

HOUSE No. 3829

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, October 28, 2015.

The committee on Ways and Means to whom was referred the message from His Excellency the Governor submitting recommendations for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2015 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 3676), reports, in part, recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 3829) ought to pass [Total appropriation: \$225,578,133.00].

For the committee,

BRIAN S. DEMPSEY.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2015 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purposes, which are to forthwith make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2015 and to make certain changes in law, each of which is immediately necessary to carry out those appropriations or to accomplish other important public purposes, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. To provide for supplementing certain items in the general
2 appropriation act and other appropriation acts for fiscal year 2015, the sums set forth in sections
3 2 through 2E, inclusive, are hereby appropriated from the General Fund unless specifically
4 designated otherwise in this act or in those appropriation acts, for the several purposes and
5 subject to the conditions specified in this act or in those appropriation acts, and subject to the
6 laws regulating the disbursement of public funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. These
7 sums shall be in addition to any amounts previously appropriated and made available for the
8 purposes of those items. These sums shall be made available until June 30, 2016.

9 SECTION 2.

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JUDICIARY

Committee for Public Counsel Services

0321-1510	\$1,400,000
0321-1520	\$2,500,000

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

Bristol District Attorney

0340-0998	\$53,849
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SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

0521-0000	\$75,773
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Department of Revenue

1233-2401	\$100,000
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Office of the Secretary for Administration and Finance

1599-0026	\$52,296
1599-2015	\$8,043,236
1599-4440	\$2,329,037
1599-4441	\$137,151

27 1599-6901 \$5,287,476

28 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

29 *Department of Conservation and Recreation*

30 2810-0100 \$402,000

31 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

32 *Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services*

33 4000-0600 \$1,505,035

34 4000-0700 \$203,000,000

35 *Department of Public Health*

36 4510-0110 \$175,000

37 4512-0200 \$15,200,000

38 *Department of Children and Families*

39 4800-0038 \$2,000,000

40 *Department of Mental Health*

41 5095-0015 \$5,800,000

42 MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

43 *Department of Transportation*

44 1595-6368 \$31,518,732

45 Commonwealth Transportation Fund.....100%

46 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

47 *Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism*

48 7008-0900 \$500,000

49 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION

50 *Department of Elementary and Secondary Education*

51 7010-0060 \$3,800,000

52 7061-0011 \$630,000

53 STATE UNIVERSITIES

54 *University of Massachusetts*

55 7100-0200 \$100,000

56 *Framingham State University*

57 7112-0100 \$2,500,000

58 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

59 *Military Division*

60 8700-1150 \$9,489,062

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Department of Correction

8900-0001 \$2,193,155

SECTION 2A. To provide for certain unanticipated obligations of the commonwealth, to provide for an alteration of purpose for current appropriations, and to meet certain requirements of law, the sums set forth in this section are hereby appropriated from the General Fund unless specifically designated otherwise in this section, for the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this section, and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. These sums shall be in addition to any amounts previously appropriated and made available for the purposes of these items. These sums shall be made available until June 30, 2016.

TRIAL COURT

0330-0612 For the implementation and administration of a sequential intercept model project to better serve individuals with mental health and substance abuse disorders involved in the criminal justice system; provided, that the trial court shall hire a project coordinator to oversee coordination, administration and financial oversight of the sequential intercept model project; provided further, that not later than July 1, 2017, the project coordinator shall prepare and submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the design of the sequential intercept model mappings; (ii) the locations of workshops held to advocate for the model; (iii) the number of cases in which the model has been utilized; (iv) the initial impact of the model on rehabilitation and recidivism; and (v) the cost savings associated with the model; and provided further, that funds appropriated in this item shall not revert and shall be available for expenditure through June 30, 2016 \$300,000

83 OFFICE OF THE TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL

84 0612-0001 For the state board of retirement to meet the obligations required of the board
85 to implement the early retirement incentive program and any expenses incurred related
86 thereto.....\$146,980

87 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

88 *Office of the Secretary for Administration and Finance*

89 1599-0044 For a reserve related to special litigation costs \$1,500,000

90 1599-0999 For a reserve to assist agencies in organizational transformation and other
91 improvements \$1,000,000

92 1599-8910 For a reserve to remediate identified and approved deficiencies incurred
93 by the Sheriffs of the Commonwealth \$21,749,199

94 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

95 *Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services*

96 1599-1100 For a reserve at the executive office of health and human services to address
97 immediate staffing and training needs at the department of children and families, provided that,
98 funds shall first be used to address immediate staffing and training needs in order to provide
99 systematic improvement at the department; provided further, that release of funds from the
100 reserve is subject to the department issuing the report required pursuant to section 65 of this act
101 to the house and senate committees on ways and means, and the joint committee on children,
102 families and persons with disabilities, not later than November 15, 2015; and, provided further,

103 that not later than March 1, 2016, the department shall report to the house and senate committees
104 on ways and means on the use of funds in addressing staffing and training needs at the
105 department.....\$2,150,000

106 1599-2002 For a reserve for the department of children and families to address
107 training and supports for foster families and adoptive families
108\$1,000,000

109 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

110 *Office of the Secretary*

111 8000-1001 For the Boston Regional Intelligence Center to upgrade, expand, and
112 integrate technology and protocols related to anti-terrorism, anti-crime, anti-gang, and
113 emergency response; provided that intelligence developed shall be shared with the BRIC
114 communities and other State municipal and federal agencies as necessary; provided further, that
115 BRIC shall provide technology required to access the intelligence with its municipal partners,
116 the State police, the MBTA, the Mass Port Authority, and appropriate federal agencies to assure
117 maximum interagency collaboration for public safety and homeland
118 security.....\$792,669

119 8000-1002 For a study evaluating the implementation of Chapter 284 of the Acts
120 of 2014 to be administered by the executive office of public safety and security and carried out
121 by a research university with a school of criminology or criminal justice located in the
122 Commonwealth; provided, that the study shall include but not be limited to the following: (1) an
123 evaluation of new firearm licensing procedures, (2) an evaluation of the efficacy of new
124 requirements related to background checks for guns sold at gun shows or private sales, (3) the

