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*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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**SO MUCH OF THE MESSAGE  
FROM  
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR  
RETURNING THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016  
(SEE HOUSE, NO. 3650)  
AS RELATES TO ATTACHMENTS A AND B,  
FOR ITEMS AND SECTIONS RETURNED WITH REDUCTIONS OR  
DISAPPROVALS  
UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF  
SECTION 5 OF ARTICLE LXIII  
AND SECTIONS RETURNED WITH  
RECOMMENDATIONS OF AMENDMENTS  
UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE LVI  
OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.**

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July 17, 2015.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Section 5 of Article 63 of the Amendments to the Constitution, we are today signing House Bill 3650, "An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2016 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," and returning certain portions to you for reconsideration.

The Fiscal Year 2016 budget we are signing into law reflects responsible budget practices that allow the Commonwealth to make critical investments that create better communities, better schools, and better jobs for all of Massachusetts. This budget is largely similar to what we filed in House 1 on March 4th, 2015. Both House 1 and the budget we are signing today reflect our collaborative efforts working with the Legislature to solve a \$1.8 billion spending gap without new taxes while investing in local aid, education, and transportation.

In light of more than \$2.5 billion worth of adjustments we have worked with you to solve in both Fiscal Years 2015 and 2016, this \$38.1 billion budget responsibly keeps spending growth to 3%. This amount is reasonably within our tax revenue projections and ensures our state government begins to live within our means. The budget reduces our reliance on one-time solutions by half, to \$600 million, and marks the first time in four budget cycles where the state will not draw down from the Stabilization Fund.

Consistent with our overall commitment to protect the hard-working taxpayers of Massachusetts, this budget includes no new taxes and protects the anticipated reduction in the state income tax to 5.1% on January 1, 2016. In addition, we are also increasing the

Earned Income Tax Credit to 23%, a 50% increase that will help over 400,000 low income working individuals and families.

The budget fortifies state government's commitment to cities and towns as a reliable partner. Unrestricted local aid will increase by 3.6% this year to \$980 million, 75% of the growth in state tax revenue, reflecting a pledge we made prior to taking office. Chapter 70 funding for local schools will grow by \$111 million (3%), to \$4.5 billion total — the highest ever Chapter 70 funding level to cities and towns. The budget provides funding for increased investments in summer jobs, and supports \$2.6 million worth of grants and technical assistance from our newly created Community Compact Cabinet to promote and reward best practices at the local level. In addition, the public-private partnership program known as I-Cubed will receive \$10 million this fiscal year to support job-creating economic development projects. The initial elements of our administration's urban agenda are funded in this budget through \$2 million in economic development grants in urban communities and \$1 million for the Transformative Development Initiative focused on Gateway Cities.

This year, it became apparent that our state transportation system is in need of a top to bottom review to ensure that we provide taxpayers with the world class service they deserve. We are pleased that this budget provides \$105 million in additional transportation funding to be spent across the state, including a 53% increase in direct aid to the MBTA. The budget also allows us the oversight to make sure that funding is wisely invested and properly managed. The creation of the MBTA Fiscal and Management Control Board and the three-year suspension of the Commonwealth's anti-privatization law will allow a focused, dedicated group of individuals to diagnose and fix the problems of the MBTA with the necessary flexibility to increase both the system's efficiency and the speed at which reforms will be enacted.

The budget importantly reins in the growth of MassHealth spending while still investing more than \$21 billion in Health and Human Services. The Department of Children and Families will be funded 4.3% over last year and this budget will support \$111 million for substance abuse treatment. The Department of Agriculture's Emergency Food Assistance program will receive \$17.1 million, up from \$15 million last year, providing over 19 million meals for those in need across the Commonwealth. Additionally, the budget appropriates \$30 million to adjust rates for human service providers governed by Chapter 257, provides a \$50 increase for a \$200 clothing allowance as part of a Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children program, and supports the Women's Preventive Health Reserve that we originally filed in House 1.

In conjunction with today's budget signing, we are also filing an end of the year supplemental budget for Fiscal Year 2015 that includes \$5 million for homelessness prevention services and \$28 million for our Opioid Working Group's efforts to provide substance abuse treatment through MassHealth, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Mental Health, and school-based substance abuse prevention grants.

While we are proud to achieve so many accomplishments in our first budget, we also must recognize and acknowledge that there are several revenue and spending items within the conference committee report which require corrective action.

We have identified \$83 million in additional spending over our House 1 proposal. We recognize several underfunded accounts, such as the Committee for Public Counsel Services and the Emergency Assistance program, which we know we will need to fund at higher levels later this year. Finally, we anticipate that non-tax, departmental revenue will come in lower than initially projected for Fiscal Year 2016.

We must make corresponding corrective measures in order to balance the budget and maintain fiscal stability. We are vetoing \$162 million in line-item vetoes and outside sections, including \$38 million in earmarks. We are also proposing to use surplus money from Fiscal Year 2015 to make advance payments and retire debt early to achieve upfront savings.

Therefore:

- I am reducing appropriation amounts in items of section 2 of House 3650 that are enumerated in Attachment A of this message, by the amount and for the reasons set forth in that Attachment;
- I am disapproving, or striking wording in, items of section 2 of House 3650 also set forth in Attachment A, for the reasons set forth in that Attachment;
- I am disapproving those sections of House 3650 itemized in Attachment B of this message for the reasons set forth in that Attachment; and
- Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, I am returning sections 13, 28, 39, 51, 53, 67, 108, 144, and 191 with recommendations for amendment. My reasons for doing so and the recommended amendments are set forth in separate letters dated today which are included with this message as Attachments C to K, inclusive.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES D. BAKER,  
*Governor.*

