

SENATE No. 2025

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

SENATE, Monday, October 5, 2015

Ms. Spilka for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 3785, reported, in part, a "Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2015 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects" (Senate, No. 2025).

[Direct Appropriation:	\$341,577,233
Retained Revenue Authorization:	\$0
Total:	\$341,577,233]

For the committee,
Karen E. Spilka

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

10 SECTION 2.

JUDICIARY

Committee for Public Counsel Services

11 0321-1510\$1,400,000

12 0321-1520\$2,500,000

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

Hampden District Attorney

13 0340-0500\$137,264

Bristol District Attorney

14 0340-0998\$53,849

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

15 0521-0000\$75,773

EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Department of Revenue

16 1233-2401\$250,000

Office of the Secretary of Administration and Finance

17 1599-2015\$8,043,236

18 1599-4440\$8,843,356

19 1599-4441\$137,151

20 1599-6901\$5,287,476

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Department of Conservation and Recreation

21 2810-0100\$402,000

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services

22 4000-0700\$203,000,000

Department of Public Health

23 4512-0200\$15,200,000

Department of Mental Health

24 5095-0015\$5,800,000

Department of Children and Families

25 4800-0038\$2,000,000

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Department of Transportation

26 1595-6368\$31,518,732
 27 Commonwealth Transportation Fund..... 100%

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Massachusetts Marketing Partnership

28 7008-0900\$500,000

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

29 7010-0060\$3,800,000

STATE UNIVERSITIES

Framingham State University

30 7112-0100\$2,500,000

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Military Division

31 8700-1150\$9,489,062

Department of Correction

32 8900-0001\$2,193,155

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

TRIAL COURT

41 0330-0612 For the implementation and administration of a sequential intercept model project to
 42 better serve individuals with mental health and substance abuse disorders involved in the
 43 criminal justice system; provided, that the trial court shall hire a project coordinator to oversee
 44 coordination, administration and financial oversight of the sequential intercept model project;

45 provided further, that not later than July 1, 2016, the project coordinator shall prepare and submit
46 a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be
47 limited to: (i) the design of the sequential intercept model mappings; (ii) the locations of
48 workshops held to advocate for the model; (iii) the number of cases in which the model has been
49 utilized; (iv) the initial impact of the model on rehabilitation and recidivism; and (v) the cost
50 savings associated with the model; and provided further, that funds appropriated in this item
51 shall not revert and shall be available for expenditure through June 30, 2016.....\$300,000

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL

52 0612-0001 For the state board of retirement to meet the obligations required of the board for the
53 implementation of chapter 19 of the acts of 2015 and any related expenses\$146,980

EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Office of the Secretary of Administration and Finance

54 1599-0044 For a reserve related to special litigation costs\$1,500,000

55 1599-0999 For a reserve to assist agencies in organizational transformation and other
56 improvements; provided, that the executive office for administration and finance shall report to
57 the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than March 16, 2016 on: (i) the
58 organizational efficiencies identified at each agency, including any cost-savings; (ii) the plan for
59 implementing those efficiencies at each agency in fiscal year 2016 and fiscal year 2017; and (iii)
60 the projected fiscal impact of those efficiencies in fiscal year
61 2017..... \$1,000,000

62 1599-1100 For a reserve at the executive office of health and human services to address
63 immediate staffing and training needs at the department of children and families; provided, that
64 funds shall first be used to address immediate staffing and training needs in order to provide
65 systematic improvement at the department; and provided further, that not later than March 1,
66 2016, the department shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the
67 use and costs of staffing and training needs at the department
68\$2,500,000

69 1599-2016 For a reserve to be administered by the health policy commission; provided, that the
70 commission shall establish a pilot program to increase efficiencies and align systemwide goals
71 within 1 regional hospital system to improve the overall sustainability of the system; provided
72 further, that the program shall provide a systemwide grant to create a comprehensive approach to
73 systemwide needs; provided further, that the program shall include measurable milestones that
74 shall demonstrate progress in at least 1 of the following areas: (i) care coordination, integration
75 and delivery transformations; (ii) electronic health record and information exchange
76 advancements; (iii) increasing alternative payment methods and accountable care organizations;
77 (iv) enhancing patient safety; (v) increasing access to behavioral health services; or (vi)
78 increasing coordination between hospitals within the regional hospital systems and community-
79 based providers and organizations; provided further, that the commission shall select a system
80 that has not more than 1 academic hospital as part of the regional hospital system and include an
81 acute care hospital not receiving delivery system transformation initiative payments with both a
82 Medicaid payer mix that is more than 1 standard deviation above the statewide average and a
83 commercial payer mix that is more than 1/2 standard deviation below the statewide average
84 based on the cost report data from fiscal year 2012; provided further, that the commission shall
85 submit a report to the joint committee on health care financing and the house and senate
86 committees on ways and means not later than December 31, 2016 on: (a) a description of the
87 projects completed through the grant program; (b) an analysis of cost savings realized by the
88 regional hospital system through the grant program; and (c) any other outcomes the commission
89 considers relevant; and provided further, that the office of Medicaid shall seek federal financial
90 participation for grants made under the pilot
91 program.....\$5,000,000

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services

94 1599-0017 For a homelessness prevention reserve at the executive office of health and human
95 services.....\$5,000,000

96 1599-2002 For a reserve for the department of children and families to address training and
97 supports for foster families and adoptive families\$1,000,000