125 success of new suicide prevention initiatives, (4) an investigation of whether new license renewal
126 procedures are impacting delays, (5) assessing the extent of firearm tracing, and (6) reporting on
127 improvements to schools safety plans in public school districts in the Commonwealth; provided
128 further, that the analysis shall include a qualitative component consisting of interviews with law
129 enforcement officials, representatives from the executive office of public safety, gun dealers,
130 representatives from the Gun Owners Action League, and school officials, among other key
131 stakeholders; and provided further, the study shall also include a quantitative component
132 consisting of collection, analysis, and reporting of key data related to background checks, firearm
133 license renewal processing, school safety plan updates and other related measures.....\$150,000

134 8000-1020 For grants to municipalities for police body camera pilot programs to be
135 administered by the executive office of public safety and security to improve public safety,
136 enhance community-police relations, foster better accountability for the actions of police
137 personnel, deter inappropriate conduct by police officers and by members of the public, capture
138 digital audio-video evidence for criminal, civil and traffic-related court cases, be used as a
139 training tool for officer safety and best practices and protect privacy; provided that, the secretary
140 of public safety and security shall distribute grants on a competitive basis; and provided further,
141 that applicants shall submit a deployment plan that shall include the applicant's plan for: (i) the
142 use of cameras; (ii) how the applicant will address privacy protections; (iii) a policy for retention
143 of and access to video footage; (iv) enforcement; and (v) reporting and program
144 evaluation.....\$250,000

145 SECTION 2C.I. For the purpose of making available in fiscal year 2016 balances of
146 appropriations which otherwise would revert on June 30, 2015, the unexpended balances of the
147 appropriations listed below, not to exceed the amount specified below for each item, are hereby

148 re-appropriated for the purposes of and subject to the conditions stated for the corresponding
 149 item in section 2 of chapter 165 of the acts of 2014. However, for items which do not appear in
 150 section 2 of the general appropriation act, the amounts in this section are re-appropriated for the
 151 purposes of and subject to the conditions stated for the corresponding item in section 2 or 2A in
 152 prior appropriation acts. The unexpended balances of all appropriations in the Massachusetts
 153 management accounting and reporting system with a secretariat code of 01 or 17, are hereby re-
 154 appropriated for the purposes of and subject to the conditions stated for the corresponding item
 155 section 2 of chapter 165 of the acts of 2014 or section 2A of chapter 194 of the acts of 2011.
 156 The sums re-appropriated in this section shall be in addition to any amounts available for said
 157 purposes.

158 JUDICIARY

159 *Committee for Public Counsel Services*

160 0321-1500 \$129,193

161 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

162 *Office of the Secretary for Administration and Finance*

163 1599-0054 \$1,235,079

164 1599-0415 \$53,357

165 1599-4444 \$3,774,924

166 1599-6903 \$7,435,045

167 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

168 *Department of Public Utilities*
169 2100-0012 \$147,589

170 *Department of Environmental Protection*

171 2200-0135 \$400,000

172 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

173 *Department of Transitional Assistance*

174 4401-1000 \$862,000

175 *Department of Public Health*

176 4510-0710 \$1,634,400

177 *Department of Children and Families*

178 4800-0015 \$208,302

179 *Department of Mental Health*

180 5046-0000 \$2,000,000

181 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

182 *Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism*

183 7008-0900 \$662,924

184 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION

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Department of Early Education and Care

186 3000-4060 \$3,400,000

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Department of Higher Education

188 7077-0023 \$20,000

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University of Massachusetts

190 7100-0207 \$331,175

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Cape Cod Community College

192 7504-0102 \$1,433,393

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

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Department of State Police

195 8000-0106 \$237,246

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Department of Fire Services

197 8324-0000 \$695,000

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SHERIFFS

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Hampden Sheriff's Office

200 8910-0102 \$240,000

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SECTION 2C.II. For the purpose of making available in fiscal year 2016 balances of

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retained revenue and intragovernmental chargeback authorizations which otherwise would revert

203 on June 30, 2015, the unexpended balances of the authorizations listed below, not to exceed the
 204 amount specified below for each item, are hereby re-authorized for the purposes of and subject to
 205 the conditions stated for the corresponding item in section 2 or 2B of the general appropriation
 206 act for fiscal year 2015. Amounts in this section are re-authorized from the fund or funds
 207 designated for the corresponding item in section 2 or 2B of the general appropriation act;
 208 however, for items which do not appear in section 2 or 2B of the general appropriation act, the
 209 amounts in this section are re-authorized from the fund or funds designated for the corresponding
 210 item in section 2, 2A, or 2B of this act or in prior appropriation acts. The sums re-authorized in
 211 this section shall be in addition to any amounts available for those purposes.

212 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

213 *Human Resources Division*

214 1750-0601 \$300,000

216 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

217 *Office of the Chief Medical Examiner*

218 8000-0122 \$200,000

219 SECTION 3. Section 207 of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
 220 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 21 and 22, the words “public welfare
 221 under chapter one hundred and eighteen or one hundred and eighteen E” and inserting in place
 222 thereof the following words:- transitional assistance under chapter 118 or of the division of
 223 medical assistance under chapter 118E.

224 SECTION 4. Section 14A of chapter 6A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
225 amended by striking out, in line 34, the words “and (7)” and inserting in place thereof the
226 following words:- (7) provide consolidated human resource services to the employees of the
227 department of higher education, the department of early education and care and the department
228 of elementary and secondary education; and (8).

229 SECTION 5. Subsection (a) of section 45 of chapter 7C of the General Laws, as so
230 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof
231 the following sentence:- Eight members shall be appointed by the governor, 3 of whom shall
232 have not fewer than 15 years of experience as registered architects in the commonwealth who
233 may be architects emeritus but who shall not have a record of disciplinary action, 3 of whom
234 shall have not fewer than 15 years of experience as registered engineers in the commonwealth
235 who shall not have a record of disciplinary action and 2 of whom shall be representatives of the
236 public who are not architect designers, engineers or construction contractors.

237 SECTION 6. Subsection (c) of said section 45 of said chapter 7C, as so appearing, is
238 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following 2
239 sentences:- The board shall employ an executive director who shall be appointed by the secretary
240 of administration and finance and who shall have either: (i) not fewer than 15 years of experience
241 as a registered architect who shall not have a record of disciplinary action; or (ii) not fewer than
242 15 years of experience as a registered engineer who shall not have a record of disciplinary action.
243 The board shall employ such other staff or consultants as it may deem necessary, subject to
244 appropriation.

