

**Thursday, April 25, 2024 (at 11:00 o'clock A.M.).**

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of  
allegiance.

*Silent Tribute.*

During the session (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), at the request of Mr. Kushmerek of Fitchburg, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Joel R. Kaddy who passed away at the age of 69 on April 18, 2024. Born on July 20, 1954, Joel grew into a pillar of his community in Fitchburg.

Joel R.  
Kaddy.

He also served proudly and with distinction as a police officer at the Fitchburg Police Department for 25 years, then continuing his public service on the Fitchburg City Council for 15 years. Joel's life was a testament to his love for his community and the people in his life. Joel's community involvement was extensive, in addition to running a local business for 37 years alongside his wife, he participated in an international police officer exchange in Russia, created a community program that provided bicycles to children in need, organized dozens of local festivals, spearheaded city clean-ups, and a hands-on restoration at the Fitchburg Senior Center.

He is survived by his loving spouse, Jean (Farrell) Kaddy; son, Jesse Kaddy; daughter-in-law, Jennifer Kaddy and grandson, Jack Kaddy.

*Guests of the House.*

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen award recipients. At the invitation of the Chair, the students participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Representative Vieira of Falmouth, who was a recipient of the award in 1992.

Good Citizen  
award  
recipients.

*Resolutions.*

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Maxwell Valentino on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America;

Maxwell  
Valentino.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Kerans of Danvers, Walsh of Peabody and Giannino of Revere) congratulating Paul Boudreau on his retirement as President of the Boston Sparks Association and Boston Fire Museum;

Paul  
Boudreau.

Resolutions (filed by Representative McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating the Animal Rescue League of Boston on the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of its establishment;

Animal Rescue  
League of  
Boston.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Nguyen of Andover and other members of the House) commending the Vietnamese American Community of Massachusetts in recognizing the contributions of Vietnamese Americans on April 30, 2024;

Vietnamese  
Americans.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Rogers of Norwood) congratulating William G. Brooks III on his retirement as Chief of Norwood Police Department;

William  
Brooks.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Roy of Franklin and Soter of Bellingham) congratulating John “Jack” Gould on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America; and

John  
Gould.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Roy of Franklin and Soter of Bellingham) congratulating Kevin Maley on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America;

Kevin  
Maley.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. O’Day of West Boylston, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

*Order.*

An Order (filed by Mr. Lawn of Watertown) relative to extending until Saturday, June 1, 2024 the time within which the committee on Health Care Financing is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Health Care  
Financing,—  
extension  
of time for  
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4581), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The House Bill to prevent abuse and exploitation (House, No. 4241, amended), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had insisted on its amendments (in which the House had non-concurred).

Abuse and  
exploitation.

The bill bore the further endorsement that the Senate had concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Keenan, Eldridge and Fattman had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Committee of  
conference.

Mr. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair,—

The following order came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

*Ordered,* That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security be granted until May 8, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1476, 1477, 1478, 1479, 1481, 1482, 1483, 1486, 1487, 1488, 1490, 1491, 1492, 1493, 1494, 1495, 1496, 1497, 1498, 1499, 1500, 1501, 1502, 1503, 1504, 1505, 1506, 1507, 1508, 1509, 1510, 1511, 1512, 1513, 1514, 1515, 1516, 1517, 1518, 1519, 1520, 1521, 1522, 1523, 1524, 1525, 1526, 1527, 1528, 1529, 1530, 1531, 1532, 1533, 1534, 1535, 1536, 1538, 1539, 1540, 1541, 1542, 1543, 1544, 1545, 1546, 1547, 1548, 1549, 1550, 1551, 1552, 1553, 1554, 1555, 1556, 1557, 1558, 1559, 1560, 1561, 1562, 1563, 1564, 1565, 1566, 1567, 1568, 1569, 1570, 1571, 1572, 1573, 1574, 1575, 1576, 1577, 1578, 1579, 1580, 1581, 1582, 1583, 1584, 1585, 1586, 1587, 1588, 1589, 1590, 1591, 1592, 1593, 1594, 1595, 1596, 1597, 1599, 1600, 1601, 1602, 1603, 1604, 1605, 1606, 1607, 1608, 2514, and 2535, relative to Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Public Safety  
and Homeland  
Security  
committee,—  
extension of time  
for reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the order (Senate, No. 2725) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

*Orders of the Day.*

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 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 (House, No. 4600, amended), was considered.

General  
Appropriation  
Bill.

Pending the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, Representatives Jones of North Reading and other members of the House moved to amend it in section 2, in item 1233-2350, by striking out the figures: “1,283,301,752” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,318,301,752”; and

In section 2E by striking out item 1595-6153.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Frost of Auburn; and on the roll call 29 members voted in the affirmative and 128 in the negative.

Amendments  
rejected,—  
yea and nay  
No. 92.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 92](#) in Supplement.]**

Therefore the amendments were rejected.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved, under the provisions of the last sentence of the penultimate paragraph of Rule 20A, to amend the bill in section 2, in item 0320-0003, by striking out the figures: “11,536,050” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “11,956,292”;

Consolidated  
amendments  
(public safety  
and judiciary).