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Office of the Secretary

98 8000-1020 For grants to municipalities for police body camera pilot programs to be
99 administered by the executive office of public safety and security; provided, that the executive
100 office shall make an initial written evaluation report on the progress and effectiveness of these
101 programs to the joint committee on public safety and the house and senate committees on ways
102 and means not later than March 31, 2016\$250,000

103 SECTION 2C.I. For the purpose of making available in fiscal year 2016 balances of
104 appropriations which otherwise would revert on June 30, 2015, the unexpended balances of the
105 appropriations listed below, not to exceed the amount specified below for each item, are hereby
106 reappropriated for the purposes of and subject to the conditions stated for the corresponding item
107 in section 2 of chapter 165 of the acts of 2014. For items that do not appear in said section 2 of
108 said chapter 165, the amounts in this section are hereby reappropriated for the purposes of and
109 subject to the conditions stated for the corresponding item in section 2 or 2A in prior
110 appropriation acts. The unexpended balances of all appropriations in the Massachusetts
111 management accounting and reporting system with a secretariat code of 01 or 17 are hereby
112 reappropriated for the purposes of and subject to the conditions stated for the corresponding item
113 said section 2 of said chapter 165 of the acts of 2014 or section 2A of chapter 194 of the acts of
114 2011. The sums reappropriated in this section shall be in addition to any amounts available for
115 those purposes.

JUDICIARY

Committee for Public Counsel Services

116 0321-1500\$129,193

EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Office of the Secretary of Administration and Finance

117 1599-0054\$1,235,079

118 1599-0415\$53,357

119	1599-4444	.....	\$3,774,924
120	1599-6903	.....	\$7,435,045

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Department of Environmental Protection

121	2200-0135	\$400,000
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Department of Public Utilities

122	2100-0012	\$127,589
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Department of Public Health

124	4510-0710	\$1,634,400
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Department of Mental Health

125	5046-0000	\$2,000,000
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Department of Transitional Assistance

126	4401-1000	\$862,000
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Department of Children and Families

127	4800-0015	\$208,302
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Massachusetts Marketing Partnership

128	7008-0900	\$662,924
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Department of Early Education and Care

129	3000-4060	\$3,400,000
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Department of Higher Education

130	7077-0023	\$20,000
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University of Massachusetts

131	7100-0207	\$331,175
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Cape Cod Community College

132 7504-0102 \$1,433,393

SHERIFFS

Hampden Sheriff's Office

133 8910-0102\$240,000

134 SECTION 2C.II. For the purpose of making available in fiscal year 2016 balances of
135 retained revenue and intragovernmental chargeback authorizations which otherwise would revert
136 on June 30, 2015, the unexpended balances of the authorizations listed below, not to exceed the
137 amount specified below for each item, are hereby reauthorized for the purposes of and subject to
138 the conditions stated for the corresponding item in section 2 or 2B of chapter 165 of the acts of
139 2014. Amounts in this section are hereby reauthorized from the funds designated for the
140 corresponding item in said section 2 or 2B of said chapter 165. For items that do not appear in
141 said section 2 or 2B of said chapter 165, the amounts in this section are hereby reauthorized from
142 the funds designated for the corresponding item in section 2, 2A or 2B of this act or in prior
143 appropriation acts. The sums reauthorized in this section shall be in addition to any amounts
144 available for those purposes.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Human Resources Division

145 1750-0601\$300,000

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

147 8000-0122\$200,000

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

153 SECTION 4. Section 14A of chapter 6A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
154 amended by striking out, in line 34, the words “and (7)” and inserting in place thereof the
155 following words:- (7) provide consolidated human resource services to the employees of the

156 department of higher education, the department of early education and care and the department
157 of elementary and secondary education; and (8).

158 SECTION 5. Section 3 of chapter 6C of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
159 amended by striking out clauses 47 and 48 and inserting in place thereof the following 4
160 clauses:-

161 (47) ensure regional equity related to transportation planning, construction, repair, maintenance,
162 capital improvement, development and funding;

163 (48) designate a representative to act in its interest in labor relations matters with its employees;

164 (49) sell, lease or otherwise contract for advertising, including in or on facilities of the
165 department; and

166 (50) exercise all the powers and duties exercised by the outdoor advertising board under chapter
167 93.

168 SECTION 6. Subsection (a) of section 45 of chapter 7C of the General Laws, as so
169 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof
170 the following sentence:- Eight members shall be appointed by the governor, 3 of whom shall
171 have not fewer than 15 years of experience as registered architects in the commonwealth who
172 may be architects emeritus but who shall not have a record of disciplinary action, 3 of whom
173 shall have not fewer than 15 years of experience as registered engineers in the commonwealth
174 who shall not have a record of disciplinary action and 2 of whom shall be representatives of the
175 public who are not architect designers, engineers or construction contractors.

176 SECTION 7. Subsection (c) of said section 45 of said chapter 7C, as so appearing, is
177 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following 2
178 sentences:- The board shall employ an executive director who shall be appointed by the secretary
179 of administration and finance and who shall have either: (i) not fewer than 15 years of experience
180 as a registered architect who shall not have a record of disciplinary action; or (ii) not fewer than
181 15 years of experience as a registered engineer who shall not have a record of disciplinary action.
182 The board shall employ such other staff or consultants as it may deem necessary, subject to
183 appropriation.

