

HOUSE No. 5189

Section 110 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 L [as it relates to Section 110] of House, No. 5190). December 14, 2020.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act providing for a department of children and families school attendance report.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for a department of children and families school attendance report, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety, 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 Not later than January 15, 2021, the department of children and families, in coordination
2 with the department of elementary and secondary education, where applicable, shall report on
3 statewide efforts taken since March 16, 2020 to monitor student attendance for children with
4 active cases at the department of children and families, whether school participation is virtual, in-
5 person, or a hybrid thereof, and shall report on any steps taken, or barriers to, ensuring active
6 coordination between said agencies for the purpose of monitoring student attendance and
7 meaningful school engagement with families who have active cases at the department of children
8 and families.