KARYN POLITO,  
*Lieutenant-Governor*

**Attachment A**

**FY16 Budget**

**Veto Items: Line Item Accounts**

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Correctional Legal Services			
0321-2100	Reduce	190,504	1,184,179
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Appeals Court			
0322-0100	Reduce	248,342	12,977,984
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Administrative Staff			
0330-0300	Reduce	3,637,941	232,000,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Land Court Department			
0334-0001	Reduce	235,527	3,645,748
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Housing Court Department			
0336-0002	Reduce	291,470	7,826,352
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Massachusetts Cultural Council			
0640-0300	Reduce/Strike Wording	2,374,800	11,785,200
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended, and I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Secretary of Administration and Finance			
1100-1100	Strike Wording		
I am striking this language because the required report is unduly burdensome.			
Mass Development Small Business Loan Reserve			
1100-6000	Veto	1,100,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Office of Facilities Management			
1102-3199	Strike Wording		
I am striking this language because the required report is unduly burdensome.			
Tax Administration			
1201-0100	Reduce/Strike Wording	2,000,000	92,872,929
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Sewer Rate Relief Funding			
1231-1000	Veto	1,100,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Transportation Trust Funds			
1595-6368	Reduce	3,000,000	365,025,340
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
CTF Transfer to RTA			
1595-6370	Reduce	2,000,000	80,000,000
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Municipal Regionalization Reserve			
1599-0026	Reduce/Strike Wording	4,716,000	9,125,000
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
ERIP Reserve Salary Reserve			
1599-0055	Reduce	5,742,603	37,597,397
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
ERIP Pension Contribution			
1599-0057	Reduce	19,656,384	29,092,616
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
ERIP NonPayroll Costs			
1599-0063	Reduce	16,851,926	24,254,074
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Health Policy Commission Substance Abuse			
1599-1450	Reduce Earmarking	250,000	350,000
I am reducing earmarked funding for a program to the amount projected to be necessary. The reduction in the item incorporates the reduction in earmarked funds.			
Maintenance Protocol Reserve			
1599-1979	Veto	250,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Uniform Law Commission			
1599-2003	Veto	70,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Health Care Cost Containment Reserve			
1599-2004	Reduce	250,000	250,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
E.J. Collins Jr. Center			
1599-4417	Reduce/Strike Wording	500,000	250,000
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Dartmouth/Bristol CC Reserve			
1599-7104	Reduce Earmarking	1,500,000	5,200,000
I am reducing earmarked funding for a program to the amount projected to be necessary. The reduction in the item incorporates the reduction in earmarked funds.			
Environmental Affairs Administration			
2000-0100	Reduce/Strike Wording	100,000	6,211,774
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
State Climatologist			
2000-1207	Veto	200,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Environmental Protection Administration			
2200-0100	Reduce/Strike Wording	325,000	29,195,620
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Recycling and Solid Waste			
2200-0107	Reduce/Strike Wording	25,000	450,000
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Marine Fisheries			
2330-0100	Reduce/Strike Wording	225,000	6,162,596
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
State Parks and Recreation			
2810-0100	Reduce/Strike Wording	3,027,000	43,334,985
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
EEC Assessment			
3000-1050	Veto	300,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Child Resource and Referral Centers			
3000-2000	Reduce	300,000	6,375,311
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Supportive and TANF Childcare			
3000-3060	Reduce	1,700,000	219,907,383
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary based on declining caseload.			
Birth through Pre School			
3000-4040	Reduce	2,000,000	10,000,000
I am reducing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative			
3000-6025	Veto	500,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Reach Out and Read			
3000-7070	Reduce	300,000	700,000
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Services			
4000-0007	Veto	2,000,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation. Once the Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Commission finalizes its recommendations, appropriate funding levels will be analyzed relative to Commission findings. I am supporting related funds for the Commission in item 4000-0300.			
Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center			
4000-0014	Veto	100,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Family Resource Centers			
4000-0051	Reduce	890,480	1,609,520
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
EOHHS and Medicaid Administration			
4000-0300	Reduce/Strike Wording	300,000	91,940,452
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
MassHealth Nursing Home Rates			
4000-0640	Reduce/Strike Wording	5,300,000	297,600,000
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
MassHealth Fee for Service			
4000-0700	Reduce	7,400,000	2,470,752,092
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Detained Residential			
4200-0200	Reduce/Strike Wording	500,000	26,687,833
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Transitional Aid to Families w/ Dependent Children			
4403-2000	Reduce	9,395,093	221,480,089
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary based on declining caseload.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
SSI State Supplement			
4405-2000	Reduce	1,786,791	226,951,608
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary based on declining caseload.			
Emergency Aid to the Elderly Disabled			
4408-1000	Reduce	2,677,285	76,200,527
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary based on declining caseload.			
Community Health Centers			
4510-0110	Reduce/Strike Wording	150,000	1,045,901
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Postpartum Depression Pilot Program			
4510-0112	Veto	200,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation. Funding for these services is included in item 5042-5000.			
Environmental Health Program			
4510-0600	Reduce/Strike Wording	103,000	4,247,791
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Academic Detailing Program			
4510-0716	Veto	500,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Regional Emergency Med. Svcs.			
4510-0790	Reduce	100,000	731,959
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Substance Abuse Treatment			
4512-0200	Reduce Earmarking	2,240,000	95,999,903
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds. I am filing for \$27.8 million in new funding for substance abuse services and treatment in the FY15 year-end supplemental bill which prioritizes funding based on recommendations made by my Opioid Addiction Working Group.			
Gamblers Treatment			
4512-0225	Reduce	500,000	1,000,000
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Dental Health Program			
4512-0500	Reduce/Strike Wording	300,000	1,736,188
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Family Health Services			
4513-1000	Reduce/Strike Wording	600,000	5,024,931
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended, and I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Health Promotion and Disease Prevention			
4513-1111	Reduce/Strike Wording	215,000	3,737,386
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
STOP Stroke Program			
4513-1121	Veto	500,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Public Health Evaluation Grants			
4590-0081	Veto	250,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Hospital Operations			
4590-0915	Strike Wording		
I am striking this language because the requirement is unduly burdensome.			
Prostate Cancer Research			
4590-0925	Reduce	250,000	250,000
I am reducing earmarked funding for a program to the amount projected to be necessary. The reduction in the item incorporates the reduction in earmarked funds.			
Children's Mental Health			
5042-5000	Reduce/Strike Wording	150,000	86,884,610
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Adult Support Services			
5046-0000	Reduce/Strike Wording	875,000	374,474,785
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Regional Libraries Local Aid			
7000-9401	Reduce/Strike Wording	55,000	9,883,482
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Municipal Libraries Local Aid			
7000-9501	Reduce/Strike Wording	29,000	9,000,000
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Technology and Automated Resources			
7000-9506	Reduce/Strike Wording	40,000	2,076,564
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Economic Development Administration			
7002-0010	Reduce/Strike Wording	100,000	2,620,994
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Massachusetts Technology Collaborative			
7002-0032	Reduce	500,000	2,500,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
MTC Tech and Innovation Entrepreneurship Program			
7002-1508	Reduce	750,000	750,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Mass Manufacturing Extension Partnership			
7003-0606	Reduce	500,000	1,500,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
One Stop Career Centers			
7003-0803	Reduce	125,491	4,400,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Mass Workforce Professionals Association			
7003-0808	Veto	75,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Housing Main Administration			
7004-0099	Reduce/Strike Wording	370,000	8,317,359
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
MA Short Term Housing Transition Program			
7004-0108	Strike Wording		
I am striking language that is unduly burdensome.			
Housing Services Program			
7004-3036	Reduce	650,000	2,241,992
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Massachusetts Rental Vouchers			
7004-9024	Reduce/Strike Wording	3,000,000	87,931,597
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary. I am also striking language that is unduly burdensome.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Secure Jobs Pilot			
7004-9322	Strike Wording		
I am striking language for a requirement that is unduly burdensome.			
Commonwealth Zoological Corporation			
7007-0952	Reduce	1,000,000	3,900,000
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Mass Tech Collaborative - Computer Science			
7007-1202	Reduce	700,000	1,000,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
MA Office of Travel and Tourism			
7008-0900	Reduce/Strike Wording	5,170,000	9,420,000
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
ELL in Gateway Cities			
7009-6400	Veto	1,200,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Department of K-12 Education			
7010-0005	Reduce/Strike Wording	1,193,000	13,249,522
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Kindergarten Expansion Grants			
7030-1002	Reduce	17,589,713	1,000,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Targeted Intervention			
7061-9408	Reduce/Strike Wording	510,000	7,938,413
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
After-School and Out-of-School			
7061-9611	Reduce/Strike Wording	170,000	2,140,000
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Creative Challenge Index			
7061-9811	Veto	200,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Department of Higher Education			
7066-0000	Reduce/Strike Wording	1,000,000	3,449,334
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
STEM Starter Academy			
7066-0036	Reduce	1,250,000	3,500,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Tufts Veterinary			
7077-0023	Reduce	1,000,000	4,000,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
University of Massachusetts			
7100-0200	Reduce	5,250,472	526,556,901
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Gallery 51 at the Berkshire Center			
7113-0101	Veto	75,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Berkshire Community College			
7502-0100	Reduce	23,521	10,347,506
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Quinsigamond Community College			
7512-0100	Reduce	216,509	19,561,314
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Middlesex Community College			
7516-0100	Reduce	74,152	21,845,084
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Bunker Hill Community College			
7518-0100	Reduce	103,734	23,950,197
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Criminal Justice Information Services			
8000-0110	Reduce	375,500	1,574,500
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Executive Office of Public Safety			
8000-0600	Reduce/Strike Wording	957,924	2,416,482
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Evidence Based Programming Grants			
8000-1000	Veto	250,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
State Police Telecommunication			
8100-0020	Veto	35,000	0
I am vetoing this item because funding for this program is supported in item 8100-1001.			
Department of State Police			
8100-1001	Reduce/Strike Wording	3,812,000	265,067,501
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Department of Public Safety			
8311-1000	Reduce	100,000	4,202,186
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Department of Fire Services			
8324-0000	Reduce/Strike Wording	190,000	23,230,065
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Parole Board Administration			
8950-0001	Reduce	1,898,150	16,000,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			

**Attachment B**

**FY16 Budget**

**Veto Items: Outside Sections**

<p>Co-location 1</p> <p>Section 38</p> <p>I am vetoing this section and section 44 in light of my approval of section 178, which requires a plan to co-locate representatives in one stop career centers and regional offices of the Department of Transitional Assistance. I am vetoing sections 38 and 44 in order to allow the agencies, under section 178, to develop a flexible and efficient co-location plan.</p>
<p>Co-location 2</p> <p>Section 44</p> <p>I am vetoing this section and section 38 in light of my approval of section 178, which requires a plan to co-locate representatives in one stop career centers and regional offices of the Department of Transitional Assistance. I am vetoing sections 38 and 44 in order to allow the agencies, under section 178, to develop a flexible and efficient co-location plan.</p>
<p>Promulgation of Regulations</p> <p>Section 50</p> <p>I am vetoing this section because it imposes unnecessary burdens on state agencies which largely duplicate the existing requirements of section 6D of chapter 30A.</p>
<p>Retirement Board Investments</p> <p>Section 55</p> <p>I am vetoing this section because it authorizes the state's many retirement systems to engage in follow-on investments without the protection afforded by up-to-date due diligence.</p>
<p>Combined Reporting Technical Edit</p> <p>Section 70</p> <p>I am vetoing this section because it imposes additional taxes on certain businesses with operations in Massachusetts.</p>

Compensation Rates - Public Counsel Services

Section 119

I am vetoing this section because it sets rates that become effective in fiscal year 2017. I believe it is not appropriate to raise rates for this important program without addressing overall cost issues in a comprehensive manner.

