

HOUSE No. 5187

Section 104 contained in the engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2021 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. 5164), which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment (for message, see Attachment K of House, No. 5190). December 14, 2020.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act establishing a federal coronavirus relief funds website.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a federal coronavirus relief funds website, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and 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) The executive office of administration and finance, in consultation with the office of
- 2 the comptroller, shall develop and operate a publicly accessible and searchable website to
- 3 provide reporting on expenditures made by the commonwealth from funds received through the
- 4 Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020, Public Law
- 5 116-123, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, Public Law 116-127, the Coronavirus
- 6 Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Public Law 116-136, Public Law 116-147 and any
- 7 additional federal funds committed to the commonwealth to provide financial assistance in
- 8 response to the novel coronavirus and aid in ongoing public health, community and economic

9 recovery efforts, including, but not limited to, funds appropriated to the federal coronavirus relief
10 trust fund under section 2JJJJ of chapter 29 of the General Laws.

11 The website shall be updated weekly and shall: (i) allow users to search electronically by
12 field in a single search: (A) aggregated data by federal program; (B) category of spending; and
13 (C) recipient; (ii) allow users to download information yielded by a search; and (iii) where
14 possible, contain graphical representations of the data and a hyperlink to the actual grants issued.

15 (b) The website shall provide a breakdown of: (i) all federal grants and direct funds
16 committed to the commonwealth, an independent agency, a quasi-independent agency, including,
17 but not limited to, a regional transit authority, a county or a municipality; (ii) amounts of federal
18 grants and direct funds committed to the commonwealth, by federal program and administering
19 state agency; (iii) amounts of federal reimbursements for state expenditures received through
20 enhanced federal medical assistance percentage, reimbursements provided by the federal
21 emergency management agency due to a national emergency declaration or other federal
22 reimbursements related to the novel coronavirus; (iv) expenditures, for each federal program, by
23 category of spending, purpose of expenditure, date of expenditure and recipient; (v) committed
24 expenditures not yet made for each federal program, by category of spending, purpose of planned
25 expenditure, date of planned expenditure and recipient; (vi) current balance of funds not yet
26 expended and balance of funds not yet committed to be expended for each federal program; (vii)
27 planned use of available funding not yet committed for expenditure for each federal program, by
28 category of spending and purpose of expenditure.

29 (c) To the maximum extent possible, the website shall be supported by federal relief
30 funds received through sources identified in subsection (a).

31 (d) The secretary of administration and finance shall implement this act not later than
32 February 1, 2021.