

HOUSE No. 4059

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, August 29, 2019.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Senate Bill relative to the Hampshire Council of Governments (Senate, No. 2325), reports recommending that the same ought to pass with amendments striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4059 [Total Appropriation: \$250,000.00].

For the committee,

AARON MICHLEWITZ.

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Text of an amendment, recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, to the Senate Bill relative to the Hampshire Council of Governments (Senate, No. 2325). August 29, 2019.

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

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

1 “SECTION 1. To provide for certain unanticipated obligations of the commonwealth, to
2 provide for an alteration of purpose for current appropriations and to meet certain requirements
3 of law, the sum set forth in section 2A is hereby appropriated from the General Fund unless
4 specifically designated otherwise in this act, for the several purposes and subject to the
5 conditions specified in this act and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public
6 funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. The sum set forth in section 2A shall be made
7 available until June 30, 2020.

8 SECTION 2A.

9 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

10 *Reserves*

11 1599-1850 For a reserve to meet the expenses related to the dissolution of the
12 Hampshire council of governments; provided, that funds may be transferred to the Hampshire
13 county group insurance trust to ensure continued health care coverage and related benefits for
14 retired employees of Hampshire county and the surviving spouses of retired employees of

15 Hampshire county whose employer contributions were paid or payable by the Hampshire council
16 of governments; and provided further, that funds may be transferred to the State Retiree Benefits
17 Trust Fund, established pursuant to section 24 of chapter 32A of the General Laws, for the
18 provision of health care coverage for retirees whose employer contribution was paid or payable
19 by the Hampshire council of governments.....\$250,000

20 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, retired
21 employees of Hampshire county and the surviving spouses of retired employees of Hampshire
22 county who are eligible for group insurance coverage under chapter 32B of the General Laws or
23 who are insured under said chapter 32B shall have such eligibility and coverage transferred to
24 the jurisdiction of the group insurance commission and such persons shall cease to be eligible or
25 insured under said chapter 32B. The group insurance commission shall provide uninterrupted
26 coverage to such retired employees and surviving spouses for benefits available to state retirees
27 to the extent authorized under chapter 32A of the General Laws. All questions relating to group
28 insurance rights, obligations, costs and payments shall be determined by the group insurance
29 commission and shall include the manner and method for the payment of all required premiums
30 applicable to all such coverage.”.