Session Clerk

Section 123

I am vetoing this section because it increases the costs to the trial courts without any corresponding benefits.

Abuse Deterrent Drug Report

Section 134

I am vetoing this section because the United States Food and Drug Administration's approval of abuse deterrent labeling for a drug product does not resolve the issue of drug interchangeability. These designations should therefore await the drug formulary commission's review and determination, which will commence in August of 2015.

Essex County Regional Communication Funds

Section 139

I am vetoing this section because, at a time when unfunded liabilities represent a significant financial exposure for the Commonwealth, the Commonwealth cannot bear fringe and indirect costs on behalf of other governmental organizations. Funding issues for sheriffs are important and currently uncertain, and I look forward to undertaking the work required under section 172 of this act, which I am approving today.

Martha's Vineyard Airport

Section 140

I am vetoing this section because control of the Martha's Vineyard Airport has been resolved by the courts, in accordance with the laws governing local and regional airports.

DOC Re-Procurement

Section 155

I am vetoing this section because the Department of Correction recently reprocured its food and commissary contracts after lengthy processes, and this section will interfere with those existing contracts.

Task Force for Drug Disposal Program

Section 159

I am vetoing this section because under separate legislation filed today, I have proposed to create a Massachusetts Council on Substance Use Disorder Prevention and Treatment whose work will include providing recommendations on methods and programs to increase the collection and safe disposal of federally scheduled prescription medications.

Commission on State House Tourism

Section 163

I am vetoing this section because the goals of enhancing tourism at the State House and increasing retail sales at the State House bookstore, whatever their merits, can be addressed without the creation of a new 11-member commission.

Public Health Evaluation Grant Program

Section 176

I am vetoing this section because I am vetoing line item 4590-0081, which provides the funding for this program.

Chapter 257 Report

Section 180

I am vetoing this section because the budget appropriates \$30 million to resolve certain litigation and to adjust rates for human service providers governed by Chapter 257. That litigation has been resolved, and human service provider rates will be adjusted accordingly. Therefore, the reporting requirements under this section are unnecessary and burdensome.

Task Force on the Bulk Purchase of Prescription Medications

Section 181

I am vetoing this section because the Department of Public Health already employs a consolidated bulk buying plan for all state entities that purchase pharmaceuticals, and whether further advantages could be achieved by participating in a multi-state program of this sort is a question that can be settled without the creation of a new 13-member task force.

Report on MassHealth Bulk Purchase of Prescription Medications

Section 182

I am vetoing this section because the Office of Medicaid is already engaged in an independent review of methods to reduce costs in the area of prescription medications, and that review will include consideration of the two areas of potential cost savings on prescription medications targeted by Section 182. The Office of Medicaid will provide the Legislature with its relevant findings in this area upon request.

Federal Grants Management Task Force

Section 183

I am vetoing this section because the Executive Office for Administration and Finance is already working on the issues to be addressed by this proposed new task force. The task force process would slow down that important work. We look forward to sharing the results of this work with the Legislature.

Barnstable County Sheriff

Section 186

I am vetoing this section because, at a time when unfunded liabilities represent a significant financial exposure for the Commonwealth, the Commonwealth cannot bear fringe and indirect costs on behalf of other governmental organizations. Funding issues for sheriffs are important and currently uncertain, and I look forward to undertaking the work required under section 172 of this act, which I am approving today.

New Business Registration Study

Section 188

I am vetoing this section because, while I support the goals of streamlining new business registration processes and eliminating duplicative registration requirements, these are improvements that the relevant executive agencies can and will execute independently, without the need for a new 22-member special commission.

Effective Date for Combined Reporting

Section 213

I am vetoing this section because I am vetoing the underlying section related to combined reporting, section 70.

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**— ATTACHMENT C —**

July 17, 2015.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning to you for amendment Section 13 of House Bill No. 3650, “An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2016 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.”

Section 13 enhances the role of the existing internal auditor at the department of transportation. I support the need to ensure the quality, efficiency and integrity of the department’s operating and capital programs, including those of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, and to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse in the expenditure of public or private transportation funds.

However, the authority that this section grants to the internal auditor exceeds that granted to the inspector general under chapter 12A of the General Laws.

For this reason, I recommend that Section 13 be amended by striking out the text and inserting in place thereof the following text:-

SECTION 13. Section 9 of said chapter 6C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the following 4 subsections:-

(a) There shall be within the department, but not subject to the control of the department, an internal special audit unit. The inspector general shall appoint a director of the internal special audit unit, who shall serve as an assistant inspector general under the supervision of the inspector general, and who shall serve for a term of 6 years. The inspector general may remove the director for cause, and shall fill any vacancy for the unexpired term. The director shall devote full time and attention to the duties of the unit.

(b) The director may appoint and remove, subject to the approval of the inspector general, such persons as the director shall deem necessary to perform the functions of the internal special audit unit; provided, however, that section 9A of chapter 30 and chapter 31 shall not apply to any such employee holding any such appointment. Employees of the internal special audit unit shall have experience with accounting, auditing, financial analysis, applicable law, business management and public administration and shall devote their full time and efforts to the unit. Employees shall be subject to the rules and regulations established for employees of the office of the inspector general pursuant to chapter 12A. Every person so appointed to any position in the internal special audit unit shall have experience and skill in the field of such position.

(c) Pursuant to chapter 12A, the internal special audit unit shall monitor the quality, efficiency and integrity of the department's operating and capital programs, including those of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, and seek to prevent, detect and correct fraud, waste and abuse in the expenditure of public or private transportation funds. In accordance with said chapter 12A, the department shall cooperate with the unit in carrying out the unit's duties, including granting access to persons, documents, databases, electronic data or other materials deemed necessary by the director to conduct an investigation, audit or review.

(d) The director may report and refer any instances of fraud, waste or abuse in the expense of transportation funds or the procurement of any supplies, services or construction by the department to the inspector general for investigation pursuant to chapter 12A and the results of such investigation may be referred to the attorney general for appropriate action.

Respectfully submitted,

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**— ATTACHMENT D —**

July 17, 2015.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning to you for amendment Section 28 of House Bill No. 3650, “An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2016 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.”

Section 28 codifies the Massachusetts percent for art program (MPAP), to be administered by a newly-created public art commission, to help preserve existing artwork in Boston and gateway cities, and to create new artwork in connection with public construction projects. It requires that at least 0.5 per cent of the cost of any construction or substantial renovation of state-owned buildings or properties, up to a ceiling of \$250,000, be dedicated to public art preservation and creation. Governor Patrick created the framework for this program in Executive Order 553.

The enacted language leaves substantial questions regarding the types of projects to which this requirement applies, and could lead to unsustainable funding requirements. It also restricts the program to Boston and to gateway cities, even though other locations may have needs that are as pressing. The enacted language also proposes an unwieldy administrative structure, which could lead to delays in decisions that need to be made for projects to proceed.

For this reason, I recommend that Section 28 be amended by striking out the text and inserting in place thereof the following text:-

SECTION 28. Chapter 7C of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 73. (a) There shall be a Massachusetts percent for art program, or MPAP, to be administered by the executive office for administration and finance. The MPAP shall provide for the creation and preservation of public art in the commonwealth. Under this program, in connection with construction or substantial renovation of any commonwealth-owned, managed and occupied building, up to 0.5 per cent of the budgeted capital cost of the project, not to exceed \$100,000 per building, and not to exceed \$1,000,000 in the aggregate in any fiscal year of the commonwealth, may be expended for the creation or preservation of public art in or on the site of such building, provided that borrowing for such expenditure shall be duly authorized as a part of the applicable construction or renovation project.

(b) There shall be a public art advisory commission that shall advise the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance with respect to the MPAP by: (i) establishing partnerships with artists, cultural institutions, arts organizations and educational institutions; (ii) consulting with local art and cultural commissions; (iii) encouraging public art and cultural activities; and (iv) promoting public access to and education with respect to art installations in public facilities. The commission may also research public-private partnerships and may coordinate with educational, arts and cultural organizations, municipalities and other organizations to provide alternate sources of funding for public art and programming for arts and cultural education.