184 SECTION 8. Said chapter 7C is hereby amended by striking out section 59, as so
185 appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

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

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

198 No provider of design services for any building project for which a state agency is the
199 using agency shall be selected by the designer selection board or by the administering agency
200 and no design services shall be performed beyond schematic design for or by such administering
201 agency for any building project for which the satisfactory completion of a study program is
202 required prior to the design or construction of that project, unless: (i) the study or program or, if
203 appropriate, both, have been satisfactorily completed through schematic design; (ii) the using
204 agency certifies in writing to the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance
205 that the study or program, including schematic design, or, if appropriate, both, correspond to the
206 current needs of that agency, including its current long-term capital facilities development plan;
207 (iii) the commissioner requests that the director of programming, the director of project
208 management or the director of facilities management review the study or program, including
209 schematic design, or, if appropriate, both, and the director certifies in writing to the
210 commissioner that the study or program including schematic design, or if appropriate, both,
211 reflects the using agency’s needs as stated, that they provide an accurate estimate of the project
212 requirements, cost and schedule and that the project can be accomplished within the
213 appropriation or authorization for that project and recommends proceeding with design,
214 construction or, if appropriate, both; and (iv) the commissioner of capital asset management and

215 maintenance certifies in writing to the secretary of administration and finance that the study or
216 program, including schematic design, or, if appropriate, both, are in conformity with the scope
217 and purpose of the appropriation or authorization for the project and legislative intent in regard
218 to long-range capital facility plans for the using agency, approves proceeding with regard to
219 long-range capital facility plans for the using agency and approves proceeding with design,
220 construction or, if appropriate, both.

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

226 SECTION 9. Chapter 7C of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
227 following section:-

228 Section 73. (a) There shall be a Massachusetts percent for art program, or MPAP, to be
229 administered by the public art commission established in subsection (c). The MPAP shall
230 provide for the creation and preservation of existing public art. Under this program and in
231 connection with construction or substantial renovation of any commonwealth-owned, managed
232 and occupied building, not less than 0.5 per cent of the budgeted capital cost of the project, not to
233 exceed \$250,000, shall be expended for the creation or preservation of public art in or on the site
234 including, but not limited to, expenses related to selection processes and design and
235 development.

236 (b) There shall be a public art commission which shall administer the MPAP by: (i)
237 working with the division of capital asset management and maintenance, project managers and
238 contractors to identify opportunities and locations for art; (ii) reviewing each project to ensure
239 relevance of and support for the public art; (iii) making curatorial decisions on a project-by-
240 project basis; (iv) establishing partnerships and relationships as relevant to the program and
241 projects with members of the commonwealth's artist community, including artists, cultural
242 institutions, arts organizations and educational institutions; (v) consulting with local art and
243 cultural commissions; (vi) promoting and encouraging public art; (vii) promoting public access
244 to and education with respect to art installations in public facilities; (viii) ensuring an inventory
245 of and maintenance plan for the public art collection; and (ix) coordinating with the executive

246 department to ensure compliance with and participation in the MPAP. The commission may
247 coordinate with educational, arts and cultural organizations, municipalities and other
248 organizations to provide alternative sources of funding for public art and programming for arts
249 and cultural education and research alternative funding mechanisms including, but not limited to,
250 public-private partnerships that may increase the total pool of funds for public art and suggest the
251 development of programming for education and promotion regarding public art. All state
252 agencies within the executive department shall cooperate with and provide assistance to the
253 commission as necessary.

254 (c) The commission shall consist of: the commissioner of capital asset management and
255 maintenance or a designee who shall serve as chair; the executive director of the Massachusetts
256 cultural council or a designee; 2 persons to be appointed by the president of the Massachusetts
257 College of Art and Design, each of whom shall have a background in public art or architecture;
258 and 5 persons to be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall have municipal government
259 experience who shall be selected from a list of 3 individuals nominated by the Massachusetts
260 Municipal Association, Inc.; 1 of whom shall be a project designer with experience in the
261 creation and installation of public art; 1 of whom shall be an artist or representative from a
262 nonprofit or community organization associated with the arts; and 1 of whom shall be a faculty
263 member specializing in art or architecture at 1 of the commonwealth's public institutions of
264 higher education. The governor shall seek to appoint persons who are from geographically
265 diverse regions of the commonwealth. The MPAP coordinator appointed pursuant to subsection
266 (e) shall be a nonvoting member of the commission and shall serve as its secretary. Commission
267 members shall serve without compensation or reimbursement for expenses. Commission
268 members shall serve for a term of 5 years and shall be appointed to not more than 2 terms. The
269 commission shall meet at least quarterly and at the discretion of the chair.

270 (d) The commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance shall appoint an
271 MPAP coordinator who shall report to the commissioner and shall have the requisite
272 qualifications related to public art programs and project management to administer the MPAP. In
273 coordination with the commission and any other agencies as the commissioner may deem
274 appropriate, the coordinator shall, without limitation: (i) recommend the guidelines and
275 parameters for the MPAP; (ii) coordinate the MPAP, including soliciting artists, setting up
276 proposal review, overseeing artists' work and developing and managing community engagement

277 and educational activities; (iii) research other successful funding mechanisms that increase the
278 total pool of funds for public art; and (iv) oversee the creation of a central entity to host a variety
279 of shared resources relating to the implementation, installation, maintenance and preservation of
280 public art.