245 SECTION 7. Said chapter 7C is hereby amended by striking out section 59, as so
246 appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

247 Section 59. As used in this section and unless the context clearly requires otherwise,
248 “schematic design” shall mean a basic and preliminary revision, development and
249 implementation of the study or program parameters, or both the study and program parameters,
250 and a further, but preliminary, investigation of the construction details, mechanical system, code
251 issues, construction schedule, site utilities and cost estimate, including preliminary designs and
252 design premises upon which the design scheme is based.

253 An appropriation or authorization for the design or construction of a building project,
254 beyond schematic design, for which a state agency is the using agency shall require the
255 satisfactory completion of a study or program through schematic design before any services for
256 the design or construction of the project may be contracted for, performed by contract or
257 otherwise, or funds allotted, encumbered or expended therefor, unless such appropriation or
258 authorization specifically states that no such study or program need or shall be done.

259 No provider of design services for any building project for which a state agency is the
260 using agency shall be selected by the designer selection board or by the administering agency
261 and no design services shall be performed beyond schematic design for or by such administering
262 agency for any building project for which the satisfactory completion of a study program is
263 required prior to the design or construction of that project, unless: (i) the study or program or, if
264 appropriate, both, have been satisfactorily completed through schematic design; (ii) the using
265 agency certifies in writing to the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance
266 that the study or program, including schematic design, or, if appropriate, both, correspond to the

267 current needs of that agency, including its current long-term capital facilities development plan;
268 (iii) the commissioner requests that the director of programming, the director of project
269 management or the director of facilities management review the study or program, including
270 schematic design, or, if appropriate, both, and the director certifies in writing to the
271 commissioner that the study or program including schematic design, or if appropriate, both,
272 reflects the using agency's needs as stated, that they provide an accurate estimate of the project
273 requirements, cost and schedule and that the project can be accomplished within the
274 appropriation or authorization for that project and recommends proceeding with design,
275 construction or, if appropriate, both; and (iv) the commissioner of capital asset management and
276 maintenance certifies in writing to the secretary of administration and finance that the study or
277 program, including schematic design, or, if appropriate, both, are in conformity with the scope
278 and purpose of the appropriation or authorization for the project and legislative intent in regard
279 to long-range capital facility plans for the using agency, approves proceeding with regard to
280 long-range capital facility plans for the using agency and approves proceeding with design,
281 construction or, if appropriate, both.

282 If the director whose review is requested or the commissioner of capital asset
283 management and maintenance should fail to certify, recommend or approve, the commissioner
284 shall immediately send notice of the commissioner's decision and the reasons for the decision to
285 the secretary of administration and finance and to the house and senate committees on ways and
286 means.

287 SECTION 8. Section 35AAA of chapter 10 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
288 hereby amended by striking out the seventh sentence and inserting in place thereof the following
289 2 sentences:-

290 Any fiscal year-end balance in the fund that is not subject to appropriation shall not revert
291 to the General Fund but shall remain in the fund and be available for expenditure during the next
292 fiscal year. Any fiscal year-end balance in the fund that is subject to appropriation shall not be
293 subject to section 5C of chapter 29.

294 SECTION 9. Section 21 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
295 amended by inserting after the word, “education”, in line 54, the following words:- except as
296 otherwise required by section 4.

297 SECTION 10. Subsection (a) of section 5 of chapter 21J of the General Laws, as
298 appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 7 and 8, the
299 figure “\$1,500,000” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:-
300 \$2,500,000.

301 SECTION 11. Section 41 of chapter 36 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
302 amended by striking out, in lines 9 and 12, the figure "2018" and inserting in place thereof, in
303 each instance, the following figure:- 2020.

304 SECTION 12. Section 6I of chapter 40J of the General Laws, as inserted by section 63 of
305 chapter 46 of the acts of 2015, is hereby amended by striking out the words “non-state” and
306 inserting in place thereof the following words:- private.

307 SECTION 13. Section 25B of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
308 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

309 (q) No early voting ballot cast under this section shall be counted if the officer charged
310 with the duty of counting the ballot is cognizant of the fact that the voter has died prior to the
311 opening of the polls on the day of the election.

312 SECTION 14. Section 24B of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
313 hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the words “and the commissioner of education”.

314 SECTION 15. Said section 24B of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby further
315 amended by striking out, in lines 3 and 4, the words “and the commissioner”.

316 SECTION 16. Said section 24B of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby further
317 amended by striking out, in lines 8, 9, 10 and 11, and in line 15, each time they appear, the words
318 “and said commissioner”.

319 SECTION 17. Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
320 following section:-

321 Section 78. Any non-profit home health agency in the commonwealth providing Title
322 XIX of the federal Social Security Act services in accordance with 114.3 C.M.R. 50.00 and with
323 Medicaid services not including continuous skilled nursing comprising at least 7 per cent of their
324 total visits shall qualify for a community-based safety net adjustment. Said adjustment shall
325 amount to no less than 22 per cent for skilled nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy and
326 speech therapy and 18 per cent for home health aide services; provided, further, that those
327 adjustments and the base rate would remain at the same level past 60 days of service.

328 The adjustment shall not apply to non-profit agencies who currently receive an episodic
329 payment rate for their Medicaid population.

330 SECTION 18. The fifth paragraph of section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as
331 appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and
332 inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- The licensing board for the city of Boston may
333 grant 660 licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages under section 12.

334 SECTION 19. Said first sentence of said fifth paragraph of said section 17 of said chapter
335 138 is hereby further amended by striking out the figure “660”, as appearing in section 20, and
336 inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 665.

337 SECTION 20. Section 3 of chapter 176Q of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
338 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following clause:-

339 (x) to make applications to the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to
340 waive any applicable provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. 111-
341 148, as amended from time to time, as provided for by 42 U.S.C. § 18052, and to implement the
342 state plans of any such waiver in a manner consistent with applicable state and federal laws, as
343 authorized by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services pursuant to said 42
344 U.S.C. § 18052.