(c) The advisory commission shall consist of the following 9 members: the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance or a designee, who shall serve as chair; the secretary of education or a designee; and 7 persons to be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be recommended by the mayor of the city of Boston; 1 of whom shall be a representative from a municipality designated as a gateway municipality under section 3A of chapter 23A, who shall be selected from individuals recommended by the chief executive officer of any such municipality; 1 of whom shall be a project designer with experience in the creation and installation of public art; 1 of whom shall be an artist or representative from a nonprofit or community organization associated with the arts; 1 of whom shall be a student at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design; and 2 persons whom the governor otherwise deems appropriate. Commission members shall serve without compensation or reimbursement for expenses. The commission shall meet at such times and places as directed by the chair.

Respectfully submitted,

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— ATTACHMENT E —

July 17, 2015.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning to you for amendment Section 39 of House Bill No. 3650, “An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2016 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.”

Section 39 requires the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to conduct fingerprint-based checks of the state and national criminal history databases for all individuals, and their household members age 15 or older, applying to be adoptive or foster parents. It also requires DCF to obtain all available sex offender registry information associated with the address of the applicant’s home. I support the need to conduct these activities in order to protect the safety of children.

However, Section 39 does not address the requirements of Public Law 92-544. That law permits the Federal Bureau of Investigation to exchange identification records with state and local governments, provided that the exchanges are authorized by state law and the records are not disseminated outside the receiving department or agency. Section 39 does not include the safeguards necessary to comply with Public Law 92-544. Instead, it largely duplicates the existing provisions in section 26A of chapter 119 of the General Laws, which requires fingerprint-based checks of adoptive and foster parent

applicants and their household members, but does not address the requirements of Public Law 92-544.

For these reasons, I recommend that Section 39 be amended by striking out the text and inserting in place thereof the following text:-

SECTION 39. Section 26A of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out subsections (a) and (b), and inserting in place thereof the following 2 subsections:-

(a) As part of the department's licensing and background record check process, the department shall conduct fingerprint-based checks of the state and national criminal history databases for all applicants filing a request to become adoptive or foster parents as authorized by 42 U.S.C. § 16962. All household members, age 15 or older, of any applicants filing a request to become adoptive or foster parents shall be subject to a fingerprint-based check of the state and national criminal history databases as authorized by Public Law 92-544. Only authorized department staff may receive the results of checks of state and national databases under Public Law 92-544 and shall not further disseminate said results except as authorized under Public Law 92-544. When the department obtains the results of checks of state and national criminal history databases, it shall treat the information according to sections 167 to 178, inclusive, of chapter 6 and the regulations thereunder regarding criminal offender record information.

(b) Fingerprints, as referenced in subsection (a), shall be submitted to the identification section of the department of state police for a state criminal history check and forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history check, according to the policies and procedures established by the identification section and by the department of criminal justice information services. Fingerprint submissions may be retained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the state identification section and the department of criminal justice information services to assist the department in its review of suitability for initial or continued approval of pre-adoptive or foster parents. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C § 16962, the department of criminal justice information services may disseminate the results of a state and national criminal history check to authorized department of children and families staff to determine the suitability of adoptive and foster parent applicants. Pursuant to Public Law 92-544, the department of criminal justice information services may disseminate the results of a state and national criminal history check to authorized department of children and families staff to determine the suitability of the household members, age 15 or older, of adoptive and foster parent applicants. If the department of children and families receives information from a fingerprint-based check that does not include a final disposition or is otherwise incomplete, the department may request that an applicant provide additional information to assist the department in determining the suitability of the individual for approval.

SECTION 39A. Said section 26A of said chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out subsection (e), and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

(e) The department shall promulgate regulations requiring applicants filing a request to become adoptive or foster parents to be subject to a fingerprint-based check of the state and national criminal history databases pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 16962; requiring their household members age 15 or older to be subject to a fingerprint-based check of the state and national criminal history databases pursuant to Public Law 92-544; and requiring applicants and their household members age 15 or older to be subject to a sexual offender registry information check pursuant to sections 178I and 178J of chapter 6. The regulations shall incorporate all fees associated with conducting fingerprint-based checks, under 42 U.S.C. § 16962 and Public Law 92-544, as set by the department.

Respectfully submitted,

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July 17, 2015.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning to you for amendment Section 51 of House Bill No. 3650, “An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2016 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.”

Section 51 limits the length of time that a stay of a final classification of a sex offender may last. I support the goal of timely resolution of appeals of decisions of the sex offender registry board, and recognize the need to ensure public safety by not unduly delaying the implementation of the board’s decisions while any appeal process is pending.

However, I have been advised that the time limit as applied to the courts may be subject to challenge as an unconstitutional violation of the separation of powers doctrine or, in certain cases, the due process rights of a litigant. In order to avoid the uncertainty and expense associated with this sort of challenge to the law, I recommend that Section 51 be amended by striking out the text and inserting in place thereof the following text:-

SECTION 51. Paragraph (3) of section 14 of said chapter 30A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:-

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the sex offender registry board issues a stay of a final classification in a sex offender registry board proceeding then such stay shall be for not more than 60 days; and if a court issues a stay of a final classification in a court appeal held pursuant to section 178M of chapter 6, then such hearing shall be expedited and such stay shall be for not more than 60 days, without written findings with good cause shown.

Respectfully submitted,

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### — ATTACHMENT G —

July 17, 2015.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning to you for amendment Section 53 of House Bill No. 3650, “An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2016 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.”

Section 53 changes the amount required to be transferred to the retirement system in fiscal year 2017 to reflect the impact in that year, on the state retirement system, of the early retirement incentive program implemented during fiscal year 2015. Since I filed H.1, and each branch passed its version of the fiscal year 2016 budget, the early retirement incentive program has been implemented and we now know with greater certainty its effect on the state retirement system. The amendment proposed below simply changes the number that appears in Section 53 to conform to the new, lower transfer that is expected to be required in fiscal year 2017.

For this reason, I recommend that Section 53 be amended by striking out the figure, “\$2,217,749,000,” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-  
\$2,198,092,616.

Respectfully submitted,

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### — ATTACHMENT H —

July 17, 2015.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning to you for amendment Section 67 of House Bill No. 3650, “An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2016 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.”

Section 67 increases from 15% to 23% the percentage of the federal earned income tax credit recognized under Massachusetts tax laws. This change provides additional tax relief of up to \$507 to more than 400,000 individuals and families in Massachusetts. I support this important benefit for Massachusetts taxpayers.

But section 67 proposed to pay for this change by eliminating a deduction previously enacted by the Legislature to mitigate the effects on certain corporations from the Commonwealth’s adoption of combined reporting in 2008. Although this temporary, seven-year deduction has not yet started to take effect, it is an important commitment to these corporations, many of which have relied on this undertaking by the Commonwealth and have invested in significant durable assets in our state. Accordingly, I do not support eliminating the deduction proposed in Section 67.

For these reasons, I recommend that Section 67 be amended by striking out the text and inserting in place thereof the following text:-

SECTION 67. (a) Section 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 302 and 307, the figure "15" and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- 23.

(b) Subsection (2) of section 95 of chapter 173 of the acts of 2008 is hereby amended by striking out the words, "7-year," and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 30-year.

(c) Said subsection (2) of said section 95 of said chapter 173 is hereby further amended by striking out the figure "2016", inserted by section 189 of chapter 165 of the acts of 2014, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2021.

(d) Said subsection (2) of said section 95 of said chapter 173 is hereby further amended by striking out the words, "one-seventh," and inserting in place thereof the following words:- one-thirtieth.

(e) Subsection (a) of this section shall take effect on January 1, 2016 and shall apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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— ATTACHMENT I —

July 17, 2015.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning to you for amendment Section 108 of House Bill No. 3650, “An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2016 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.”

Section 108 ensures that District Attorneys receive notice of requests to alter court-ordered movement restrictions of patients confined to mental health facilities. This is a positive change in the law, as District Attorneys can provide valuable information to the courts in deciding these requests. However, Section 108 as written eliminates the existing 14-day period during which objections to such requests must be made and leaves the time for making objections indeterminate. Prompt determination of these requests can be vital to patients’ treatment plans.

