

Neighborhood Stabilization Initiative (NSI)

H281 (CABRAL) & S1831 (CRIGHTON)

A Collaborative Effort between the Gateway Cities Legislative Caucus, MassINC & MACDC

An Act relative to neighborhood stabilization and economic development

What does the bill do to provide our communities with more tools to address blighted and abandoned properties and stabilize distressed neighborhoods?

- Incorporates “neighborhood stabilization” into the Massachusetts School Building Authority’s enabling statute so that the vitality of neighborhoods is considered when designing and building schools
- Establishes a “spot blight rehabilitation program” for a more streamlined approach when developing small-scale residential projects on problem properties
- Establishes a commission to study how to best improve the housing stock in weak markets, as it relates to safety, accessibility, resiliency, and regional equity
- Increases the annual cap of the Housing Development Incentive Program (HDIP) from \$10 million to \$30 million and requires data collection and reporting

Last Session Success:

In the FY2020 and FY2021 state operating budgets, **\$750,000** was allocated for MassHousing’s new *Neighborhood Hub* technical assistance program. In the 2021 economic recovery bond bill, **\$90 million** was earmarked for neighborhood stabilization efforts.

Read the report from MassINC & MACDC:

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