345 SECTION 21. Section 39 of chapter 207 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
346 amended by striking out, in lines 43 and 44, the words “him of twenty-five dollars by said other
347 person” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the secretary of \$25 for applications
348 delivered by mail, facsimile or by hand or \$20 for applications submitted electronically.

349 SECTION 22. The second paragraph of chapter 313 of the acts of 2010 is hereby
350 amended by adding the following sentence:- The co-chairs of the commission may each appoint
351 up to 3 additional commission members to fulfill the purpose of the commission.

352 SECTION 23. Subsection (e) of section 49 of chapter 9 of the acts of 2011 is hereby
353 amended by striking out the words, “January 1, 2016,” and inserting in place thereof the
354 following words:- January 1, 2017.

355 SECTION 24. Subsection (f) of said section 49 of said chapter 9 is hereby amended by
356 striking out, in line 2, the words “June 30, 2016” and inserting in place thereof the following
357 words:- June 1, 2017.

358 SECTION 25. Section 102 of chapter 35 of the acts of 2013 is hereby amended by
359 striking out, each time it appears, the figure “2015” and inserting in place thereof the following
360 figure:- 2017.

361 SECTION 26. Item 7002-0021 of section 2 of chapter 38 of the acts of 2013 is hereby
362 amended by striking out the words “December 31, 2015” and inserting in place thereof the
363 following words:- June 30, 2016.

364 SECTION 27. Item 7061-0011 of section 2 of chapter 165 of the acts of 2014 is hereby
365 amended by inserting after the words “regional school district” the following words:- ; provided
366 further, that funds in the amount of \$630,000 appropriated for this item for clause (ii) in fiscal
367 year 2015 shall not revert but shall be made available for the purposes of clause (ii) in this item
368 until June 30, 2016.

369 SECTION 28. Item 7077-0023 of said section 2 of said chapter 165 is hereby amended
370 by inserting after the word “University”, the second time it appears, the following words:- ;
371 provided further, that the amount allocated to the feasibility study shall not revert and shall be
372 made available until June 30, 2016.

373 SECTION 29. Item 8324-0000 of said section 2 of said chapter 165, as amended by
374 section 50 of chapter 359 of the acts of 2014, is hereby further amended by striking out the
375 words “provided further, that the amount allocated for critical incident stress intervention
376 programs and fire department training academies in said item 8324-0000 of said section 2 of said
377 chapter 182 shall be allocated to each program in fiscal year 2015” and inserting in place thereof
378 the following words:- provided further, that the amount allocated for critical incident stress
379 intervention programs and fire department training academies in said item 8324-0000 of said
380 section 2 of said chapter 182 shall be allocated to each program in fiscal year 2015; provided
381 further, that amounts allocated to said fire department training academies shall not revert and
382 shall be made available until June 30, 2016.

383 SECTION 30. Said chapter 165 of the acts of 2014 is hereby further amended by striking
384 out section 233 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

385 SECTION 233. (a) There shall be a special commission to be known as the
386 495/MetroWest Suburban Edge community commission which shall consist of: 3 members of the
387 senate, 1 of whom shall serve as co-chair and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority
388 leader; 3 members of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall serve as co-chair and 1 of
389 whom shall be appointed by the minority leader; the secretary of housing and economic
390 development or a designee who shall serve as co-chair; the secretary of transportation or a
391 designee; the secretary of energy and environmental affairs or a designee; the executive director
392 of the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency or a designee; 1 member selected by the
393 495/Metrowest Corridor Partnership, Inc.; 1 member selected by the Metropolitan Area Planning
394 Council; 1 member selected by the Massachusetts Municipal Association, Inc.; 1 member
395 selected by the Massachusetts Association of Planning Directors; 1 member selected by NAIOP

396 Massachusetts, Inc.; 1 member selected by the Massachusetts Water Works Association Inc.; 1
397 member selected by the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority; and 9 persons to be appointed by
398 the governor, 1 of whom shall be an academic focused on suburban development, 1 of whom
399 shall be a real estate professional with experience working in edge communities, 1 of whom shall
400 be a water resources expert with experience working in edge communities, 1 of whom shall be a
401 transportation engineer with experience working in edge communities and 5 of whom shall be
402 municipal officials who represent different municipalities served by the 495/MetroWest Corridor
403 Partnership, Inc.

404 (b) The commission shall make an investigation and study relative to development
405 challenges being experienced by edge communities, such as needs to address transportation,
406 water, cellular and energy infrastructure, transit services, residential development, reuse of
407 former industrial facilities and historic mills, brownfields reclamation, downtown redevelopment
408 and other constraints. The commission shall hold at least 3 public forums in the region to solicit
409 stakeholders' feedback before developing policy responses and recommendations to ensure that
410 edge communities may participate in the commonwealth's development initiatives and benefit
411 from the commonwealth's resources. The commission shall focus its investigation and study on
412 the 35 municipalities served by the 495/MetroWest Corridor Partnership, Inc. and shall develop a
413 pilot program to address the issues to be studied and investigated by the commission. The
414 commission shall choose certain municipalities served by the 495/MetroWest Corridor
415 Partnership, Inc. to partake in the pilot program; provided, however, that the 5 municipalities
416 represented by a municipal official chosen by the governor for appointment on the commission
417 shall participate in the pilot program. For the purposes of this section, "edge community" shall

418 mean a municipality with a population of not more than 35,000, with a 5 per cent variance to
419 account for postcensal population estimates.

420 (c) The commission shall report to the clerks of the senate and the house of
421 representatives and to the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies
422 detailing the results of its investigation and study and include its recommendations, if any, for
423 legislation necessary to carry those recommendations into effect by filing the same with the
424 clerks of the senate and the house of representatives by December 31, 2016.

425 (d) All appointments to the commission shall be made within 90 days after the effective
426 date of this act.

427 SECTION 31. The first sentence of subsection (a) of section 54 of chapter 286 of the acts
428 of 2014 is hereby amended by striking out the figure “11” and inserting in place thereof the
429 following figure:- 16.