For this reason, I recommend that Section 108 be amended by striking out the text and inserting in place thereof the following text:-

SECTION 108. Subsection (e) of section 16 of chapter 123 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

In the event the superintendent communicates his intention to remove or modify such restriction in writing to the court and the district attorney who has or had jurisdiction of the criminal case, and within fourteen days of receipt of notice from the superintendent, neither the court nor the district attorney makes written objection thereto, such restrictions shall be removed by the superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

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**— ATTACHMENT J —**

July 17, 2015.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning to you for amendment Section 144 of House Bill No. 3650, “An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2016 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.”

Section 144 transfers \$11.5 million to the Housing Preservation and Stabilization Trust Fund (HPSTF), including \$6,500,000 from MassHousing and \$5,000,000 from the General Fund. The HPSTF provides funds for a critically important program, which develops affordable housing units and provides necessary support services for families making a transition from homeless shelters and overflow facilities. The populations served also include those who are facing special challenges, such as homeless veterans and persons with disabilities. I support the Trust Fund and the programs it funds.

However, this additional transfer of \$5 million to HPSTF comes at the expense of the operating budget, which is unnecessary. Additional funds from the programs already identified at MassHousing are available, and should instead be tapped to support the important work of the Trust Fund in fiscal year 2016.

For this reason, I recommend that Section 144 be amended by striking out the text and inserting in place thereof the following text:-

SECTION 144. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency shall, not later than June 30, 2016 transfer \$5,000,000 from funds previously appropriated, or loans repaid, that the agency administers on behalf of the commonwealth as a result of the program established pursuant to item 1231-1020 of section 2 of chapter 151 of the acts of 1996 and \$5,000,000 from funds previously appropriated that the agency administers on behalf of the commonwealth as a result of the lead abatement program established in section 197E of chapter 111 of the General Laws, to the comptroller to be credited to the Housing Preservation and Stabilization Trust Fund for fiscal year 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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**— ATTACHMENT K —**

July 17, 2015.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning to you for amendment Section 191 of House Bill No. 3650, “An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2016 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.”

Section 191 directs the secretary of health and human services and the department of public health to examine the prescribing and treatment history of all persons in the commonwealth who suffered fatal opiate overdoses in calendar year 2014, and to publish findings on any trends identified in its examination not later than February 1, 2016. I recognize the need to understand more fully how the misuse of prescription medicines contributes to the problem of opiate addiction and opiate-related deaths in the commonwealth, and I support the examination outlined in Section 191.

The study proposed by Section 191, however, will require careful and detailed review of a large and complex set of data. That sort of analysis can be best performed by the department of public health in partnership with an academic research institution with special expertise in statistical analysis. Given the complexity of the undertaking, a complete analysis will likely require more time than provided by Section 191 as drafted.

For these reasons, I recommend that Section 191 be amended by striking out the proposed language and inserting in place thereof the following text:-

SECTION 191. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary of health and human services, in collaboration with the department of public health shall conduct or provide for an examination of the prescribing and treatment history, including court-ordered treatment or treatment within the criminal justice system, of persons in the commonwealth who suffered fatal opiate overdoses in calendar year 2014 and to make a report in an aggregate and de-identified form on trends discovered through the examination.

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, to facilitate the examination, the department shall request, and the relevant offices and agencies shall provide, information necessary to complete the examination from the division of medical assistance, the executive office of public safety and security, the center for health information and analysis, the office of patient protection and the chief justice of the trial court, which may include, but shall not be limited to: data from the prescription drug monitoring program; the all-payer claims database; the criminal offender record information database; and the court activity record information. To the extent feasible, the department shall request data from the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. relating to treatment within houses of correction.

Not later than 1 year from the effective date of this act, the secretary of health and human services shall publish a report on the findings of the examination including, but not limited to: (i) instances of multiple provider episodes, meaning a single patient having access to opiate prescriptions from more than 1 provider; (ii) instances of poly-substance access, meaning a patient having simultaneous prescriptions for an opiate and a benzodiazepine or for an opiate and another drug which may enhance the effects or the risks of drug abuse or overdose; (iii) the overall opiate prescription history of the individuals, including whether the individuals had access to legal prescriptions for opiate drugs at the time of their deaths; (iv) whether the individuals had previously undergone voluntary or involuntary treatment for substance addiction or behavioral health; (v) whether the individuals had attempted to enter but were denied access to treatment for substance addiction or behavioral health; (vi) whether the individuals had received past treatment for a substance overdose; (vii) whether any individuals had been previously detained or incarcerated and, if so, whether they had received treatment during the detention or incarceration.

The report shall be filed with the clerks of the house of representatives and senate, the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on mental health and substance abuse, the joint committee on public health, the joint committee on health care financing and the house and senate committees on ways and means.

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive office of health and human services may contract with a non-profit or educational entity to conduct data analytics on the data set generated in the examination, provided that the executive office shall implement appropriate privacy safeguards.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES D. BAKER,  
*Governor.*

The actions taken by the Governor are delineated on this excerpt from the original parchment:—

I disapprove the following items:

in Section 2

1100-6000  
1231-1000  
1599-1979  
1599-2003  
2000-1207  
3000-1050  
3000-6025  
4000-0007  
4000-0014  
4510-0112  
4510-0716  
4513-1121  
4590-0081  
7003-0808  
7009-6400  
7061-9811  
7113-0101  
8000-1000  
8100-0020

I disapprove Sections 38, 44, 50, 55, 70, 119, 123, 134, 139, 140, 155, 159, 163, 176, 180, 181, 182, 183, 186, 188, and 213.

I reduce the following items in Section 2 to the following amounts:

Section 2	Reduce By	Reduce To
0321-2100	190,504	1,184,179
0322-0100	248,342	12,977,984
0330-0300	3,637,941	232,000,000
0334-0001	235,527	3,645,748
0336-0002	291,470	7,826,352
1595-6368	3,000,000	365,025,340
1595-6370	2,000,000	80,000,000
1599-0055	5,742,603	37,597,397
1599-0057	19,656,384	29,092,616
1599-0063	16,851,926	24,254,074
1599-2004	250,000	250,000

3000-2000	300,000	6,375,311
3000-3060	1,700,000	219,907,383
3000-4040	2,000,000	10,000,000
3000-7070	300,000	700,000
4000-0051	890,480	1,609,520
4000-0700	7,400,000	2,470,752,092
4403-2000	9,395,093	221,480,089
4405-2000	1,786,791	226,951,608
4408-1000	2,677,285	76,200,527
4510-0790	100,000	731,959
4590-0925	250,000	250,000
7002-0032	500,000	2,500,000
7002-1508	750,000	750,000
7003-0606	500,000	1,500,000
7003-0803	125,491	4,400,000
7004-3036	650,000	2,241,992
7007-0952	1,000,000	3,900,000
7007-1202	700,000	1,000,000
7030-1002	17,589,713	1,000,000
7066-0036	1,250,000	3,500,000
7077-0023	1,000,000	4,000,000
7100-0200	5,250,472	526,556,901
7502-0100	23,521	10,347,506
7512-0100	216,509	19,561,314
7516-0100	74,152	21,845,084
7518-0100	103,734	23,950,197
8000-0110	375,500	1,574,500
8311-1000	100,000	4,202,186
8950-0001	1,898,150	16,000,000

I reduce the following items in Section 2 to the following amounts, and disapprove the wording as indicated:

Section 2	Reduce By	Reduce To	Wording Stricken
0640-0300	2,374,800	11,785,200	"; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended on the Cogswell school building for execution of the feasibility study requirements for the Cogswell school project in the Bradford section of the city of Haverhill; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Playwright Mentoring Project at Barrington Stage Company, Inc. in the city of Pittsfield"
1201-0100	2,000,000	92,872,929	"; provided further, that the limitation on refilling positions vacated by early retirement under section 9 of chapter 19 of the acts of 2015 shall not apply to tax administration positions in the department; and provided further, that the department shall expend not less than \$2,000,000 to hire 20 full-time equivalent auditors"
1599-0026	4,716,000	9,125,000	"; provided further, that not less than \$3,000,000 shall be expended for a multi-year competitive grant program to provide financial support for 1-time or transition costs related to regionalization and other efficiency initiatives,

with allowable applicants to include municipalities, regional school districts, school districts considering forming a regional school district or regionalizing services, regional planning agencies and councils of governments; provided further, that funds may be expended to expand programs that received funding from this item in prior fiscal years and on programs with proven replicable outcomes for municipalities; provided further, that the executive office for administration and finance shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than March 14, 2016 on: (i) results to date of grants awarded in fiscal year 2016 and in prior fiscal years; and (ii) replicable outcome measures for projects awarded to date"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to mitigate student overcrowding in the town of Ashland; provided further, than not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for the National Lancers; provided further, that each state entity administering grant funds through this item shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than February 12, 2016 detailing grants awarded through this item and the criteria used for distribution; provided further, that not less than \$36,000 shall be expended from this item to purchase a refueling vehicle for the highway department of the city of Easthampton; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for a public safety grant in the city of Newburyport for additional lighting in the city of Newburyport's public parking lots"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Mother Brook Arts and Community Center in the town of Dedham; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended to the town of Plymouth for revising and updating its radiological response and recovery plan; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be allocated to Andover high school to upgrade the media and technology center; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be allocated to Andover high school for continued renovation of the Peter Aumais baseball facility; provided further, that not less than the amount appropriated in this item in section 2 of chapter 165 of the acts of 2014 for the city of Haverhill shall be expended again in fiscal year 2016"

and

"and provided further, that not less than \$65,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements and historic renovations in the town of Millbury"