In item 0321-1600 by striking out the figures: “52,500,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “53,000,000”;

In item 0330-0300, in line 18, by inserting after the word “employees” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to assist in programming efforts for the Justice Bridge Program at University of Massachusetts School of Law”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “338,118,036” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “338,168,036”;

In item 0332-0100 by striking out the figures: “88,626,631” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “88,986,631”;

In item 0337-0002 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended on a grant to One Can Help, Inc. for the purpose of providing assistance and resources for families in juvenile courts statewide; provided further, that not less than \$430,000 shall be expended for the Worcester county court-appointed special advocates program for its court-appointed special advocates program in Worcester county; provided further, that not less than \$136,000 shall be expended for the Franklin and Hampshire county court-appointed special advocates program; provided further, that not less than \$180,000 shall be expended for the Hampden county court-appointed special advocates program; provided further, that not less than \$167,000 shall be expended for the Essex county court-appointed special advocates program; provided further, that not less than \$288,000 shall be expended for the Boston court-appointed special advocates program; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Berkshire county court-appointed special advocates program; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for the Bristol county court-appointed special advocates program; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts CASA

Association”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “25,296,828” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “26,872,828”;

In item 8000-0313 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$25,000 shall be provided for a side-by-side vehicle for the police department in the town of Groveland; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for funding to repair the Middle street bridge in the town of West Newbury; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for new PFAS-free firefighting gear and other equipment for the Natick fire department and EMS services; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for an employee wellness program for law enforcement officers in the town of Northborough; provided further, that not less than \$27,000 shall be expended for the purchase of radios for ambulances in the town of Westborough; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for critical incident training and de-escalation for the Lunenburg police department; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for a police cruiser retrofit for the Ashby police department; provided further, that not less than \$45,000 shall be expended for updates to the Dunstable police department; provided further, not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Recidiviz Inc; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for the North Reading community impact team; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for turnout gear, radios, training AEDs and CPR training equipment in the town of Newbury; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for firearm and safety equipment replacement and a feasibility study of the public safety building in Georgetown; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for a gun violence prevention community programming in the city of Lynn; provided further, that not less \$150,000 shall be expended for the Dismas House of Massachusetts, Inc. in Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for costs related to a fire mutual aid network radio for the town of Boxford; provided further, that not less \$20,000 shall be expended for the purchase a new keyless entry security system for the Saugus police department; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for Portal to Hope, a community based domestic violence program, for the communities of Everett, Lynn, Malden, Medford, and Winthrop; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for purchasing a drone, supportive equipment, training, and other necessary expenditures for the Wilmington police department; provided further, that not less than \$37,500 shall be expended for fire department safety gear in the town of Dover; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in the town of Wakefield; provided further, that not less than \$8,125 shall be expended to purchase and equip a kennel insert for a patrol-rated police vehicle in the town of Plympton; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for a K9 explosive detection vehicle for the Fall River police department; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Braintree police department’s family services unit”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,257,625”;

By inserting after item 8000-0600 the following item:  
“8000-0601 For the operation of the project safe neighborhood grant program  
..... \$1,000,000”;

In item 8000-1127, in line 12, by striking out the word “and”, by adding the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Springfield Jewish Community Center, Inc. in Longmeadow to upgrade and purchase new lighting for the parking lot areas to ensure safety and security; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for a security personnel program to be

piloted at nonprofits that have demonstrated to be high risk for terrorist attacks or hate crimes; and provided further, that the participating nonprofits shall contribute matching funds to such pilot program equal to \$1 for every \$1 contributed by the commonwealth”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “3,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “3,350,000”;

In item 8100-1001, in line 23, by inserting after the word “services” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$95,000 shall be expended for designated seasonal state police patrols in the Wollaston beach, Quincy shore drive and Furnace Brook parkway areas of Quincy; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the payroll costs of the state police to perform directed patrols and traffic enforcement functions on the Harry Truman parkway, Neponset Valley parkway and Dedham parkway in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$1,170,000 shall be expended for the payroll costs of the state police directed patrols; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for Troop A to conduct mounted, directed patrols throughout Revere beach, the Lynn Fells and the Middlesex Fells reservation park, among other identified areas; provided further, that, subject to appropriation, communities receiving funds for directed patrols in fiscal year 2008 shall receive an equal disbursement of funds in proportion to the current appropriation in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that funds shall be expended for directed patrols at Constitution beach in East Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the directed patrols in the South Boston section of the city of Boston including, but not limited to, Day boulevard, Carson beach, M street beach, Marine park, and Castle Island”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “386,800,173” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “388,170,173”;

In item 8200-0200 by adding the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$45,000 shall be expended for a training facility feasibility study for the Yarmouth police department; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be provided to the town of Boylston as compensation for hosting a municipal police training academy”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “21,801,794” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “21,896,794”;

In item 8324-0000, in line 28, by inserting after the word “program”, the second time it appears, the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$1,250,000 shall be provided for the Boston, Cambridge and Everett fire department hazardous material response teams; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the Boston fire department training academy”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “40,304,215” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “42,054,215”;

In item 8324-0050 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for design funds for the fire department project in the town of Weston; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the purchasing of radio equipment for the fire department in the town of Wellesley; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Firefighter Foundation of Lawrence, Inc. to bolster fire prevention education within the city of Lawrence community; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for 35 thermal imaging cameras for the Taunton fire department; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for design funds for the fire department project in the town of Westwood; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the purchasing of firefighting equipment by the Adams fire warden department; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to purchase portable communication radios for the Granby fire department; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the purposes of obtaining personal

protective equipment for the Randolph fire department; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Holbrook regional emergency communications center; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the procurement of multi-band portable communication radios for the Wenham fire department; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended to purchase turnout gear and other equipment for Amherst fire department; provided further, that not less than \$12,500 shall be expended for a fire rescue watercraft for the town of Sharon; provided further, that not less than \$65,000 shall be expended for the purchase of gear and equipment for Saugus fire department; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the development of an installation of new firefighting cisterns in the town of Stow; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for a municipal grant program administered by the fire marshal for firefighter cancer screenings including advance blood testing, imaging or both; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Fire Chiefs' Association of Plymouth County, Inc. to maintain and upgrade emergency communication systems to provide for mass casualty and major operations incident planning and training and to enhance mutual aid operations in Plymouth County; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for equipment for the Easton fire department; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to updated radio transmission equipment for the city of Fall River fire department; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for equipment for the Braintree fire department; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for necessary safety equipment and repair of facilities of the Dracut fire department; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for necessary safety equipment for the Tyngsborough fire department"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "1,607,500";

By inserting after section 13 the following section:

"SECTION 13A. Section 15 of chapter 12 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the figures: '191,000' and inserting in place thereof the figures: '223,442'.";

By inserting after section 67C (inserted by amendment) the following 3 sections:

"SECTION 67D. Section 10 of chapter 218 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 81 and 82, as so appearing, the words '; district court of Chelsea'.