281 (e) Annually, not later than September 1, the commission shall provide a report to the
282 secretary of administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the
283 joint committee on tourism, arts and cultural development and the clerks of the senate and house
284 of representatives describing the actions of the MPAP and the commission and any other
285 information the commission considers pertinent.

286 SECTION 10. Section 35AAA of chapter 10 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
287 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the seventh sentence and inserting in
288 place thereof the following 2 sentences:- Any fiscal year-end balance in the fund that is not
289 subject to appropriation shall not revert to the General Fund but shall remain in the fund and be
290 available for expenditure during the next fiscal year. Any fiscal year-end balance in the fund that
291 is subject to appropriation shall not be subject to section 5C of chapter 29.

292 SECTION 11. The second paragraph of section 2 of chapter 14 of the General Laws, as
293 so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof
294 the following sentence:- The position of commissioner shall be classified in accordance with
295 section 45 of chapter 30 and the salary shall be determined in accordance with section 46C of
296 said chapter 30.

297 SECTION 12. Section 4 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
298 amended by inserting after the word “education”, in line 6, the following words:- who shall
299 serve ex officio.

300 SECTION 13. Section 21 of said chapter 15A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
301 inserting after the word “education”, in line 54, the following words:- except as otherwise
302 required by section 4.

303 SECTION 14. Subsection (a) of section 2MMMM of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as
304 so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- Amounts credited to the

305 fund shall not be subject to further appropriation and monies remaining in the fund at the end of
306 a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund.

307 SECTION 15. Section 6D of chapter 30A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
308 amended by adding the following paragraph:-

309 Each executive office shall publish on its website a list of laws passed in the previous 24
310 months for which regulations are required and for which regulations have not been adopted,
311 identifying the session law in which the statutory authority was passed and containing a brief
312 statement as to the agency's plan to adopt the regulations. The plan shall be updated
313 semiannually on the website and filed with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives
314 and the senate and house chairs of the joint committee on state administration and regulatory
315 oversight.

316 SECTION 16. Section 25B of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
317 amended by adding the following subsection:-

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

321 SECTION 17. Subsection (n) of section 89 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as
322 appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph
323 the following 4 paragraphs:-

324 Notwithstanding the enrollment preferences in this section, a Horace Mann charter school
325 in the city of Salem or Springfield may limit enrollment geographically or add a geographic
326 enrollment preference by: (i) using the assignment system of the city in which it is located;
327 provided, however, that within the walk zone for the Horace Mann charter school, as calculated
328 by the city's preexisting student assignment system, the percentage of students who qualify for
329 the free or reduced price lunch program or another successor measure as determined by the
330 department shall be equal to or higher than the district's overall percentage of students who
331 qualify for the program; or (ii) offering enrollment preferences to students who reside in a
332 specific geographical area in which the school building is located; provided, however, that within
333 that geographical preference area, the percentage of students who qualify for the free or reduced

334 price lunch program or another successor measure as determined by the department shall be
335 equal to or higher than the district's overall percentage of students who qualify for the program.

336 In order to institute a geographical enrollment limitation or preference, the original
337 charter of the Horace Mann charter school or an amendment to the charter shall permit such a
338 geographic enrollment limitation or preference. An amendment to the charter of a Horace Mann
339 charter school to add a geographic enrollment limitation or preference shall require the approval
340 of the local school committee, the board of trustees of the Horace Mann charter school and the
341 commissioner.

342 In addition to providing the information pursuant to subsection (e), a Horace Mann
343 charter school that offers a geographical enrollment preference shall include in its application for
344 approval or amendment: (i) a definition of the geographical area for which it shall offer a
345 geographic enrollment preference; (ii) an explanation of how the preference will support the
346 mission of the Horace Mann charter school; (iii) evidence that within the geographical area there
347 resides an equal or higher percentage of low-income students, as measured by qualification for
348 the free or reduced price lunch program or another measure as approved by the department, as
349 compared to the district enrollment as a whole; and (iv) an explanation of how the Horace Mann
350 charter school will target its recruitment and retention efforts for students within the
351 geographical area. If a Horace Mann charter school that chooses to offer a geographical
352 enrollment preference seeks a charter renewal and intends to continue applying the geographical
353 enrollment preference, the board shall consider whether the preference area continues to serve an
354 adequate percentage of low-income students to qualify under this subsection.

355 A Horace Mann charter school that offers a geographical enrollment preference shall give
356 priority for enrollment in the following order: (i) to students actually enrolled in the school on
357 the date the application is filed with the board and to their siblings; (ii) to students who reside
358 within the geographical enrollment preference area and are enrolled in the public schools of the
359 district where the Horace Mann charter school is to be located; (iii) to other students who reside
360 within the geographical preference area; (iv) to other students enrolled in the public schools of
361 the district where the Horace Mann charter school is to be located but who reside outside of the
362 geographical enrollment preference area; and (v) to other students who reside outside of the
363 geographical preference area but within the city or town in which the Horace Mann charter
364 school is located.

365 SECTION 18. Section 5 of chapter 78 of the General Laws is hereby repealed.

366 SECTION 19. The second paragraph of section 7 of chapter 111B, as appearing in the
367 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- No person shall be
368 committed to the to the Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Framingham for rehabilitative
369 purposes, under this section or section 35 of chapter 123.