1599-4417                      500,000                      250,000                      "; provided, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended

by the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for one-time costs for a performance management, accountability and transparency program for local governments; and provided further, that this program shall be self-sustaining as of July 1, 2016"

2000-0100            100,000        6,211,774    "; provided, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for a carbon sequestration program in the city known as the town of West Springfield"

2200-0100            325,000        29,195,620    "; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for brownfields assessment and remediation in the city of Everett"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Cape Cod conservation district to fund feasibility studies and conceptual plans for coastal restoration projects on Cape Cod; and provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to enter into an agreement with a nonprofit organization to operate a water quality monitoring program in the Sudbury, Assabet and Concord rivers"

2200-0107            25,000            450,000    "; and provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for environmental improvements at the transfer station in the town of Sherborn"

2330-0100            225,000        6,162,596    "; provided further, than not less than \$175,000 shall be expended for shellfish propagation in Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket counties to be administered jointly by the director of marine fisheries and counties"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for programs at the Fishing Academy, Inc., for young people in greater Boston"

2810-0100            3,027,000        43,334,985    "; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the management and cleanup of invasive pond vegetation in the town of Pembroke; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the maintenance and enhancement of Marion's Camp in the town of Sutton; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 more than the amount appropriated in item 7008-0900 of section 2 of chapter 165 of the acts of 2014 to the town of Methuen for a public safety grant shall be expended for renovations at Nicholson Stadium in the city known as the town of Methuen; provided further, that not less than \$138,000 shall be expended for the Charles River Conservancy to complete the environmental remediation of a portion of the Lynch Family skate park in the city of Cambridge; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for a feasibility study to develop a canoe launch, walking paths and hiking trails in public parks and open space areas in the town of Dedham including, but not

limited to, historic Wigwam pond"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$88,000 shall be expended for a grant to the city of Newton Parks and Recreation Department for the purpose of protecting and preserving the water quality of Crystal Lake; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the long term care and maintenance of Whitman's pond in the city known as the town of Weymouth"

and

"; provided further, that \$100,000 may be expended for the operations of the Blue Hill Observatory and Science Center; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the Blue Hills Trailside Museum; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for a community playground project in the town of Littleton; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for park and playground projects in the city of Marlborough; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to cover 1-time costs of window replacements and other exterior restorations for the 1818 Powder House at Magazine beach"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for aquatic invasive species control on the Mystic river"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 more than the amount appropriated in item 8000-0600 of section 2 of chapter 165 of the acts of 2014 to the town of Ludlow shall be expended for the public riverwalk at Ludlow Mills for the installation of riverwalk pedestrian safety improvements and required historical signage; provided further, that said public improvements shall include LED energy efficient safety lighting, riverwalk furnishings and required historical interpretive signage, all of which have been designed, permitted and approved by the Town of Ludlow"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be allocated for the Central Plymouth County Water District commission for the improvement and management of lakes and ponds in the Central Plymouth County Water District; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the expansion of the city known as the town of Methuen public school's rowing program as part of the River Cities Initiative and administered by the Essex

Rowing Club, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$16,000 shall be expended for the construction of a playground at Memorial park in the town of Hampden"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for the city of Brockton parks commission to renovate McKinley Playground"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for athletic field improvements in the town of Millis"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for a feasibility study for a community path in the town of Belmont"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for a new children's playground and basketball court at Parallel Park in Arlington; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for improvements to the Summer street field and its spectator stands in the town of Arlington; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for the maintenance and enhancement of Webster lake"

4000-0300

300,000

91,940,452

"; provided further that on or before December 31, 2015, not less than \$150,000 shall be provided to Noble Hospital, a federal and state disproportionate share hospital that is geographically isolated, to improve the access entry way for all patients, especially those challenged with disabilities; provided further, that those funds are matched by an equal or greater amount by Noble Hospital"

and

"; provided further, that \$50,000 shall be expended for the direct payroll costs of a MassHealth liaison to the trial court responsible for the administration of health insurance benefits for participants in the specialty courts"

and

"; provided further, that the executive office of health and human services shall expend not less than \$100,000 to develop a pilot program in Norfolk county to incentivize independent home health care nurses to work with patients with rare diseases and disorders including, but not limited to, Rett Syndrome and mitochondrial diseases"

4000-0640	5,300,000	297,600,000	" ; provided further, that not less than \$2,500,000 or 70 per cent of any supplemental rate reimbursements in excess of \$297,600,000 made pursuant to this item in fiscal year 2016 shall be expended to fund a rate add-on for wages, benefits and related employee costs of direct care staff of nursing homes; provided further, that not less than \$2,800,000 shall be expended as incentive payments to nursing facilities meeting the criteria determined under the MassHealth Nursing Facility Pay for Performance Program and that have established and participated in a cooperative effort in each qualifying nursing facility between representatives of employees and management that is focused on implementing that criteria and improving the quality of services available to MassHealth members and that shall decide jointly how to expend such incentive payments"
4200-0200	500,000	26,687,833	" ; provided, that the department shall expend not less than \$500,000 to expand the Detention Diversion Advocacy Program to be coordinated by the Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps to prevent high-risk juveniles presenting before the court from penetrating further into the juvenile justice system"
4510-0110	150,000	1,045,901	" ; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the operation and implementation of the South Boston Community Health Center, Inc. and its Youth Ambassador Program and South Boston Leadership Initiative; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Mattapan Integrative Care Partnership pilot program among the Mattapan Community Health Center, Inc., Mattahunt Community Center, Mattahunt elementary school, and the Wheelock College social work department for a behavioral health practice at the Mattapan Community Health Center, Inc. and support a full-time licensed social worker to bring mental health care to the community's youth and to improve the coordination of care"
4510-0600	103,000	4,247,791	" ; and provided further, that \$103,000 shall be expended to address new concerns associated with bacterial contamination of marine waters and shellfish"
4512-0500	300,000	1,736,188	" ; provided, that \$300,000 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"
4513-1000	600,000	5,024,931	" ; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the program's critical congenital heart defects screening activities"
4513-1111	215,000	3,737,386	" ; provided, that \$100,000 shall be expended for macular degeneration research into prevention and treatment at The Schepens Eye Research Institute, Inc."

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for the FIT Body & Soul program at COGIC Family Services, Inc. in the city of Springfield"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for the New North Citizen Council, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Haitian American Public Health Initiative to provide vital healthcare and education services to families and children in the Haitian community in the city of Boston and the town of Milton"

5042-5000	150,000	86,884,610	"; and provided further, that the department shall expend not less than \$150,000 for the Arlington Youth Counseling Center"
5046-0000	875,000	374,474,785	"; provided further, that the department shall expend not less than \$250,000 to continue an assisted outpatient treatment pilot program that began in fiscal year 2015 to treat residents who suffer from serious and persistent mental illness and experience repeated interaction with law enforcement or have a high rate of recurring hospitalization due to their mental illness either through a voluntary agreement with the resident or by a court order mandating that the resident receive the treatment described in this program; provided further, that the department shall report not later than March 1, 2016 to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on mental health and substance abuse on the progress and results of the program and any identified barriers and challenges to treatment for the aforementioned treatment group; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the International Institute of New England for culturally and linguistically appropriate mental health services for immigrants and refugees; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Interface referral service of William James College, Inc., formerly known as Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, in Plymouth county"
7000-9401	55,000	9,883,482	"; and provided further, that not less than \$55,000 shall be expended for traffic improvements at the Milton public library"
7000-9501	29,000	9,000,000	"; and provided further, that \$29,000 shall be distributed equally between the public libraries located in the towns of Granville, Russell, Southwick, Tolland and Montgomery"
7000-9506	40,000	2,076,564	"; provided, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for technology upgrades at West Boylston public library"