SECTION 67E. Said section 10 of said chapter 218 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word 'Norfolk', in line 86, as so appearing, the following words:- ; district court of Chelsea.

SECTION 67F. Said section 10 of said chapter 218 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word 'Peabody', as appearing in section 63 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023, the following words:- ; district court of Lawrence.";

In section 76, in lines 1317 to 1323, inclusive, by striking out the paragraph contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following 5 paragraphs:

"(b)(1) The commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance shall study the existing conditions of the site of the real property described in subsection (a) and conduct planning for the reuse of the real property. The commissioner shall consult stakeholders and other interested persons, including, but not limited to: (i) the secretary of housing and livable communities, or their designee; (ii) the secretary of transportation, or their designee; (iii) the secretary of public safety and security, or their designee; (iv) members of the select board of the town of Concord, or their designees; (v) members of any advisory body established by the select board of the

town of Concord regarding the reuse of the Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord, if any; (vi) the chair of the board of the Concord Housing Development Corporation, established pursuant to chapter 275 of the acts of 2006, or their designee; (vii) the Concord representative to the metropolitan area planning council; (viii) district council chair of the Urban Land Institute Boston/New England, or their designee; (ix) executive director of the Concord Business Partnership, or their designee; and (x) executive director of OARS, Inc., or their designee.

(2) Not less than 60 days prior to finalizing the study, the commissioner shall hold not less than 3 public hearings in the town of Concord, with an option for virtual participation, to receive public comment on the site planning and reuse of the property described in subsection (a); provided, that the commissioner shall provide timely notice of the public hearings. The first public hearing shall take place not later than 45 days after the effective date of this act.

(3) The commissioner shall prepare a written report summarizing the study findings pursuant to paragraph (1), which shall include, but shall not be limited to: (i) a summary of existing site conditions identified during the study, if any; (ii) a summary of the provisions of existing and ongoing municipal plans, including the town of Concord’s Envision Concord: Bridge to 2030 plan, Concord’s zoning bylaws affecting the property described in subsection (a) and any ongoing or completed studies or reports by the advisory body established by the select board of the town of Concord regarding the reuse of the Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord; (iii) a summary of state, regional and local plans and policies that may affect or guide use of the property described in subsection (a), including, but not limited to, plans and policies encouraging the development of a variety of housing options, commercial and retail opportunities, jobs and open space and policies encouraging smart growth; (iv) a summary of input provided at the public hearings held pursuant to paragraph (2) and the input of each of the stakeholders described in paragraph (1); (v) an evaluation of the specific plan, including land use, density and site access recommended by the advisory body established by the select board of the town of Concord regarding the reuse of the Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord; and (vi) the potential reuses and use restrictions, if any, the commissioner deems appropriate for the property described in subsection (a).

(4) The commissioner shall file the report prepared pursuant to paragraph (3) with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate not less than 60 days prior to the sale, lease, transfer or other disposition of the property described in subsection (a); provided, however, that notwithstanding paragraph (5) the commissioner may, prior to the filing of the report: (i) grant easements and rights of access to the town of Concord; (ii) convey all or part of the property described in subsection (a) to the town of Concord in a manner consistent with paragraph (5); and (iii) convey or grant easements of any portion of the property to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for the sole purpose of making improvements to state highway route 2.

(5) The commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance shall dispose of the Massachusetts Correctional Institute, Concord real property: (i) by utilizing appropriate competitive processes and procedures; or (ii) through a sales-partnership agreement in accordance with subsection (d) with the town of Concord. Such competitive processes may include, without limitation, absolute auction, sealed bids and requests for price and development proposals. The real property shall be conveyed without warranties or representations by the commonwealth and shall be on such terms and conditions as the commissioner determines.”, in line 1324, by inserting after the word “to” the following: “paragraph (5) of”, in lines 1339 to 1347, inclusive,

by striking out the paragraph contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

“(d) Notwithstanding subsection (b) and subject to subsections (f) through (j), the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance may, not later than 30 days after the effective date of this act, make an offer to transfer the wastewater treatment facility located at Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord, and any other real property necessary thereto, to the town of Concord for a direct public use, as defined in section 33 of chapter 7C of the General Laws; provided, that the town of Concord shall have, as a right of first refusal, not less than 180 days to accept the commissioner’s offer to acquire the property. Upon a refusal of the town of Concord of the commissioner’s offer, including the expiration of said offer, the commissioner may dispose of the wastewater treatment facility and any other real property necessary thereto pursuant to said subsection (b).”; and in line 1382, by striking out the word “The” and inserting in place thereof the following: “Notwithstanding subsection (b), the”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendments (the Speaker being in the Chair), the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 158 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 93](#) in Supplement.]**

Therefore the consolidated amendments (public safety and judiciary) were adopted.

Consolidated amendments adopted,— yea and nay No. 93.

*Report of a Committee.*

There being no objection,— By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2711) of the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4466),— recommending passage of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4582),— be scheduled for consideration by the House, the question being on acceptance.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the report was considered forthwith.