370 SECTION 20. Said section 7 of said chapter 111B of the General Laws, as so appearing,
371 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 29 and 30, the words “or to the Massachusetts
372 correctional institution, Framingham”.

373 SECTION 21. Section 24B of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
374 hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the words “and the commissioner of education”.

375 SECTION 22. Said section 24B of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby further
376 amended by striking out, in lines 3 and 4, the words “and the commissioner”.

377 SECTION 23. Said section 24B of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby further
378 amended by striking out, in lines 8, 9, 10 and 11, and in line 15, each time they appear, the words
379 “and said commissioner”.

380 SECTION 24. The third paragraph of section 35 of chapter 123 of the General Laws, as
381 so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- The person shall be
382 assessed using a standardized evaluation tool to be created by the department of mental health in
383 collaboration with the department of public health.

384 SECTION 25. The fourth paragraph of said section 35 of said chapter 123, as so
385 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the fourth sentence and inserting in place thereof
386 the following sentence:- If the person is a male, the person may be committed to the
387 Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Bridgewater if there are not suitable facilities available
388 under said chapter 111B; provided however, that the person so committed shall be housed and
389 treated separately from convicted criminals.

390 SECTION 26. Section 3 of chapter 176Q of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
391 amended by adding the following clause:-

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

398 SECTION 27. Section 39 of chapter 207 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
399 amended by striking out, in lines 43 and 44, the words “him of twenty-five dollars by said other
400 person” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the secretary of \$25 for applications
401 delivered by mail, facsimile or by hand or \$20 for applications submitted electronically.

402 SECTION 28. Subsection (e) of section 49 of chapter 9 of the acts of 2011 is hereby
403 amended by striking out the words, “January 1, 2016,” and inserting in place thereof the
404 following words:- January 1, 2017.

405 SECTION 29. Subsection (f) of said section 49 of said chapter 9 is hereby amended by
406 striking out, in line 2, the words “June 1, 2016” and inserting in place thereof the following
407 words:- June 1, 2017.

408 SECTION 30. Section 102 of chapter 35 of the acts of 2013 is hereby amended by
409 striking out, each time it appears, the figure “2015” and inserting in place thereof the following
410 figure:- 2017.

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

414 SECTION 32. Item 1599-4440 of section 2 of chapter 165 of the acts of 2014 is hereby
415 amended by inserting after the words “fiscal year 2015”, the following words:- or fiscal year
416 2016.

417 SECTION 33. Said item 1599-4440 of said section 2 of said chapter 165 is hereby further
418 amended by adding the following words:- ; provided further, that upon receipt of funds, for fiscal
419 year 2016, the state universities shall provide fee credits directly to students in an amount

420 proportional to the increase in student fees associated with contractual salary increases in
421 collective bargaining agreements; provided further, that the fee credits shall be issued not later
422 than December 31, 2015; and provided further, that not later than November 13, 2015, the State
423 University Council of Presidents shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and
424 means on the implementation plan for reimbursements or tuition credits to students, delineated
425 by state university.

426 SECTION 34. Said item 1599-4440 of said section 2 of said chapter 165 is hereby further
427 amended by striking out the figure “\$5,551,224” and inserting in place thereof the following
428 figure:- \$14,394,580.

429 SECTION 35. Item 7077-0023 of said section 2 of said chapter 165 is hereby amended
430 by inserting after the word “University”, the second time it appears, the following words:- ;
431 provided further, that the amount allocated to the feasibility study shall not revert and shall be
432 made available until June 30, 2016.

433 SECTION 36. Said chapter 165 is hereby amended by striking out section 233 and
434 inserting in place thereof the following section:-

435 (a) There shall be a special commission to be known as the 495/MetroWest Suburban
436 Edge community commission which shall consist of: 3 members of the senate, 1 of whom shall
437 serve as co-chair and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader; 3 members of the
438 house of representatives, 1 of whom shall serve as co-chair and 1 of whom shall be appointed by
439 the minority leader; the secretary of housing and economic development or a designee who shall
440 serve as co-chair; the secretary of transportation or a designee; the secretary of energy and
441 environmental affairs or a designee; the executive director of the Massachusetts Development
442 Finance Agency or a designee; 1 member selected by the 495/Metrowest Corridor Partnership,
443 Inc.; 1 member selected by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council; 1 member selected by the
444 Massachusetts Municipal Association, Inc.; 1 member selected by the Massachusetts Association
445 of Planning Directors; 1 member selected by NAIOP Massachusetts, Inc.; 1 member selected by
446 the Massachusetts Water Works Association Inc.; 1 member selected by the MetroWest Regional
447 Transit Authority; and 9 persons to be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be an
448 academic focused on suburban development, 1 of whom shall be a real estate professional with
449 experience working in edge communities, 1 of whom shall be a water resources expert with

450 experience working in edge communities, 1 of whom shall be a transportation engineer with
451 experience working in edge communities and 5 of whom shall be municipal officials who
452 represent different municipalities served by the 495/MetroWest Corridor Partnership, Inc.