7002-0010	100,000	2,620,994	" ; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the 495/MetroWest Suburban Edge Community Commission established in section 233 of chapter 165 of the acts of 2014"
7004-0099	370,000	8,317,359	" ; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Methuen Arlington Neighborhood, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for World is Our Classroom, Inc. serving the towns of Holyoke, Westfield, Chicopee and Greenfield"  and  " ; provided further, that the town of Holbrook shall receive not less than the amount appropriated in item 7004-0099 of section 2 of chapter 139 of the acts of 2012 for a community action grant"  and  " ; provided further, that not less than \$45,000 shall be expended for a caseworker position under the Housing Assistance Corporation in the Hyannis section of the town of Barnstable to assist residents of Martha's Vineyard who are homeless or at risk of homelessness"  and  " ; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Housing Families, Inc. in the city of Malden for providing educational support programming for homeless children through the GREAT Youth and Families Program"
7004-9024	3,000,000	87,931,597	" ; provided further, that for continued eligibility, each participant shall execute this 12-month contract on or before September 1, 2015 if the participant's annual eligibility recertification date occurs between June 30, 2015 and September 1, 2015, and otherwise on or before the annual eligibility recertification date"  and  " ; provided further, that the department may assist housing authorities at their written request in the immediate implementation of a homeless prevention program utilizing alternative housing resources available to them for low-income families and the elderly by designating participants in the Massachusetts rental voucher program as at risk of displacement by public action through no fault of their own"
7008-0900	5,170,000	9,420,000	" ; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the West Medford Community Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended as a public safety grant to the city of Beverly; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be

expended for a parking study in the city of Brockton"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for a district-wide robotics program in the town of Saugus; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Wilbraham Nature and Cultural Council working in collaboration with Wilbraham Community Association, Inc. and Minnechaug Land Trust, Inc. for tourism marketing and advertising purposes; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the launch and operation of New England Public Radio Foundation, Inc. in the city of Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be appropriated as a public safety grant to the city of Lowell for the design, construction and realignment of Tanner Street as part of the overall urban renewal plan of the Ayer's City Industrial Park region of the city of Lowell"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for safety upgrades and repairs along state highway route 129 on the city of Lynn border in the town of Swampscott; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Quincy Asian Resources, Inc. in the city of Quincy; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Germantown Neighborhood Center in the city of Quincy; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for child safety grants to the town of North Reading; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for child safety grants to the town of Reading; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for a redevelopment study in Devens"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. for the marketing and promotion of Sail Boston 2017; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Horace Mann park in the town of Franklin"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be provided for improvements to Fino field in the town of Milford; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be provided for the Mendon public library; provided further, that not less than \$90,000 shall be expended for Russian Community Association of Massachusetts, Inc."

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended as a grant to the town of Billerica for the Yankee Doodle Bike Path; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Stone Soul, Inc. to implement the Stone Soul Festival in the city of Springfield, and to provide recreational activities for at-risk youth by collaborating with organizations that provide after-school programs; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the North Quabbin Chamber of Commerce, Inc. to establish a regional tourism council for the North Quabbin region; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Solomon Post # 8819, Inc. in the town of Billerica"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be provided for King Philip High School in the town of Wrentham; provided further, that not less than 62.5 per cent of the amount appropriated in item 2810-0100 of section 2 of chapter 38 of the acts of 2013 for open space improvements in the city of Lowell shall be expended for Edward A. LeLacheur park in the city of Lowell"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Methuen Rail Trail Project; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be granted to the Independent Film Society of Boston, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended as a grant to the Boston Landmarks Orchestra, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Lynn Mural Project in the city of Lynn"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Waltham Tourism Council, Inc."

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$80,000 shall be expended for youth programs at Dennison Memorial Community Center, Inc. in the city of New Bedford; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the training apprenticeship program at the New Bedford Festival Theatre in the city of New Bedford"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the operation of the programs at Riverside Theatre Works, an organization located in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less

than \$5,000 shall be expended for We the People programs administered by the Massachusetts Center of Civic Engagement; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Beebe Estate Association, Inc. in the city of Melrose"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for infrastructure improvements for the promotion and growth of economic development in the town of Wakefield"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended as a planning grant to the town of Charlton"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$85,000 shall be expended on playground improvements in the town of Templeton; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for AHA! Art, History & Architecture in the city of New Bedford to establish and enhance outreach and educational programs to benefit financially disadvantaged children in the greater New Bedford area; provided further, that \$150,000 shall be expended for the Discovery Museums, Inc. to develop an educational program for children and parents; provided further, that \$35,000 shall be expended for Zamir Chorale of Boston, Inc.'s musical and educational organization; provided further, that not less than \$90,000 shall be expended for the Pettengill House, Inc. in the town of Salisbury and the city of Amesbury; provided further, that \$200,000 shall be provided for the Early College Program administered by Northern Essex Community College; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended to improve emergency medical service response in open space locations in the town of Medway; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for Zeiterion Theatre, Inc. in the city of New Bedford to provide access to cultural programming for financially disadvantaged children"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for improvements at the town hall in the town of Sherborn; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for the Frederick Douglass House in the city of New Bedford; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for improvements to Massasoit State Park in the city of Taunton; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Wareham Housing Authority for emergency repairs and upgrades to senior housing units; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Raynham Housing

Authority for emergency repairs and upgrades to senior housing units; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the education and training collaborative established in section 9 of chapter 419 of the acts of 2008 for the operation of the life sciences, education and training center located at the former Paul A. Dever state school in the city of Taunton; provided further, that not less than \$290,000 shall be expended for the restoration and repurposing of the Loring Parsonage in the town of Sudbury; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for The Spirit of Springfield, Inc. in the city of Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for improvements to Polonia park in the city of Chelsea; provided further, that not less than \$400,000 shall be expended for opening the 11 visitor information centers from Memorial Day to Columbus Day"

7010-0005	1,193,000	13,249,522	<p>"; provided, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended for school zone safety improvements in the town of Franklin; provided further, that not less than \$90,000 shall be expended for emergency response coordination for Hingham public schools; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for a school resource officer for Cohasset public schools; provided further, that not less than \$88,000 shall be expended for a school resource officer for Hull public schools; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for the Dennis-Yarmouth regional school district; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for the operation of Camp Pohelo in the town of Tewksbury; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Wilmington High School Wildcat community service program"</p>
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and

"; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended for school safety in the town of Medway; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for a school safety pilot program in the city of Lowell; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Aspire Mentoring Corps, which shall expend funds for programs that utilize retired teachers to mentor novice public school elementary and secondary education teachers; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for the Holliston school district for first-year costs associated with a post-high school special education transition program and other educational expenses at Holliston high school; and provided further, that not less than \$220,000 shall be expended for computer hardware replacement and technology for public schools in the city known as the town of Weymouth"

7061-9408	510,000	7,938,413	<p>"; provided further, that \$250,000 shall be expended for the continuation of the parent engagement program under item 7061-9408 of section 2 of chapter 182 of the acts of 2008; provided further, that \$200,000 shall be expended for an</p>
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innovative pilot program to address the early literacy proficiency gap and to increase access to early education in the town of Milton; and provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended for a supplemental science program for the public schools in the town of Randolph"

7061-9611	170,000	2,140,000	"; provided further, that appropriated funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Resiliency for Life program to support academic intervention and dropout prevention; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the Steps to Success program in the town of Brookline; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended for the construction of a children's community playground at the Alfred J. Gomes elementary school in the city of New Bedford"
7066-0000	1,000,000	3,449,334	"; provided further, that \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the state university internship incentive program established in item 7066-0000 of section 2 of chapter 139 of the acts of 2012; provided further, that the commonwealth shall contribute funds to each institution in an amount necessary to match private contributions in the current fiscal year to the institution's internship incentive program; provided further, that the commonwealth's contribution shall be equal to \$1 for every \$1 privately contributed to each university's board of trustees or foundation; provided further, that the maximum total contributions from the commonwealth shall be no greater than the amount appropriated in this item; provided further, that funds from this program shall not result in direct or indirect reduction in the commonwealth's appropriations to the institutions for operations, scholarships, financial aid or any state appropriation and the department shall promulgate regulations and criteria for said program"
8000-0600	957,924	2,416,482	"; provided, that \$30,000 shall be expended to the police department in the town of Eastham to be used in conjunction with the towns of Wellfleet, Truro and Provincetown to address the traffic safety issues on United States highway route 6 from the rotary in the town of Orleans to the town of Provincetown from May 22 to October 18; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in the town of Townsend; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city of Holyoke for public safety improvements; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in the town of Pembroke; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in the town of Seekonk; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the police department in the city known as the town of Weymouth; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be

expended to the town of North Attleboro for public safety improvements; provided further, that \$60,000 shall be expended for the public safety communications equipment improvement initiative for the town of Hopedale; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Watertown for public safety improvements; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Waltham for public safety improvements; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the city of Lynn for public safety improvements; provided further, that not less than \$68,000 shall be expended to the town of Hadley for public safety improvements; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Braintree for public safety improvements; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Uxbridge for public safety improvements; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of Millbury for public safety improvements"