After debate on the question on acceptance of the report, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 120 members voted in the affirmative and 36 in the negative.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 94](#) in Supplement.]**

Therefore the report of the committee of conference was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Supplemental appropriations.

Conference committee report accepted,— yea and nay No. 94.

*Orders of the Day.*

Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair,—

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions, and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond

General Appropriation Bill.



requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4600, amended), was considered.

Pending the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House moved, under the provisions of the last sentence of the penultimate paragraph of Rule 20A, to amend it in section 2, in item 4120-4000, by striking out the figures: “13,395,864” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “13,895,864”;

In item 4510-0100, in line 8, by inserting after the words “Laws” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended to Hope and Comfort, Inc. to support operations and hygiene product acquisition”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “47,394,484” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “47,744,484”;

In item 4510-0110 by adding the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the continuation of a comprehensive substance abuse and narcotic use reduction program at a federally qualified health center located in South Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Lynn Community Health Center for the operation of the Recuperative Care Center; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Volunteers in Medicine – Berkshires, Inc. to cover costs of expanding services in Pittsfield and Great Barrington and to continue to provide care for income-eligible residents; provided further, that not less than \$400,000 shall be expended for the North End Waterfront neighborhood health center; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Public Health Institute of Western Massachusetts to support the 413Cares centralized database of community services in western Massachusetts; provided further, that \$50,000 shall be expended to the Mattapan Community Health Center, Inc. for staff retention to sustain services and meet community needs; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for infrastructure and operational upgrades related to expanding access to dental care services at the Geiger Gibson Community Health Center in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for NEW Health - Charlestown for the purpose of operating and maintaining treatment of substance use disorder; and provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Harbor Health Services, Inc. for the planned expansion of its Plymouth Community Health Center”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “3,348,660” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “4,748,660”;

In item 4512-0103 by striking out the figures: “30,500,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “32,000,000”;

In item 4512-0200, in line 66, by inserting after the word “payer” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$175,000 shall be expended to Volunteers of America of Massachusetts, Inc. to address the crisis of co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders through expansion of clinical services and programming for men in recovery with co-occurring diagnoses at Hello House; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the operation of the Gavin Foundation, Inc. behavioral health continuum of substance use care to provide comprehensive treatment for individuals suffering from substance use disorder and other behavioral health challenges; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Joseph Nee South Boston Collaborative Center for substance use disorder programming; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the police department in the city of Lynn for its behavioral health unit; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Community Servings, Inc. for the purposes of providing medically tailored meals to persons battling chronic

Consolidated amendments (public health and mental health and disability services).

illnesses and workforce training programs to those recovering from addiction; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Railroad Street Youth Project based in the town of Great Barrington; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the operation of The Dimock Center’s behavioral health continuum of care to provide comprehensive treatment for individuals suffering from substance use disorder and other behavioral health challenges, address workforce challenges and reduce barriers to care”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “193,502,031” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “194,427,031”;

In item 4512-0204, in line 4, by inserting after the word “overdose” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Merrimack Valley Prevention and Substance Abuse Project, Inc., for resources, community outreach and programs in the Merrimack valley”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “1,231,718” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,256,718”;

In item 4512-0205 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the purposes of the operation of Resources for Recovery Inc., formerly known as the Dennis Messing Memorial Foundation, located in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for addiction treatment services provided by the greater New Bedford community health center; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Braintree for Braintree Community Partnership on Substance Use; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for One Life at a Time, Inc., located in the city known as the town of Braintree, for the facilitation of access to sober living programs and job training services for people in recovery and associated operational costs; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for continued capital improvements to the Cambridge community center and for the expansion of their community-based behavioral health program; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Michael J. Dias Foundation, Inc. to hire an assistant director of operations to oversee program aspects of their 3 recovery homes; provided further that no less than \$250,000 shall be expended to Harbor Health Services, Inc. for a grant program to prevent and treat addiction to opioid and related substances; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for RIZE Massachusetts Foundation, Inc. to assist in their work to end the opioid epidemic in the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for RICKY, Inc. in the town of Norwood for the delivery of substance use recovery care materials to homeless individuals with substance use and mental health disorders within the greater Boston region; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to GAAMHA, Inc. in the city of Gardner to support capital improvements to their residential substance use disorder services facility; provided further, that not less than \$175,000 shall be expended for Self Esteem Boston Educational Institute, Inc. direct service and provider training programs; and provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for A Healthy Lynnfield”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “3,085,000”;

In item 4513-1005, in line 12, by inserting after the word “federally” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$1,660,000 of such funds shall be expended for Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. to continue services previously funded by said Title X funding”;

In line item 4513-1020, in lines 42 to 83, inclusive, by striking out the following: “; provided further, that not later than September 4, 2024, not less than \$12,000,000 shall be expended from this item for early intervention staffing recovery payments

necessary to address the staffing crisis and restore early intervention staffing and service hours through hiring, rehiring and retention of clinical and support staff across the early intervention system; provided further, that said funds shall be used to support increased salaries, wages and benefits for early intervention clinicians and support staff; provided further, that said funds may be used to cover supervision, training, non-billable time and other on-boarding cost directly associated with the hiring of new early intervention clinicians and support staff; provided further, that said staffing recovery payments shall be distributed by the department as payment vouchers to all vendors of certified early intervention programs; provided further, that said payments shall be made on a proportional basis, calculated using the most recent early intervention child counts of the department; provided further, that not later than October 3, 2024, the department of public health shall submit a report to the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities, the secretary of administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the total funds expended to certified early intervention vendors from said staffing recovery payments; provided further, that not less than \$1,548,522 of said staffing recovery payments shall be designated as a health equity allocation to provide additional targeted relief for early intervention programs serving predominately low-income cities and towns to address the health disparities exacerbated by the 2019 novel coronavirus; provided further, that said health equity allocation shall be distributed by the department to all vendors of certified early intervention programs using a weighted formula that includes the area median household income of the cities and towns in each of the early intervention program catchment areas and the current early intervention child census figure for each city or town; provided further, that the department shall provide a higher cost per child allocation for programs based on a weighted average income figure to ensure a higher allocation for the early intervention programs serving the lower income cities and towns; provided further, that the department shall develop the health equity allocation formula in consultation with the Massachusetts Early Intervention Consortium, Inc.; and provided further, that not later than November 1, 2024, the commissioner of public health shall submit a report to the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities, the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the total funds expended to certified early intervention vendors and early intensive behavioral intervention vendors from this item”;