430 SECTION 32. Section 73 of chapter 287 of the acts of 2014 is hereby repealed.

431 SECTION 33. Section 132 of said chapter 287 is hereby amended by striking out, in line
432 1, the figure “73,”.

433 SECTION 34. Chapter 431 of the acts of 2014 is hereby amended by striking out the first
434 paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

435 There shall be a task force on child sexual abuse prevention. The task force shall be co-
436 chaired by the child advocate and the executive director of the Children’s Trust and shall
437 include: the attorney general or a designee; the lieutenant governor or a designee; the house and
438 senate chairs of the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities; the house

439 minority leader or a designee; the senate minority leader or a designee; the commissioner of
440 public health or a designee; the commissioner of early education and care or a designee; the
441 commissioner of children and families or a designee; the executive director of the Massachusetts
442 office of victim assistance or a designee; the executive director of the Massachusetts District
443 Attorneys Association or a designee; the director of the victim services unit of the sex offender
444 registry board or a designee; the commissioner of elementary and secondary education or a
445 designee; and representatives from each of the following child and youth service providers and
446 advocacy organizations who shall be appointed by the governor: the Alliance of Massachusetts
447 YMCAs, Inc.; the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children; the
448 Massachusetts Children's Alliance, Inc.; the Massachusetts Citizens for Children, Inc.; the
449 Children's League of Massachusetts, Inc.; The Mass Mentoring Partnership, Inc.; the Girl Scouts;
450 the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc.; the Massachusetts Association for the
451 Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Inc.; the Massachusetts After School Partnership, Inc.; the Roman
452 Catholic Archdiocese of Boston; and the Massachusetts Adolescent Sexual Offender Coalition,
453 Inc. The governor may appoint additional representatives from agencies serving children, law
454 enforcement, religious organizations and others as necessary to fulfill the purpose of the task
455 force.

456 SECTION 35. Said chapter 431 is hereby further amended by striking out the last
457 paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

458 The task force shall periodically report on its activities and recommendations to the
459 governor, the clerks of the house of representatives and senate, and the chairs of the joint
460 committee on children, families and persons with disabilities and shall submit a final report on or
461 before June 30, 2017.

462 SECTION 36. Item 0910-0210 of section 2 of chapter 46 of the acts of 2015 is hereby
463 amended by striking out the figure “\$650,000”, each time it appears, and inserting in place
464 thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- \$850,000.

465 SECTION 37. Item 0940-0101 of said section 2 of said chapter 46 is hereby amended by
466 striking out the figure “\$2,168,911”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each
467 instance, the following figure:- \$2,518,911.

468 SECTION 38. Item 0940-0102 of said section 2 of said chapter 46 is hereby amended by
469 striking out the figure “\$210,000”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each
470 instance, the following figure:- \$240,000.

471 SECTION 39. Item 1102-3309 of said section 2 of said chapter 46 is hereby amended by
472 striking out the figure “\$2,380,120” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-
473 \$2,555,120.

474 SECTION 40. Item 1233-2401 of said section 2 of said chapter 46 is hereby amended by
475 striking out the figure “\$250,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$350,000.

476 SECTION 41. Item 1410-0012 of said section 2 of said chapter 46 is hereby amended by
477 adding the following words:- “; and provided further, that the department shall appropriate to
478 each program or its successor under item 1410-0012 of section 2 of chapter 165 of the acts of
479 2014 the same appropriation in fiscal year 2016.

480 SECTION 42. Item 1410-0250 of said section 2 of said chapter 46 is hereby amended by
481 striking out the word “Chelsea,” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “Chelsea;
482 and provided further, that the department shall appropriate to each program or its successor

483 under item 1410-0250 of section 2 of chapter 165 of the acts of 2014 the same appropriation in
484 fiscal year 2016.

485 SECTION 43. Item 4000-0300 of said section 2 of said chapter 46 is hereby amended by
486 inserting after the words “chapter 165 of the acts of 2014” the following words:- ; provided
487 further, that in fiscal year 2016, in addition to the 50 per cent provided for in the previous
488 proviso, the executive office shall expend the full amount in item 4000-0700 of chapter 38 of the
489 acts of 2013 for payments to any acute pediatric hospital and pediatric specialty unit as defined
490 in section 8A of chapter 118E of the General Laws to compensate for high complexity pediatric
491 care.

492 SECTION 44. Item 4510-0110 of said section 2 of said chapter 46 is hereby amended by
493 inserting after the words “South Boston Leadership Initiative” the following words:- ; provided
494 further, that not less than \$175,000 shall be expended to develop and administer a pilot program
495 to prevent and treat addiction to opioid and related substances; provided further, that said pilot
496 shall be administered by a federally-approved community health center agency that administers
497 licensed community health center sites in no less than 3 counties and has been treating opioid-
498 addicted patients for a minimum of 5 years; provided further, the program shall include
499 prevention and treatment for patients and professional support for primary care providers and
500 shall include the use of tools to assess risk factors, the development of patient registries, the
501 provision of pain management alternatives and the development of best practices protocols to
502 assist primary care providers; provided further, the pilot program shall report to the department
503 of public health and the house and senate committees on ways and means 6 and 12 months after
504 the initiation of the program.

505 SECTION 45. Item 4513-1026 of said section 2 of chapter 46 is hereby amended by
506 striking out the words “Good Samaritans” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-
507 Samaritans, Inc. of Boston.

508 SECTION 46. Item 7003-0900 of said section 2 of said chapter 46 is hereby amended by
509 adding the following words:- ; provided that the department shall expend \$150,000 for the
510 operation of the joint labor-management committee for municipal police and fire.

511 SECTION 47. Said Item 7003-0900 of said section 2 of said chapter 46 is hereby further
512 amended by striking out \$2,149,659 and inserting in place thereof the following:- \$2,299,659

513 SECTION 48. Item 7007-1202 of said section 2 of said chapter 46, as most recently
514 amended by chapter 107 of the acts of 2015, is hereby further amended by striking out the word
515 “non-state” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- private.

516 SECTION 49. Item 7008-0900 of said section 2 of said chapter 46 is hereby amended by
517 inserting after the word “Chelsea” the following words:-

518 ; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the Outside the Box
519 festival in the city of Boston.

520 SECTION 50. Item 1599-2040 of section 2B of said chapter 46 is hereby amended by
521 striking out the figure, “\$5,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-
522 \$30,303,853.

