The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

House of Representatives,

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the

Engrossed Bill relative to eligibility for transitional aid to families with dependent children (see House, No. 4012), being section 67 contained in the bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2022 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. 4002) , which was returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment specified by him (for message see Attachment L of House, No. 4019),

Reports recommending that the amendment recommended by His Excellency, the Governor, be considered in the following form:

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Section 110 of chapter 5 of the acts of 1995 is hereby amended by striking out subsection (b), as appearing in section 62 of chapter 41 of the acts of 2019, and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

(b) A family shall be eligible for assistance if its countable resources do not exceed $5000 and they meet all other eligibility criteria; provided, that 1 vehicle shall not count toward the family's countable resources; and provided further, that an assistance unit shall be allowed the value and balance of a college savings plan for a child established and maintained pursuant to, or consistent with, section 519 of the Internal Revenue Code; provided further,

recipients who increase their countable resources above $5000 while receiving benefits shall continue to be eligible for benefits if all other eligibility criteria continue to be met.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of July 1, 2021."

And that when so amended the same will be correctly drawn.

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For the Committee.