In item 4513-1027 by adding the following: “; and provided further, that not less than \$400,000 shall be expended for the expansion and operation of Hey Sam, the text-based mental health support line tailored specifically to youth and young adults in the commonwealth, and for youth mental health community education, outreach, and communications”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “1,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,400,000”;

In item 4513-1098, in line 4, by striking out the figures: “200,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “400,000”, in line 7 by inserting after the word “violence” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Survivors Say, Inc. for direct support services to survivors and victims of both high-profile tragedies and other traumas and crimes”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “300,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “600,000”;

In item 4513-1112, in line 18, by inserting after the word “database” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$475,000 shall be expended for the Forsyth Institute’s Center for Children’s Oral Health to expand its ForsythKids programming focused on children and adolescents and to explore the emerging association between oral health status and academic performance; provided further,

that not less than \$25,000 be expended for the purposes of the operation of VITfriends Vitiligo Support Group, Inc. located in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the ALS Association to provide care services for individuals suffering with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the operation of the Cranberry Health Research Center at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth”, in line 22 by striking out the figures: “150,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “250,000”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “13,186,405” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “14,036,405”;

In line item 4513-1136, in line 74, by inserting after the word “less” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for domestic violence outreach for the Cape Verdean Association in the city of Brockton”; and in said item by striking out the figure “75,558,041” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “75,583,041”;

In line item 4513-2020, in line 44, by inserting after the word “commonwealth” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city of Methuen for the purchase of Care Solace software”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “6,544,687”; and inserting in place thereof the figures: “6,594,687”;

In line item 4590-0250, in line 17, by inserting after the word “programs” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the North Quabbin Community Coalition, Inc.”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “22,254,866” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “22,304,866”;

In line item 4590-1503, in line 7, by inserting after the word “program” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Black Springfield COVID-19 Coalition; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Martin Luther King Jr. Family Services, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Boys & Girls Club Family Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to Heart2Heart lactation and wellness in Black maternal health”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “11,857,689” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “11,992,689”;

In line item 4590-1507 by adding the following: “; provided, that the department shall award not less than \$1,500,000 to the Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs, Inc. which shall be distributed between the alliance’s member organizations to support educational programming for youth; provided further, that the department shall award not less than \$600,000 to the YWCA organizations, which shall be distributed equally between the Alliance of YWCAs member organizations; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Randolph community programs department in the town of Randolph for continuation of a full-time town social worker; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended to the Cape Cod Young Men's Christian Association, Inc. for the purpose of designing, permitting, and planning the Upper Cape YMCA in the town of Falmouth; provided further, that the department shall award not less than \$250,000 to the Big Sister Association of Greater Boston, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts for its Mentor 2.0 program; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Watertown Boys’ & Girls’ Club, Inc. for capital improvements; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to assist in programming efforts for the South Coast LGBTQ+ Network in New Bedford; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the Possible Zone to implement an

innovative pathways program in clean energy/advanced manufacturing for high students in grades 10 to 12, creating equitable opportunities for underserved student populations; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Sueños Basketball, Inc. to support the recreational, social, and health benefits the league provides to low-income youth in the city of Lawrence; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Day Dreaming Organization, Inc. to support baseball programming and youth mentoring in the city of Lawrence; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for the Methuen Youth Basketball Association Inc to support the recreational, social, and health benefits the league provides to low-income youth in the city of Methuen; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to College Bound Dorchester, Inc. for administration of alternative education and other services for at-risk youth; and provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for the YMCA of the North Shore, Inc. for the Haverhill YMCA capital campaign project for the construction of a new state of the art facility in the city of Haverhill”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “7,200,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “12,470,000”;

In item 5042-5000, in line 14, by inserting after the word “care” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for KyleCares, Inc. for mental health awareness programming in high schools and colleges; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for YouthConnect to provide community-based mental health services to high-risk youth and their families residing in the East Boston community; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the BIRCh Center to continue the operations of the school-based behavioral health technical assistance center; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for The NAN Project to increase mental health awareness and suicide prevention”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “130,490,885” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “131,000,885”;

In item 5046-0000, in line 22, by inserting after the word “measured” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for a grant to the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, Inc., to provide assistance in connecting consumers to licensed clinical social workers through the Therapy Matcher program”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “619,175,134” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “619,225,134”;

In line item 5911-1003, in line 18, by inserting after the words “Congress, Inc.” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Special Olympics Massachusetts, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for Operation House Call at Arc Massachusetts, Inc. to maintain and expand training to medical students and other graduate level health care professionals to work with individuals with autism and other developmental and intellectual disabilities; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Latham Centers, Inc., to address urgent technology upgrades that will improve security, programs, and support services for children and adult residents with Prader-Willi syndrome”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “100,375,397” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “100,650,397”;

In line item 5911-2000, in line 3, by inserting after the word “need” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Mission Hill Bus Link”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “40,017,443” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “40,067,443”;