523 SECTION 51. Section 2D of said chapter 46 is hereby amended by striking out item
524 7043-1005, the last time it appears, and inserting in place thereof the following items:-

525 7043-1005 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title I
526 Program.....\$66,058

527 Department of Elder Affairs.

528 9110-1074 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Older Americans Act – Title
529 III and Title VII\$10,182,633

530 9110-1076 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Older Americans Act – Title
531 IIIB\$1,190,451

532 9110-1077 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, National Family Caregiver
533 Support Program.....\$3,700,000

534 9110-1094 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, SHINE – Serving the
535 Health Insurance needs of Elders
536 \$1,097,000

537 9110-1173 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Older Americans Act
538 – Title III Nutrition Program \$13,383,620

539 9110-1174 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Nutrition Services
540 Incentive Program\$4,885,300

541 9110-1178 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Senior Community
542 Service Employment Program \$1,881,340

543 9110-1190 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MA Chronic Disease
544 Self-Management Education Program \$100,714

545 9110-1191 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Enhanced Alcohol
546 and Drug Recovery Options Counseling Program..... \$198,706

547 9110-1194 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MIPPA ADRC
548 ...\$79,154

549 SECTION 52. Item 1595-1068 of section 2E of said chapter 46 is hereby amended by
550 adding the following words:- and provided further, that up to \$707,000,000 in payments made
551 for state and federal fiscal year 2014 or 2015 shall be made from the Medical Assistance Trust
552 Fund, of which up to \$283,000,000 shall be made to the Cambridge Public Health Commission
553 for dates of service in state and federal fiscal year 2014 or 2015 only after the Cambridge Public
554 Health Commission transfers up to \$141,500,000 of its funds to the Medical Assistance Trust
555 Fund using a federally permissible source of funds which shall fully satisfy the non-federal share
556 of such payment.

557 SECTION 53. Said item 1595-1068 of said section 2E of said chapter 46 is hereby further
558 amended by striking out the figure “\$462,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following
559 figure:- \$1,027,500,000.

560 SECTION 54. The working group established in section 164 of chapter 46 of the acts of
561 2015 is hereby revived and continued and shall file a report of its findings and recommendations,
562 along with any drafts of legislation necessary to implement its recommendations, with the clerks
563 of the senate and house of representatives not later than March 1, 2016.

564 SECTION 55. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, prior to the
565 close of fiscal year 2015 and upon the recommendation of both the secretary of administration
566 and finance and the secretary of health and human services, or their designees, the comptroller

567 shall adjust any fiscal year 2015 appropriation fund split against or transfer out of the
568 Community First Trust Fund, established in section 35AAA of chapter 10 of the General Laws,
569 to match final department fiscal year 2015 Community First Trust Fund expenditures.

570 SECTION 56. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary
571 of health and human services, with the written approval of the secretary of administration and
572 finance, may authorize transfers of surplus among items 4000-0320, 4000-0430, 4000-0500,
573 4000-0600, 4000-0700, 4000-0875, 4000-0880, 4000-0885, 4000-0940, 4000-0950, 4000-0990,
574 4000-1400, 4000-1420, and 4000-1425 of section 2 of chapter 165 of the acts of 2014 for the
575 purpose of reducing any deficiency in these items, but any such transfer shall be made not later
576 than October 31, 2015.

577 SECTION 57. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any
578 unexpended balances, not exceeding a total of \$20,000,000, in items 4000-0600, 4000-0700 and
579 4000-1425 of section 2 of chapter 165 of the acts of 2014 shall not revert to the General Fund
580 until October 31, 2015 and may be expended by the executive office of health and human
581 services to pay for services enumerated in said items 4000-0600, 4000-0700 and 4000-1425 of
582 said section 2 of said chapter 165 provided during fiscal year 2015.

583 SECTION 58. There is hereby established on the books of the commonwealth a Debt
584 Defeasance Trust Fund, to be used, without further appropriation, in the manner and for the
585 purposes specified in section 59. The comptroller shall transfer the sum of \$113,200,000 to said
586 Trust Fund from the General Fund. The Trust Fund shall not be subject to appropriation and the
587 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2015 shall not revert to the General Fund.

588 SECTION 59. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, except section
589 58, the state treasurer shall expend on or before May 31, 2016, from the Debt Defeasance Trust
590 Fund established in said section 58 an amount not to exceed \$113,200,000 for the purpose of
591 purchasing securities to be held for the credit of or cash deposit into a sinking fund to be
592 established in accordance with section 49 of chapter 29 of the General Laws. The monies in such
593 sinking fund shall be applied to pay, at maturity or upon redemption, bonds of the
594 commonwealth to be identified by the state treasurer at the time the sinking fund is established,
595 including the payment of any redemption premium thereon and any interest accrued or to accrue
596 to the date of maturity or earlier redemption of such bonds. In selecting the bonds to be paid
597 from the sinking fund, the state treasurer shall attempt to maximize the financial benefits to the
598 commonwealth produced thereby. The state treasurer may enter into an agreement with a trustee
599 for the purpose of establishing the sinking fund for the benefit of the holders of the bonds to be
600 paid pursuant to this section. The provisions of said section 49 of said chapter 29 applicable to
601 sinking funds established with trustees shall apply to the deposit of funds pursuant to this section,
602 to the extent such provisions are not otherwise inconsistent with this section.

603 SECTION 60. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 58 and 59, if any monies
604 remain in the Debt Defeasance Trust Fund established in section 58 on or after June 1, 2016, the
605 comptroller shall, with the consent of the state treasurer and the secretary of administration and
606 finance, transfer such monies from the Debt Defeasance Trust Fund established in section 58 to
607 the General Fund, to be made available exclusively for item 0699-0015 without further
608 appropriation.

609 SECTION 61. Section 58 is hereby repealed.

610 SECTION 62. Section 194 of said chapter 46 is hereby further amended by striking out
611 section 194 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

612 Section 194. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, prior to
613 transferring the consolidated net surplus in the budgetary funds to the Commonwealth
614 Stabilization Fund under section 5C of chapter 29 of the General Laws, the comptroller shall
615 dispose of the consolidated net surplus in the budgetary funds for fiscal year 2015 as follows: (i)
616 transfer ½ of the surplus, not to exceed \$10,000,000, to the Massachusetts Community
617 Preservation Trust Fund established in section 9 of chapter 44B of the General Laws; and (ii)
618 transfer ½ of the surplus, not to exceed \$10,000,000, to the Massachusetts Life Sciences
619 Investment Fund established in section 6 of chapter 23I of the General Laws.

