

Joint Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries

Bill Summary

Bill Number:	H.129
Title:	An Act relative to the healthy incentives program
Sponsor:	Representative Jones of North Reading
Cosponsors:	Representatives Ferguson of Holden, Frost of Auburn, Smola of Warren, Gallagher of Bridgewater, Kane of Shrewsbury, and Pease of Westfield; Senator Eldridge
Hearing Date:	Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 10:00 PM - 01:00 PM, B-1
Reporting Date:	Saturday, November 15th, 2025
Similar Matters:	None

Prior History

2023-2024: Filed as H.185; Referred to the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities; Discharged to Joint Committee on Agriculture; Reported favorably to the House Committee on Ways and Means where no further action was taken.

2021-2022: Filed as H.233; Referred to the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities; Accompanied study order H.4906.

Current Law

None

Summary

This bill directs the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) and the Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) to choose a state-wide organization to conduct a survey regarding the Healthy Incentive Program (HIP) to ensure the program is meeting the needs of its users and farmers. The survey would be given to participants and non-participants of the program. The survey would collect information including the knowledge that both participants and non-participants have about the program including the frequency with which participants utilize the program, how and where participants learned about the program, any barriers that both participants and non participants experience when trying to utilize the program and feedback regarding their experiences with the program. The study would also inform future outreach efforts for the program. The commissioners of DTA and MDAR will ensure the study is conducted and make the data available on their public websites.