In item 5920-2000, in line 4, by striking out the year: “2022” and inserting in place thereof the year: “2023” and by striking out the following: “of section 2 of

chapter 24 of the acts of 2021” and inserting in place thereof the following: “in fiscal year under item 5920-5000 in section 2 of chapter 126 of acts of 2022”;

In item 5920-3010, in lines 29 to 33, inclusive, by striking out the words “and provided further, that the department shall submit copies of amended waivers to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on education and the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities upon submission of the amendment” and inserting in place thereof the following: “provided further, that the department shall submit copies of amended waivers to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on education and the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities upon submission of the amendment; and provided further, that \$50,000 shall be expended for The Martin Richard Foundation for programming for disadvantaged youth in the city of Boston”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “10,957,296” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “11,007,296”;

In section 45, in line 752, by inserting after the word “treatment” the words “and prevention”; and in line 754, by inserting after the figures: “111” the words “or for the prevention of HIV”;

By inserting after section 45 the following section:

“SECTION 45A. Said chapter 94C is hereby further amended by inserting after section 18C the following section:-

Section 18D. (a) For the purposes of this section, the term ‘opioid antagonist’ shall have the same meaning as provided in section 19B.

(b)(1) A practitioner issuing a prescription for an opioid contained in Schedule II of section 3 shall inform the patient of the potential adverse risks of the prescribed opioid and the availability of an opioid antagonist.

(2) Where applicable, the practitioner shall inform, pursuant to paragraph (1), a designee of the patient, or for a patient who is a minor, the patient’s parent or guardian, if at least 1 of the following conditions is present: (i) the patient is prescribed an opioid that individually or in the aggregate with other medications is more than 50 morphine milligram equivalents per day; (ii) the patient is prescribed any dose of an opioid when a benzodiazepine has been prescribed in the last 30 days or is anticipated to be prescribed at the visit; or (iii) the patient presents with an increased risk of overdose, including, but not limited to, a history of overdose or substance use disorder.

(c) A pharmacist dispensing an opioid contained in Schedule II of section 3 shall inform the patient of the potential adverse risks of the prescribed opioid and shall offer to dispense an opioid antagonist to the patient, and where applicable, to a designee of the patient, or for a patient who is a minor, to the patient’s parent or guardian.”;

By inserting after section 47 the following section:

“SECTION 47A. Section 53 of said chapter 111, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the seventh sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- Such rules and regulations shall require a dialysis unit to have on duty sufficient direct care nursing personnel to ensure that all patients undergoing dialysis have nursing care available at all times provided by registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and other staff trained in chronic dialysis at a ratio of at least 1 direct care nursing personnel to every 3 patients; provided, that such rules and regulations may include circumstances where the department may waive nursing personnel ratio requirements.”; and

By inserting after section 74A (inserted by amendment) the following 2 sections:

“SECTION 74B. Item 4590-1507 of section 2 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023, as amended by section 184 of chapter 77 of the acts of 2023, is hereby further amended by striking out the words ‘provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be

expended for repairs for the Northern Berkshire YMCA complex located in the city of North Adams’ and inserting in place thereof the following: “provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of North Adams to complete renovations to the building located on 22 Brickyard court and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

SECTION 74C. Said item 4590-1507 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as appearing in section 184 of said chapter 77, is hereby further amended by striking out the words ‘provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for capital improvements to the former state armory building in the city of North Adams for the benefit of the Northern Berkshire Youth Basketball program’ and inserting in place thereof the following: “provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the North Adams Youth Basketball program located in the city of North Adams for capital improvements and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.”

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 158 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 95 in Supplement.](#)]**

Therefore the consolidated amendments (public health and mental health and disability services) were adopted.

Consolidated amendments adopted,— yea and nay No. 95.

*Engrossed Bill – Land Taking.*

The engrossed Bill authorizing the city of Lynn to use certain park land for school purposes (see House, No. 4448) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was put upon its final passage.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 158 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 96 in Supplement.](#)]**

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Lynn,— land.

Bill enacted (land taking),— yea and nay No. 96.

*Emergency Measure.*

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see House, No. 4582), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 131 to 25. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was put upon its final passage.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mr. Frost of Auburn; and on the roll call 123 members voted in the affirmative and 35 in the negative.

Supplemental appropriations.

Bill enacted,— yea and nay No. 97.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 97](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*Recess.*

At nine minutes after four o'clock P.M. (Thursday, April 25), on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at thirteen minutes after eight o'clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan in the Chair.

Recess.

*Orders of the Day.*

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 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 (House, No. 4600, amended), was considered.

General  
Appropriation  
Bill.

Pending the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House moved, under the provisions of the last sentence of the penultimate paragraph of Rule 20A, to amend it in section 2, in item 0511-0200, by adding the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for capital improvements to Camp DiCarlo, home of the National Lancers, to bring the facility up to code; and provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for necessary upgrades to the Vietnam Veteran memorial in the city of Haverhill”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “875,821” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “910,821”;

Consolidated  
amendments  
(constitutional  
officers and state  
administration and  
transportation).