620 (b) After making the transfers required under clauses (i) and (ii) of subsection (a), the
621 comptroller shall transfer, to the extent available, \$120,000,000, or any remaining funds, to the
622 Commonwealth Stabilization Fund established in section 2H of said chapter 29 of the General
623 Laws.

624 SECTION 63. In fiscal year 2015, the comptroller shall credit \$732,585 to the Money
625 Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration Grant Trust Fund, an amount equal to the
626 amount of federal financial participation received in the fourth quarter of state fiscal year 2014,
627 in accordance with section 35TT of chapter 10 of the General Laws.

628 SECTION 64. On or before November 17, 2015 the department of children and families
629 shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on
630 children, families and persons with disabilities on any new or updated policies, procedures and
631 guidelines put into place at the department over the last year in order to provide systemic

632 improvements that will ensure the safety and wellbeing of children in custody of the department
633 and in-home placements, and provide an update on the progress made in each area. The report
634 shall include any performance benchmarks used to assess new or updated policies as well as any
635 procedures the department will take to improve its evaluation of children suspected of abuse or
636 neglect.

637 SECTION 65. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, MassHealth
638 and any commercial insurer that insures MassHealth subscribers shall provide double electric
639 breast pumps to expectant and new mothers per birth as specifically prescribed by their attending
640 physician, consistent with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, Public Law
641 111-148.

642 SECTION 66. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a retired police
643 officer, firefighter or emergency medical technician of a town, city or district who is appointed
644 as a special police officer, call or auxiliary firefighter or a call or auxiliary emergency medical
645 technician of a town, city or district pursuant to any general or special law authorizing such
646 appointment shall be subject to chapter 151A of the General Laws.

647 SECTION 67. (a) Notwithstanding sections 32 to 36, inclusive, of chapter 7C of the
648 General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner of capital
649 asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the commissioner of public health, may
650 lease for a term, including extensions, not to exceed 15 years, a parcel of land on the campus of
651 the Lemuel Shattuck hospital in the Jamaica Plain section of the city of Boston to the Shattuck
652 Child Care Center, Inc., a not for profit corporation, to operate a child day care center. The exact
653 boundaries of the property to be leased shall be determined by the commissioner of capital asset

654 management and maintenance, in consultation with the commissioner of public health, based
655 upon a survey or other plan acceptable to the commissioners. The lease shall be in accordance
656 with the terms and conditions specified in this section.

657 (b) The lease may authorize the Shattuck Child Care Center, Inc. to locate modular units
658 on the leased premises and to undertake such site work and other work as may be reasonably
659 required to prepare the leased premises for the modular units. The commissioner of capital asset
660 management and maintenance may license or otherwise permit the Shattuck Child Care Center,
661 Inc. access over, on and under other portions of the Lemuel Shattuck hospital campus for the
662 purpose of connecting the leased premises to public utilities. The lease shall require the Shattuck
663 Child Care Center, Inc. to carry comprehensive general liability insurance, with the
664 commonwealth named as a co-insured, to protect the commonwealth against all personal injury
665 or property damage on the facilities during the term of the lease and may contain such other
666 terms and provisions as the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance, in
667 consultation with the commissioner of public health, considers appropriate.

668 (c) Notwithstanding sections 39A to 39S, inclusive, and section 39M of chapter 30 of the
669 General Laws, sections 44A to 44M, inclusive, of chapter 149 of the General Laws, and any
670 other general or special law to the contrary, the Shattuck Child Care Center, Inc. may procure the
671 project authorized by this act, and any necessary design and construction services for the project,
672 without undertaking a competitive bid process; provided, however, that the Shattuck Child Care
673 Center, Inc. shall pay prevailing wages in accordance with sections 26 and 27 of chapter 149 of
674 the General Laws in connection with any such construction.

675 (d) The Shattuck Child Center, Inc. shall annually compensate the commonwealth in the
676 sum of \$1.00 for the term of the lease authorized in this section. The Shattuck Child Care
677 Center, Inc. shall pay all costs and expenses of the transaction authorized in this act as
678 determined by the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance including, but not
679 limited to, the costs of any surveys, all costs, liabilities and expenses of any nature and kind
680 related to the development, maintenance, use and operation of the leased premises and the
681 operation costs for the portion of the parcels set aside for use by the commonwealth.

682 (e) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the commissioner of capital asset
683 management and maintenance shall comply with paragraphs 5 and 6 of section 36 of chapter 7C
684 of the General Laws.

685 (f) No lease agreement entered into pursuant to this section by or on behalf of the
686 commonwealth shall be valid unless the lease provides that the property shall be used solely to
687 operate a child day care center or activities directly related to the operation of a child day care
688 center. If, for any reason, the property ceases to be used for the purposes described in this
689 section, the commonwealth may terminate the lease. If the lease is terminated, the care, custody
690 and control of the property shall be with the commonwealth and the division of capital asset
691 management and maintenance.

692 SECTION 68. Notwithstanding section 28 of chapter 53 of the General Laws or any other
693 general or special law to the contrary, the state primary in 2016 shall be held on Thursday,
694 September 8, 2016.

695 SECTION 69. Notwithstanding section 3 of chapter 53 of the General Laws or any other
696 general or special law to the contrary, a person whose name is not printed on the September 8,

697 2016 state primary ballot as a candidate for an office, but who receives sufficient votes to
698 nominate the person for the office, shall file in the office of the state secretary a written
699 acceptance of the nomination and a receipt from the state ethics commission verifying that a
700 statement of financial interest has been filed pursuant to chapter 268B of the General Laws not
701 later than 5:00 P.M. on Monday, September 12, 2016.

702 SECTION 70. Notwithstanding sections 11, 13 and 53A of chapter 53 of the General
703 Laws and section 5 of chapter 55B of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the
704 contrary, objections to and withdrawals from nominations made at the September 8, 2016 state
705 primary shall be filed with the state secretary not later than 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September
706 13, 2016.

707 SECTION 71. Notwithstanding section 14 of chapter 53 of the General Laws or any other
708 general or special law to the contrary, any vacancies from the September 8, 2016 state primary
709 caused by death, withdrawal or ineligibility under section 70 shall be filled by an executive
710 committee, determined by the state party committee, of the same political party who made the
711 original nomination.