8100-1001	3,812,000	265,067,501	"; provided further, that the department shall execute a service contract with UMass Memorial emergency medical services for not more than \$60,000 for emergency and tactical medical support services and shall allocate not less than \$20,000 for emergency and tactical supplies and equipment for use by the UMass Memorial emergency medical services staff in performing the services"
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and

"; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the payroll costs of the state police directed patrols; 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 2016; provided further, that funds shall be expended for directed patrols at Constitution Beach in East Boston; provided further, that not less than \$90,000 shall be expended for additional patrols for the summer season at Wollaston Beach and Furnace Brook Parkway in the city of Quincy"

8324-0000	190,000	23,230,065	"; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the fire department in the city known as the town of Weymouth for the purchase and upgrade of equipment; provided further, that not less than \$90,000 shall be allocated to the fire department in the city of Tewksbury for municipal improvements to cover the cost of responding to Tewksbury State Hospital"
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I reduce the following items in Section 2 by striking the wording as indicated and inserting in place thereof the following wording set forth below:

Section 2	Reduce	Reduce To
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1599-1450	250,000	350,000	Wording Stricken	<p>"; provided, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to develop a pilot program to implement a fully integrated model of post-natal supports for families with substance exposed newborns, integrating obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, behavioral health, social work, early intervention providers, and social service providers to provide full family care"</p>
			Wording Inserted	<p>"; provided, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to develop a pilot program to implement a fully integrated model of post-natal supports for families with substance exposed newborns, integrating obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, behavioral health, social work, early intervention providers, and social service providers to provide full family care"</p>
1599-7104	1,500,000	5,200,000	Wording Stricken	<p>"; provided, that \$4,000,000 from this item shall be expended for the lease and operation of an educational satellite facility established by the University of Massachusetts at Lowell in the city of Haverhill and other economic development programs in the city of Haverhill"</p>
			Wording Inserted	<p>"; provided, that \$2,500,000 from this item shall be expended for the lease and operation of an educational satellite facility established by the University of Massachusetts at Lowell in the city of Haverhill and other economic development programs in the city of Haverhill"</p>
4512-0200	2,240,000	95,999,903	Wording Stricken	<p>"; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for a pilot program for young adults 17 to 25 years of age to address substance abuse issues for this age group"</p> <p>and</p> <p>"; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for a statewide program to improve the care and training for newborns with neonatal abstinence syndrome at hospital-based facilities that care for mothers and newborns, including the ten level III neonatal intensive care units in the commonwealth; provided further, that the program shall encourage collaboration between medical providers, community organizations and public health agencies to educate and increase the standardization of practices while developing a robust statewide database to allow for</p>

measured improvements in care and outcomes for newborns with neonatal abstinence syndrome, including reductions in length of stay and pharmacologic treatment; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Berkshire County Youth Development Project for youth intervention services; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Merrimack Valley Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative toward resources and community outreach; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to fund the Charlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) program; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Serenity House residential program to expand substance treatment and case management services for pregnant and postpartum women; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for substance abuse prevention for the department of youth and families in Hopkinton; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for the Decisions at Every Turn Coalition in the town of Ashland to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youths; provided further, that not less than \$3,000,000 shall be expended on new clinical stabilization services beds"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the purpose of hiring a substance abuse coalition coordinator in the town of Stoneham; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the New Beginnings program that targets youth at risk and in recovery in collaboration with school districts; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Project RIGHT's substance abuse and trauma prevention initiative in the Grove Hall area of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$95,000 shall be expended for the Eastern Massachusetts Goal Setting and Relapse Prevention program in collaboration with the Juvenile Court Department office situated in Dedham; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for Self-Esteem Boston's direct services programs for women in the Boston region and provider training programs; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for integrated treatment and stabilization services for individuals and families with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for development and administration of a program to prevent and treat addiction to opioid and related substances and that the program shall be administered by a community health center agency that has a 24 hours a day, 7 days a week emergency department licensed as a satellite emergency facility under 105 CMR 130"

and

"; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the substance abuse coalition in the city known as the town of Franklin"

Wording Inserted

"; provided further, that not less than \$2,500,000 shall be expended on new clinical stabilization services beds"

4512-0225            500,000    1,000,000    Wording Stricken

"For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$1,500,000 for a compulsive gamblers' treatment program from unclaimed prize money held in the State Lottery Fund for more than 1 year from the date of the drawing when the unclaimed prize money was won and from the proceeds of a multi-jurisdictional lottery game under subsection (e) of section 24A of chapter 10 of the General Laws"

Wording Inserted

"For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$1,000,000 for a compulsive gamblers' treatment program from unclaimed prize money held in the State Lottery Fund for more than 1 year from the date of the drawing when the unclaimed prize money was won and from the proceeds of a multi-jurisdictional lottery game under subsection (e) of section 24A of chapter 10 of the General Laws"

I disapprove in the following items in Section 2 the wording as indicated:

Section 2            Wording Stricken

1100-1100            "; provided, that the secretary shall provide biannual reports, the first of which shall be submitted not later than July 31, 2015 and the second not later than February 2, 2016 to the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the reports shall summarize existing and proposed collective bargaining agreements in an electronic format which shall include the following information for each agreement: (i) the session law for the previously agreed upon collective bargaining agreement; (ii) the current agreement status; (iii) the collective bargaining unit and unit number; (iv) the full-time equivalent employees subject to the agreement by item; (v) a description of the membership of the unit; (vi) the total salary base of the most recent previous agreement; (vii) the start date and expiration date of the most recent agreement; (viii) the estimated total fiscal impact of the agreement compared to the previous agreement; and (ix) the base salary increases required by the agreement by effective time; provided further, that the executive office for administration and finance and the office of employee relations shall meet with the house and senate committees on ways and means following the submission of each report to discuss the information in the report, including any collective bargaining agreements that are set to expire over the next 12 months and the current status of negotiations; provided further, that agencies within the executive office may, with the prior approval of the secretary, streamline and improve administrative operations pursuant to interdepartmental service agreements; provided

further, that the executive office shall provide quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing federal grant applications submitted and federal grants received by executive branch agencies during the applicable reporting period; provided further, that the executive office for administration and finance shall coordinate with the executive office of health and human services to develop a pay-for-performance model to promote employment among recipients of programs administered or contracted by the department of transitional assistance; provided further, that the executive office may coordinate with the Social Impact Bond Technical Assistance Lab at the Harvard University Kennedy School to develop the pay-for-performance model; provided further, that the executive office shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than March 1, 2016 on efforts to develop the pay-for-performance model and on the feasibility of implementing that model in fiscal year 2017"

1102-3199 " , on or before August 30, 2015, "

and

"appraised "

and

"for each of the last 10 years"

4590-0915 "; provided further, that Tewksbury hospital shall maintain the same number of beds in fiscal year 2016 as was maintained in fiscal year 2015"

7004-0108 "; and provided further, that household assistance funds shall be advanced to the administering agencies at the end of each month and prior to the next month's disbursement, the amount of which shall be estimated based on the prior month's expenditure with a reconciliation not less than annually"

7004-9322 "; provided further, that the department shall utilize rental assistance provided under item 7004-9024 to ensure effective participation under this program"

I return for amendment, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Article 56, as amended by Article 90, Section 3, of the Amendments to the Constitution, Sections 13, 28, 39, 51, 53, 67, 108, 144, and 191. The text of my recommended amendments is set forth in separate letters of this date to the Senate and House of Representatives.

The remainder of this bill I approve.

Approved, July 17, 2015

at                      o'clock and                      minutes,                      .M.

Charles D. Baker  
Governor