In item 0526-0100 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Wendell Historical Society to assist in the renovation of the former Wendell Depot Store and Post Office”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “1,107,223” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,132,223”;

In item 0540-1900 by striking out the figures: “2,406,087” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “2,607,580”;

In item 0640-0300, in line 19, by inserting after the word “needs” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the YOUTHArts Westford organization; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 be expended to the Longmeadow Pride Alliance, Inc. to support the Longmeadow pride festival celebrating the diverse community of LGBTQ individuals; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, Inc. for infrastructure and deferred maintenance and to enhance the ability to produce new, diverse programming and concerts and to support the Springfield symphony youth orchestra; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Special Needs Arts Programs, Inc. of Lexington to enable it to serve existing and waitlisted clients; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Barnstable for hiring staff for the city’s diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to Amplify POC Cape Cod, Inc. for hiring staff that can apply for grants and other long-term funding in pursuit of their mission to promote economic power, increased ownership, and wealth-building opportunities in communities of color; provided



further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to The Boston Ballet; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for barn and other building renovations at the Forbes House Museum in Milton; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for operations and other community programming at the Milton Art Center in Milton; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for improvements at Cogswell ArtSpace in Haverhill; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Artists Community Assistance Program to be administered by the Allston Village Main Streets of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for a mural at the Natick center Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority station and said funds must be matched by other public or private donations; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Dedham School of Music Incorporated; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival, through the cultural organizations of Lowell, to promote equity, diversity and inclusion in the cultural life of the people of greater Lowell and beyond; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Three Saints, Inc. in the city of Lawrence to support community services and promote Italian heritage; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Franklin Performing Arts Company, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Brookline Community Foundation, Inc. to support a community theatre programming grant for local nonprofit arts organizations; provide further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for The Dance Complex for the historic preservation of their facility in the city of Cambridge”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “25,895,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “26,750,000”;

In item 0810-1205 by adding the following: “; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the SAFE Coalition, Incorporated to provide support, education, treatment options and coping mechanisms for those affected by substance use disorder in Franklin”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “2,734,123” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “2,784,123”;

In item 1108-5100 by striking out the figures: “5,469,260” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “10,469,260”;

In section 2E, in item 1595-6368, by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the implementation of a pedestrian safety program in the Brighton business district of Boston to be administered by Brighton Main Streets; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the planning and engineering costs associated with Phase 2 of the Route 128/Exit 19 Interchange Improvement Project in Beverly; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for a feasibility study for the restoration and preservation of Norwood Central Station by the Norwood Historical Commission; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for downtown pedestrian safety improvements to the city of Easthampton; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for street design and permitting to create safe streets around Hadley Elementary School in the town of Swampscott; and provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for rural infrastructure improvements to the town of Bolton”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “538,011,082” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “538,371,082”;

In section 2F, in item 1596-2408, by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority for the operation of a ferry service from Lewis Wharf Mall in East Boston to Long Wharf in the North End of Boston; provided further, that said ferry service shall run from April 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024 and then run service again from April 1,

2025 until November 30, 2025; and provided further, that the authority shall report on the number of passengers who utilize said service to the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than January 31, 2025”;

By inserting after section 38 the following 7 sections:

“SECTION 38 1/8. Section 23 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 202, after the word ‘governor’, the following words:- from a list of 3 candidates nominated by the executive board of the Massachusetts Association of Contributory Retirement Systems, Inc.

SECTION 38 1/4. Section 5 of chapter 32A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 1, 2, 25 and 26, each time they appear, the words ‘five thousand dollars’, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- \$7,500.

SECTION 38 3/8. Said section 5 of said chapter 32A is hereby further amended by striking out the figure ‘\$7,500’, inserted by section 38 1/4, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- \$10,000.

SECTION 38 1/2. Section 6 of said chapter 32A, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6, each time they appear, the words ‘five thousand dollars’ and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- \$7,500.

SECTION 38 5/8. Said section 6 of said chapter 32A is hereby further amended by striking out the figure ‘\$7,500’, inserted by section 38 1/2, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- \$10,000.

SECTION 38 3/4. Section 10 of said chapter 32A, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4 and 5, each time they appear, the words ‘five thousand dollars’, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- \$7,500.

SECTION 38 7/8. Said section 10 of said chapter 32A is hereby further amended by striking out the figure ‘\$7,500’, inserted by section 38 3/4, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- \$10,000.”;

By inserting after section 38A (inserted by amendment) the following 4 sections:

“SECTION 38B. Section 1 of chapter 50 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of ‘Aldermen’ the following definition:-

‘Artificial intelligence’, the capability of a computer system to perform tasks that normally require human intelligence, including, but not limited to, visual perception, speech recognition, content generation and decision-making.

SECTION 38C. Said section 1 of said chapter 50, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of ‘Federal act’ the following definition:-

‘Generative artificial intelligence’, artificial intelligence technology that is capable of creating content, including, but not limited to, text, audio, image or video based on patterns learned from large volumes of data rather than being explicitly programmed with rules.

SECTION 38D. Said section 1 of said chapter 50, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of ‘State officer’ the following definition:-

‘Synthetic media’, audio or video content substantially produced by generative artificial intelligence.

SECTION 38E. Chapter 56 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 70. (a) Any audio or video communication that: (i) is paid for by a candidate campaign committee, political action committee, political issues committee, political party or a person using a contribution; (ii) is intended to influence voting for or against a candidate or ballot proposition in an election or primary; and (iii) contains synthetic media shall include at the beginning and end of the communication the words ‘Contains content generated by AI’ and shall include throughout the duration of each portion of the communication containing synthetic media, in legible writing, the words: (A) ‘This video content generated by AI’, if the video includes only video synthetic media; (B) ‘This audio content generated by AI’, if the video only includes audio synthetic media; or (C) ‘This content generated by AI’, if the video includes both video and audio synthetic media.