453 (b) The commission shall make an investigation and study relative to development
454 challenges being experienced by edge communities, such as needs to address transportation,
455 water, cellular and energy infrastructure, transit services, residential development, reuse of
456 former industrial facilities and historic mills, brownfields reclamation, downtown redevelopment
457 and other constraints. The commission shall hold at least 3 public forums in the region to solicit
458 stakeholders' feedback before developing policy responses and recommendations to ensure that
459 edge communities may participate in the commonwealth's development initiatives and benefit
460 from the commonwealth's resources. The commission shall focus its investigation and study on
461 the 35 municipalities served by the 495/MetroWest Corridor Partnership, Inc. and shall develop a
462 pilot program to address the issues to be studied and investigated by the commission. The
463 commission shall choose certain municipalities served by the 495/MetroWest Corridor
464 Partnership, Inc. to partake in the pilot program; provided, however, that the 5 municipalities
465 represented by a municipal official chosen by the governor for appointment on the commission
466 shall participate in the pilot program. For the purposes of this section, "edge community" shall
467 mean a municipality with a population of not more than 35,000, with a 5 per cent variance to
468 account for postcensal population estimates.

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

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

476 SECTION 37. Chapter 431 of the acts of 2014 is hereby amended by striking out the first
477 paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

478 There shall be a task force on child sexual abuse prevention. The task force shall be co-
479 chaired by the child advocate and the executive director of the Children's Trust and shall
480 include: the attorney general or a designee; the lieutenant governor or a designee; the house and

481 senate chairs of the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities; the house
482 minority leader or a designee; the senate minority leader or a designee; the commissioner of
483 public health or a designee; the commissioner of early education and care or a designee; the
484 commissioner of children and families or a designee; the executive director of the Massachusetts
485 office of victim assistance or a designee; the executive director of the Massachusetts District
486 Attorneys Association or a designee; the director of the victim services unit of the sex offender
487 registry board or a designee; the commissioner of elementary and secondary education or a
488 designee; and representatives from each of the following child and youth service providers and
489 advocacy organizations who shall be appointed by the governor: the Alliance of Massachusetts
490 YMCAs, Inc.; the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children; the
491 Massachusetts Children's Alliance, Inc.; the Massachusetts Citizens for Children, Inc.; the
492 Children's League of Massachusetts, Inc.; The Mass Mentoring Partnership, Inc.; the Girl Scouts;
493 the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc.; the Massachusetts Association for the
494 Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Inc.; the Massachusetts After School Partnership, Inc.; the Roman
495 Catholic Archdiocese of Boston; and the Massachusetts Adolescent Sexual Offender Coalition,
496 Inc. The governor may appoint additional representatives from agencies serving children, law
497 enforcement, religious organizations and others as necessary to fulfill the purpose of the task
498 force.

499 SECTION 38. Said chapter 431 is hereby further amended by striking out the last
500 paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

501 The task force shall periodically report on its activities and recommendations to the
502 governor, the clerks of the senate and house of representatives and the house and senate chairs of
503 the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities and shall submit a final
504 report not later than June 30, 2017.

505 SECTION 39. Item 0910-0210 of said section 2 of chapter 46 of the acts of 2015 is
506 hereby amended by striking out the figure "\$650,000", each time it appears, and inserting in
507 place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- \$850,000.

508 SECTION 40. Item 1233-2401 of said section 2 of said chapter 46 is hereby amended by
509 striking out the figure, "\$250,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$500,000.

510 SECTION 41. Item 4000-0300 of said section 2 of said chapter 46 is hereby amended by
511 inserting after the words “chapter 165 of the acts of 2014” the following words:- ; provided
512 further, that in fiscal year 2016, in addition to the 50 per cent provided for in the previous
513 proviso, the executive office shall expend the full amount in item 4000-0700 of chapter 38 of the
514 acts of 2013 for payments to any acute pediatric hospital and pediatric specialty unit as defined
515 in section 8A of chapter 118E of the General Laws to compensate for high complexity pediatric
516 care.

517 SECTION 42. Item 4000-0600 of said section 2 of said chapter 46 is hereby amended by
518 inserting after the words “calendar year 2007” the following words:- ; provided further, that in
519 fiscal year 2016, MassHealth shall expend not less than the amount expended in fiscal year 2015
520 to reimburse nursing home facilities for bed hold days.

521 SECTION 43. Item 4512-0200 of said section 2 of chapter 46 is hereby amended by
522 inserting after the words “services beds”, the following words:- ; provided further, that not less
523 than \$1,200,000 shall be expended for verbal substance use screening.

524 SECTION 44. Item 4513-1026 of said section 2 of chapter 46 is hereby amended by
525 striking out the words “Good Samaritans” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-
526 Samaritans, Inc. of Boston.

527 SECTION 45. Item 5095-0015 of said section 2 of said chapter 46 is hereby amended by
528 adding the following words:- ; provided further, that the department shall expend not less than
529 \$5,800,000 for a substance use treatment program to provide detoxification and clinical
530 stabilization services for civilly committed women with substance use disorders at Taunton State
531 Hospital; and provided further, that the department shall report to the house and senate
532 committees on ways and means not later than May 2, 2016 on the implementation of the
533 treatment program including, but not limited to: (a) the number of individuals served; (b) the
534 average length of stay per individual; (c) the types of services received by participating
535 individuals; and (d) the number of individuals who are referred to outpatient treatment after
536 completion of the program.

537 SECTION 46. Item 7004-0099 of said section 2 of chapter 46 is hereby amended by
538 inserting after the words “multi-family housing”, the following words:- provided further, that not
539 less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Citizen Planner Training Collaborative for
540 statewide training and curriculum development for local planning and zoning officials;.

