housing and Redevelopment Organizations; Massachusetts Association for  
26 Community Action; Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless; Massachusetts Law Reform  
27 Institute, Inc.; Massachusetts Union of Public Housing Tenants, Inc.; Metro Housing Boston;  
28 MIDAS Collaborative, Inc.; Regional Housing Network of Massachusetts, Inc.; United Way of  
29 Massachusetts Bay, Inc.; United Way of Merrimack Valley, Inc.; the University of  
30 Massachusetts center for social policy; Way Finders; and People Acting in Community  
31 Endeavors, Inc.

32           (c) The commission shall file a report of its findings and recommendations, together with  
33 drafts of legislation necessary to carry out the recommendations, with the clerks of the the house  
34 of representatives and senate, the house and senate and chairs of the joint committee on housing  
35 and the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than December 31, 2019.