712 SECTION 72. Notwithstanding section 15 of chapter 53 of the General Laws or any other
713 general or special law to the contrary, when a nomination is made to fill a vacancy caused by the
714 death, withdrawal or ineligibility of a candidate from the September 8, 2016 state primary, the
715 certificate of nomination shall be on a form prescribed by the state secretary, shall be signed by
716 the executive committee appointed by the state committee of the same political party as provided
717 for in section 71 and shall be filed with the state secretary not later than 5:00 P.M. on
718 Wednesday, September 14, 2016.

719 SECTION 73. Notwithstanding section 135 of chapter 54 of the General Laws or any
720 other general or special law to the contrary, a petition for a recount of the September 8, 2016
721 state primary shall be filed with the appropriate local election officials not later than 5:00 P.M.
722 on Monday, September 12, 2016 and all recounts shall be completed and notice of the results
723 shall be sent to the state secretary not later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday, September 16, 2016.

724 Petitions for district wide and statewide recounts of the September 8, 2016 state primary
725 shall be submitted to the appropriate local election officials for certification not later than 12:00
726 P.M. on Monday, September 12, 2016 and local election officials shall complete certification not
727 later than 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 13, 2016. Thereafter, certified petitions shall be
728 filed with the secretary of state not later than 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 14, 2016. If
729 the state secretary determines that the contest is eligible for a statewide or district wide recount,
730 the state secretary shall notify the local election officials who shall complete the recount and
731 shall notify the state secretary of the results of the recount not later than 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday,
732 September 20, 2016.

733 SECTION 74. Notwithstanding sections 8, 9 and 10, inclusive, of chapter 55B of the
734 General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the state ballot law commission
735 shall notify candidates of any objections filed to nominations at the September 8, 2016 state
736 primary not later than 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 13, 2016. Notice of the commission
737 hearings shall be given by telephone and electronic mail. Hearings on objections shall be held on
738 Thursday, September 15, 2016 and decisions shall be rendered not later than 5:00 P.M. on
739 Friday, September 16, 2016.

740 SECTION 75. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, local election
741 officials shall transmit absentee ballots to voters covered under the federal Uniformed and
742 Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. section 20302 et seq., whose applications
743 were received at least 45 days before the November 8, 2016 state election, not later than
744 Saturday, September 24, 2016.

745 SECTION 76. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the state
746 secretary shall have the authority to add or change any dates relating to the nominations made at
747 the September 8, 2016 state primary that the state secretary considers necessary for the orderly
748 administration of the November 8, 2016 state election by providing notice of the change to the
749 state parties and any affected person, by filing notice with the rules and regulations division, by
750 posting on the state secretary's website and by whatever other means the state secretary
751 considers appropriate.

752 SECTION 77. The salary adjustments and other economic benefits authorized by the
753 following collective bargaining agreements shall be effective for the purposes of section 7 of
754 chapter 150E of the General Laws:

755 (1) Between the University of Massachusetts and the American Federation of State,
756 County, and Municipal Employees, Local 1776, Unit A01;

757 (2) Between the University of Massachusetts and the Professional Staff
758 Union/MTA/NEA, Units A52 & B42;

759 (3) Between the University of Massachusetts and the Professional Staff
760 Union/MTA/NEA, Unit A15;

761 (4) Between the University of Massachusetts and the American Federation of
762 Teachers, Local 1895, Unit D85;

763 (5) Between the Barnstable Sheriffs Office and the National Correctional Employees
764 Union, Local 122; and

765 (6) Between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State Police Association of
766 Massachusetts, Unit 5A.

767 SECTION 78. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the board of
768 the commonwealth health insurance connector shall submit a report to the joint committee on
769 health care financing and the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 90
770 days prior to submitting an application and not less than 10 days after submitting an application
771 under clause (x) of section 3 of chapter 176Q of the General Laws detailing the intent and
772 proposed changes to the state plan and state laws.

773 SECTION 79. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a
774 special commission to study pancreatic cancer. The commission shall consist of: the secretary of
775 health and human services or a designee; the commissioner of public health or a designee; the
776 commissioner of insurance or a designee; the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on
777 public health; the house minority leader or a designee; the senate minority leader or designee; 2
778 members to be appointed by the senate president, 1 of whom shall be a person with pancreatic
779 cancer or a survivor and 1 of whom shall be a medical specialist in pancreatic cancer; 2 members
780 to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be a person with
781 pancreatic cancer or a survivor and 1 of whom shall be a medical specialist in pancreatic cancer;
782 and 4 members to be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a person with pancreatic

783 cancer or a survivor, 1 of whom shall be a medical specialist in pancreatic cancer, and 2 of whom
784 shall be members of the public with demonstrated expertise in issues relating to the work of the
785 commission. The special commission shall make an investigation and study to:

786 (1) establish a mechanism in order to ascertain the prevalence of pancreatic cancer in the
787 commonwealth and the unmet needs of persons with pancreatic cancer and those of their families
788 and collect time-of-diagnosis statistics and likely risks for pancreatic cancer;

789 (2) study pancreatic cancer prevention, screening, education and support programs for in
790 the commonwealth;

791 (3) provide recommendations for additional legislation, support programs and resources
792 necessary to meet the unmet needs of persons with pancreatic cancer and their families and how
793 to effectuate an early diagnosis and treatment for Pancreatic Cancer patients.

794 Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled in the same manner
795 provided for the original appointments.

796 The commission shall organize within 120 days following the appointment of a majority
797 of its members and shall select a chair and vice-chair from among the members. The chairperson
798 shall appoint a secretary who need not be a member of the commission.

799 The members shall serve without compensation for their duties on the commission but
800 shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as
801 provided by section 2A of chapter 4 of the General Laws.

802 The commission shall be entitled to call to its assistance and avail itself of the services of
803 the employees of any state, county or municipal department, board, bureau, commission or
804 agency as it may require and as may be available to it for its purposes.

805 SECTION 80. Section 18 shall take effect on September 1, 2015.

806 SECTION 81. Section 61 shall take effect on June 1, 2016.

807 SECTION 82. Section 19 shall take effect on September 1, 2016.