(b) A violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000. Compliance with this section shall not exempt a person from civil or criminal liability for a violation of other applicable law.”;

In section 39, in line 711, by striking out the words “so appearing” and inserting in place thereof the following: “appearing in the 2022 Official Edition”;

In section 44, in line 743, by inserting after the word “bicycle” the words “as defined or classified under federal or state law”;

By inserting after section 44 the following 3 sections:

“SECTION 44A. Section 11A of chapter 90D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

Notwithstanding section 24, upon receiving notification of satisfaction of a security interest, the registrar may waive the issuance and mailing of the certificate of title to the owner or third party requested by the lienholder. If the registrar waives the issuance and mailing of the certificate of title, the registrar shall ensure: (i) the owner or third party may receive a paper certificate of title upon request; and (ii) it has a process or system established to ensure the owner or third party may affect action that would otherwise be necessary upon the certificate of title.

SECTION 44B. Section 24 of said chapter 90D, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:

Notwithstanding subsection (a) of section 16, the registrar shall prescribe a form or electronic process whereby a dealer may retail a vehicle for which: (i) the dealer has made payment as described in the previous paragraph; or (ii) the registrar has received an electronic notification of the satisfaction of a security interest in accordance with the system established pursuant to section 11A. The registrar shall prescribe the manner in which the dealer shall maintain, invalidate or surrender the certificate of title upon receipt of the certificate of title for a vehicle which is retailed under this paragraph.

SECTION 44C. Said chapter 90D, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following section:-

Section 39. Electronic signatures as prescribed in section 9 of chapter 110G shall be accepted by the registrar on any document, form, certificate of title or record necessary or required under this chapter without limitation. A document that is created through a secure printing process may be made electronic by imaging, scanning or similar process for the purposes of capturing an electronic signature. The registrar may prescribe reasonable requirements for electronic signature authentication, maintenance, invalidation or surrender of a securely printed document that is made electronic and electronically signed.”;

By inserting after section 81 the following 2 sections:

“SECTION 81A. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

‘Department’, the department of conservation and recreation.

‘Environmental justice population’, as defined in section 62 of chapter 30 of the General Laws.

‘Environmental justice principles’, as defined in said section 62 of said chapter 30.

‘Riverside neighborhood’, the portions of the city of Cambridge bounded by the Charles river, River street, Massachusetts avenue and John F. Kennedy street, as shown on a map titled ‘Riverside, Cambridge, Massachusetts’ on file with the Cambridge Community Development Department Cambridge GIS.

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a task force to study and make recommendations to the department to: (i) address equitable access to the Charles river in the area between the Longfellow bridge and the Eliot bridge; (ii) ensure that inclusive processes are in place to engage all relevant stakeholders when decisions involving the Charles river area are made; and (iii) improve communication with all involved stakeholders.

(c) The task force’s recommendations pursuant to subsection (b) and report pursuant to subsection (g) shall include, but shall not be limited to, ways to: (i) ensure that the department considers environmental justice principles when making decisions involving the area of the Charles river between the Longfellow bridge and the Eliot bridge; (ii) ensure that all stakeholders are engaged when substantive decisions are made regarding closing or limiting access to Memorial drive; (iii) ensure that the residents of the abutting neighborhood receive proper notification when the department makes changes to access to Memorial drive; and (iv) improve programming along the Charles river that may be enjoyed by a wide variety of stakeholders.

(d) The task force shall consist of: the commissioner of the department, or a designee, who shall serve as co-chair; the undersecretary of environmental justice and equity within the department of energy and environmental affairs, or a designee, who shall serve as co-chair; the director of the bureau of climate and environmental health within the department of public health, or a designee; 1 member appointed by Cambridge Health Alliance; 1 member appointed by the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority; 1 member appointed by the Cambridge branch of the NAACP; 1 member appointed by the Cambridge Black Pastors Alliance, Inc.; 1 member appointed by My Brother’s Keeper Cambridge; 1 member appointed by the Massachusetts Bicycle Coalition, Incorporated; 1 member appointed by the Charles River Conservancy, Inc.; 1 member appointed by Cambridge Mothers Out Front; 1 member appointed by The Nature Conservancy of Massachusetts, Inc.; 1 member appointed by the Charles River Watershed Association; 1 member appointed by The People for Riverbend Park Trust; and not less than 6 individuals whose primary residence is within one half mile of the Charles river and who are members of an environmental justice population or live in subsidized housing; provided, that at least 2 of the individuals shall reside in the Riverside neighborhood. Task force membership shall reflect diverse representation in the commonwealth, including, but not limited to, diverse cultures, races, ethnicities, languages, disabilities, gender identities, sexual orientations, geographic locations and ages.

(e) The task force may consult with the department to inform its work. The department shall provide to the task force requested information relevant to the work of the task force.

(f) The task force shall hold not less than 3 public hearings and accept public comment before filing its final report pursuant to subsection (g).

(g) Not later than June 30, 2025, the task force shall submit a report with its recommendations to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate.

SECTION 81B. The Massachusetts Port Authority shall construct and maintain, from available funds, an enhanced runway safety area at the end of runway 27, including a pier that extends into Boston harbor over tidelands, at the General Edward Lawrence Logan International Airport. The runway safety area at the end of runway 27 shall extend approximately 460 feet beyond the harbor line of 1966 between points C and D pursuant to chapter 733 of the acts of 1966. The construction and maintenance of the runway safety area shall be subject to chapter 91 of the General Laws.”;

In section 84, in line 1527, by striking out the following: “32D” and inserting in place thereof the following: “35D”; and

By inserting after section 105 the following section:

“SECTION 105A. Sections 38 3/8, 38 5/8 and 38 7/8 shall take effect on July 1, 2025.”.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 158 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 98](#) in Supplement.]**

Therefore the consolidated amendments (constitutional officers and state administration and transportation) were adopted.

Consolidated amendments adopted,—  
yea and nay  
No. 98.

*Recess.*

At fourteen minutes before nine o’clock P.M. (Thursday, April 25), on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House recessed until the following day at ten o’clock A.M.; and at that time, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Recess.