541 SECTION 47. Said item 7004-0099 of said section 2 of said chapter 46 is hereby further
542 amended by striking out the figure “\$8,687,359” and inserting in place thereof the following
543 figure:- “\$8,887,359”.

544 SECTION 48. Item 7008-0900 of said section 2 of said chapter 46 is hereby amended by
545 inserting after the word “Chelsea” the following words:- ; provided further, that not less than
546 \$500,000 shall be expended for the Outside the Box festival in the city of Boston.

547 SECTION 49. Item 1599-2040 of section 2B of said chapter 46 is hereby amended by
548 striking out the figure, “\$5,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-
549 \$30,303,853.

550 SECTION 50. Section 2D of said chapter 46 is hereby amended by striking out item
551 7043-1005 and inserting in place thereof the following items:-
552 7043-1005 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title I
553 Program.....\$66,058

Department of Elder Affairs.

554 9110-1074 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Older Americans Act – Title
555 III and Title VII\$10,182,633
556 9110-1076 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Older Americans Act – Title
557 IIIB\$1,190,451
558 9110-1077 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, National Family Caregiver
559 Support
560 Program.....\$3,700,000

561	9110-1094	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, SHINE – Serving the Health	
562		Insurance needs of Elders	
563		.....	\$1,097,000
564	9110-1173	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Older Americans Act – Title	
565		III Nutrition Program	\$13,383,620
566	9110-1174	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Nutrition Services Incentive	
567		Program	\$4,885,300
568	9110-1178	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Senior Community Service	
569		Employment Program	
570		.....	\$1,881,340
571	9110-1190	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MA Chronic Disease Self-	
572		Management Education Program	\$100,714
573	9110-1191	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Enhanced Alcohol and Drug	
574		Recovery Options Counseling Program.....	\$198,706
575	9110-1194	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MIPPA ADRC	
576		.....	\$79,154

577 SECTION 51. Item 1595-1068 of section 2E of said chapter 46 is hereby amended by
578 adding the following words:- ; and provided further, that up to \$707,000,000 in payments made
579 for state and federal fiscal year 2014 or 2015 shall be made from the Medical Assistance Trust
580 Fund, of which \$283,000,000 shall be made to the Cambridge Public Health Commission for
581 dates of service in state and federal fiscal year 2014 or 2015 only after the Cambridge Public
582 Health Commission transfers up to \$141,500,000 of its funds to the Medical Assistance Trust
583 Fund using a federally permissible source of funds which shall fully satisfy the nonfederal share
584 of such payment.

585 SECTION 52. Said item 1595-1068 of said section 2E of said chapter 46 is hereby further
586 amended by striking out the figure “\$462,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following
587 figure:- \$1,027,500,000.

588 SECTION 53. Section 194 of said chapter 46 is hereby further amended by striking out
589 section 194 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

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

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

602 SECTION 54. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, prior to the
603 close of fiscal year 2015 and upon the recommendation of both the secretary of administration
604 and finance and the secretary of health and human services or their designees, the comptroller
605 shall adjust any fiscal year 2015 appropriation fund split against or transfer out of the
606 Community First Trust Fund established in section 35AAA of chapter 10 of the General Laws to
607 match final department fiscal year 2015 Community First Trust Fund expenditures.

608 SECTION 55. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary
609 of health and human services, with the written approval of the secretary of administration and
610 finance, may authorize transfers of surplus among items 4000-0320, 4000-0430, 4000-0500,
611 4000-0600, 4000-0700, 4000-0875, 4000-0880, 4000-0885, 4000-0940, 4000-0950, 4000-0990,
612 4000-1400 and 4000-1420 of section 2 of chapter 165 of the acts of 2014 for the purpose of
613 reducing any deficiency in these items but any such transfers shall be made not later than
614 October 31, 2015.

615 SECTION 56. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any
616 unexpended balances, not exceeding a total of \$20,000,000, in items 4000-0600, 4000-0700 and
617 4000-1425 of section 2 of chapter 165 of the acts of 2014 shall not revert to the General Fund
618 until October 31, 2015 and may be expended by the executive office of health and human

619 services to pay for services enumerated in said items 4000-0600, 4000-0700 and 4000-1425 of
620 said section 2 of said chapter 165 provided during fiscal year 2015.

621 SECTION 57. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the board of
622 the commonwealth health insurance connector shall submit a report to the joint committee on
623 health care financing and the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 90
624 days prior to submitting an application and not less than 10 days after submitting an application
625 under clause (x) of section 3 of chapter 176Q of the General Laws detailing the intent and
626 proposed changes to the state plan and state laws.

627 SECTION 58. (a) There is hereby established on the books of the commonwealth a Debt
628 Defeasance Trust Fund, to be used, without further appropriation, for the purposes specified in
629 subsection (b). The comptroller shall transfer the sum of \$100,000,000 to the fund from the
630 General Fund.

