

HOUSE No. 5066

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, October 22, 2020.

The committee on Labor and Workforce Development to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5064) of Stephan Hay and others for legislation to establish a minimum unemployment weekly benefit amount during a public health emergency, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5066) ought to pass.

For the committee,

STEPHAN HAY.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to additional unemployment benefits for the neediest recipients currently excluded from the Lost Wages Assistance program.

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 provision of chapter 151A of the General Laws to
2 the contrary, for the period of the week ending August 1st, 2020 through the week ending
3 September 5, 2020, any claimant receiving unemployment benefits in an amount less than \$100
4 per week, including the dependency allowance payable under section 29(c) of chapter 151A,
5 shall be deemed eligible to receive a weekly benefit amount of \$100 per week during this period,
6 which amount shall include the dependency allowance payable under said section 29(c).

7 A final report on the number of redeterminations under this section, and the additional
8 lost wages assistance funds received for each week of the covered period shall be sent to the
9 Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development and the House and Senate Committees
10 on Ways and Means.