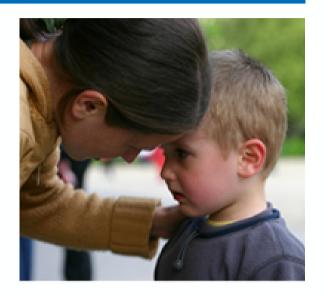


Please Co-Sponsor an Act to Lift Kids Out of Deep Poverty

Rep. Decker & Sen. DiDomenico HB 144 / SB 75

This bill sets a floor for cash assistance benefits at 50% of the federal poverty level.

- Cash assistance grants are only \$783/month for a family of three.
- This is still far below the Deep Poverty level (half the federal poverty level) of \$1,036/month for a family of three.
- The bill raises the maximum grants for TAFDC (families) and EAEDC (elders and persons with disabilities) by 25% a year until they reach Deep Poverty and then increases grants each year to keep pace with inflation.



"Toward the end of the month, there will be days I don't eat to make sure [my son] eats, because that's my son. I have to make sure that he has."

- T.F., parent

Deep Poverty Hurts Kids

Health and emotional damage · Impaired school performance Toxic stress · Homelessness & housing instability

HELP END DEEP POVERTY THIS SESSION

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(ATASK)

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Massachusetts Association for Mental Health

Massachusetts Chapter of the American

Academy of Pediatrics

Massachusetts Chapter of the National

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