

## Anti-Hunger/Anti-Poverty FY26 House Budget Amendments

April 2025 (All House amendments filed available [HERE](#)).

SNAP Coalition members have identified the following amendments as budget priorities. See also [MLRI chart](#) for current bills related to these budget amendments. (House bill co-sponsors are often willing to sign onto a related budget amendment).

Food Security Amendments				
Amendt #	Line item(s)	Title/Description/Fact Sheets	Lead Sponsor	Contacts
#390	4400-1031	<i>Restoring Stolen SNAP Benefits</i> : Seeks \$10M in funding to provide reimbursement to clients who have/had SNAP benefits stolen and not replaced. <a href="#">Fact sheet here</a> .	Kerans	MLRI - Vicky Negus, Betsy Gwin, Deborah Harris
#172	Outside section	<i>Maximizing Participation and Customer Service in Federal Nutrition Programs</i> : Through outside section language, this amendment would require EOHHS to report to MA Legislature the funding needed for DTA workforce/IT to support SNAP program and maximize SNAP participation.	Arena-DeRosa	MLRI - Pat Baker
#920	7066-XXXX (new line item)	<i>Hunger Free Campus Initiative</i> : Seeks \$2M funding for 2 & 4 year public colleges to continue hunger free campus initiatives, to be funded through the Fair Share funds.	Vargas	Hunger Free Campus Coalition: GBFB - Kate Adams; MLRI - Pat Baker
#20	4400-1004	<i>Healthy Incentives Program</i> : Seeks \$5M in funding (over HWM budget) to increase restore HIP benefits budget to \$25M - same appropriation as in FY24).	Kane	Mass Food Systems Collaborative - Becca Miller
#385	4400-1001	<i>Food Source Hotline</i> : Seeks \$300K additional funding (over HWM budget) to maintain level funding received in FY25 and increase SNAP participation	Barber	Project Bread - Leran Minc and Selecca Bulgar-Medina
#1314	2511-0100	<i>MA Food Trust Program</i> : Seeks to restore \$200K funding (over HWM \$100K) to support healthy food access in low-income communities and aid local businesses.	Donohue	MA Public Health Alliance

#173	Outside section	<i>Compensation for WIC Advisory Board Participants:</i> Seeks compensation for WIC program participants who serve on WIC advisory boards.	Arena-DeRosa	
<b>Economic Security Amendments</b>				
#1445	4403-2000 (TAFDC) 4408-1000 (EAEDC)	<i>Lift Kids Out of Deep Poverty:</i> Seeks funding to provide a 10% grant increase (effective 10/1/25) for DTA cash assistance benefits - TAFDC and EAEDC. Funding sought: \$30.7M TAFDC, \$15.3M EAEDC. <a href="#">Fact sheet here.</a>	Decker	MLRI - Deborah Harris, Betsy Gwin, Tasmiah Ahmad GBLS - Naomi Meyer
#1537	1596-2411	<i>Income-Eligible Child Care:</i> Seeks \$10M additional funding (over HWM budget) to reduce the Income-Eligible Child Care Waitlist from \$15 million to \$25 million to allow approx 1,500 more children to receive affordable child care over the next year.	Mendes	Common Start Coalition, Naomi Meyer, GBLS
#705	3000-5000	<i>Head Start State Supplemental Grant:</i> Seeks an additional \$1.5M increase (over HWM budget) for state supplemental funding to help support and protect programs that provide high quality care to some of the state's lowest-income, highest-need children.	Worrell	Common Start Coalition, Naomi Meyer, GBLS
#1205	1201-0100	<i>Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA):</i> Restores \$1.5M in funding to help keep VITA sites fully staffed and open longer hours so that more families can access these free vital tax services.	Blais	Children's HealthWatch - Charlotte Bruce, and MassCAP
#467	4409-1979	<i>Cliff Effect Bridge to Prosperity Pilot Program:</i> Seeks \$150K in funding to address "cliff effects" (loss of public benefits due to earnings) under the Bridge to Prosperity Pilot.	Duffy	FBWM - Laura Sylvester
#1602	1595-6370	<i>Sustaining Microtransit:</i> Seeks \$6M additional funding (\$10M earmark in line item) to support expanded mobility options for older adults, people with disabilities and low-income individuals through the Community Transit Grant Program	Farley-Bouvier	FBWM - Laura Sylvester
#1640	1595-6370	<i>Regional Transit Authorities:</i> Seeks \$13M funding to support operational enhancements and improvements to expand transit mobility options.	Blaise	FBWM - Laura Sylvester