631 (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the state treasurer shall
632 expend not later than May 31, 2016, from the Debt Defeasance Trust Fund an amount not to
633 exceed \$100,000,000 for the purpose of purchasing securities to be held for the credit of or cash
634 deposit into a sinking fund to be established in accordance with section 49 of chapter 29 of the
635 General Laws. The monies in the sinking fund shall be applied to pay, at maturity or upon
636 redemption, bonds of the commonwealth to be identified by the state treasurer at the time the
637 sinking fund is established, including the payment of any redemption premium thereon and any
638 interest accrued or to accrue to the date of maturity or earlier redemption of those bonds. In
639 selecting the bonds to be paid from the sinking fund, the state treasurer shall attempt to maximize
640 the financial benefits to the commonwealth produced thereby. The state treasurer may enter into
641 an agreement with a trustee to establish the sinking fund for the benefit of the holders of the
642 bonds to be paid pursuant to this section. Said section 49 of said chapter 29 applicable to sinking
643 funds established with trustees shall apply to the deposit of funds pursuant to this section to the
644 extent such section is consistent with this section.

645 (c) If any monies remain in the Debt Defeasance Trust Fund on June 1, 2016, the
646 comptroller shall, with the consent of the state treasurer and the secretary of administration and
647 finance, transfer such monies from the fund to the General Fund, to be made available
648 exclusively for item 0699-0015 without further appropriation.

649 (d) Not later than June 1, 2016, the state treasurer shall submit a report to the house and
650 senate committees on bonding, capital expenditures and state assets and the house and senate
651 committees on ways and means detailing the actions taken under this section including, but not
652 limited to: (i) the interest saved on the payment of bonds; (ii) interest generated on the monies in
653 the Debt Defeasance Trust Fund; (iii) a list of the bonds paid; and (iv) the amount made available
654 to item 0699-0015 under subsection (c).

655 SECTION 59. Section 58 is hereby repealed.

656 SECTION 60. In fiscal year 2015, the comptroller shall credit \$732,585 to the Money
657 Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration Grant Trust Fund, an amount equal to the
658 amount of federal financial participation received in the fourth quarter of state fiscal year 2014,
659 in accordance with section 35TT of chapter 10 of the General Laws.

660 SECTION 61. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary early
661 intervention programs shall be considered a “social service program” under section 22N of
662 chapter 7 of the General Laws.

663 (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, not later than July 1,
664 2016, the executive office of health and human services, in consultation with the center for
665 health information and analysis, shall establish rates for early intervention programs in
666 accordance with chapter 257 of the acts of 2008.

667 SECTION 62. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, MassHealth
668 and any commercial insurer that insures MassHealth subscribers shall provide double electric
669 breast pumps to expectant and new mothers per birth as specifically prescribed by their attending
670 physician, consistent with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, Public Law
671 111-148.

672 SECTION 63. Notwithstanding section 28 of chapter 53 of the General Laws or any other
673 general or special law to the contrary, the state primary in 2016 shall be held on Tuesday,
674 September 6, 2016.

675 SECTION 64. Notwithstanding section 3 of chapter 53 of the General Laws or any other
676 general or special law to the contrary, a person whose name is not printed on the September 6,

677 2016 state primary ballot as a candidate for an office but who receives sufficient votes to
678 nominate the person for that office shall file in the office of the state secretary a written
679 acceptance of the nomination and a receipt from the state ethics commission verifying that a
680 statement of financial interest has been filed pursuant to chapter 268B of the General Laws not
681 later than 5:00 P.M. on Monday, September 12, 2016.

682 SECTION 65. Notwithstanding sections 11, 13 and 53A of chapter 53 of the General
683 Laws and section 5 of chapter 55B of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the
684 contrary, objections to and withdrawals from nominations made at the September 6, 2016 state
685 primary shall be filed with the state secretary not later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday, September 9,
686 2016.

687 SECTION 66. Notwithstanding section 14 of chapter 53 of the General Laws or any other
688 general or special law to the contrary, any vacancies from the September 6, 2016 state primary
689 caused by death, withdrawal or ineligibility under section 65 shall be filled by an executive
690 committee, determined by the state party committee, of the same political party who made the
691 original nomination.

692 SECTION 67. Notwithstanding section 15 of said chapter 53 or any other general or
693 special law to the contrary, when a nomination is made to fill a vacancy caused by the death,
694 withdrawal or ineligibility of a candidate from the September 6, 2016 state primary, the
695 certificate of nomination shall be on a form prescribed by the state secretary, shall be signed by
696 the executive committee appointed by the state committee of the same political party as provided
697 for in section 66 and shall be filed with the state secretary not later than 5:00 P.M. on
698 Wednesday, September 14, 2016.

699 SECTION 68. Notwithstanding section 135 of chapter 54 of the General Laws or any
700 other general or special law to the contrary, a petition for a recount of the September 6, 2016
701 state primary shall be filed with the appropriate local election officials not later than 5:00 P.M.
702 on Monday, September 12, 2016 and all recounts shall be completed and notice of the results
703 shall be sent to the state secretary not later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday, September 16, 2016.

704 Petitions for districtwide and statewide recounts of the September 6, 2016 state primary
705 shall be submitted to the appropriate local election officials for certification not later than 12:00

706 P.M. on Monday, September 12, 2016 and local election officials shall complete certification not
707 later than 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 13, 2016. Thereafter, certified petitions shall be
708 filed with the secretary of state not later than 12:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 14, 2016. If
709 the state secretary determines that the contest is eligible for a statewide or districtwide recount,
710 the state secretary shall notify the local election officials who shall complete the recount and
711 shall notify the state secretary of the results of the recount not later than 12:00 P.M. on Monday,
712 September 19, 2016.

713 SECTION 69. Notwithstanding sections 8, 9 and 10, inclusive, of chapter 55B of the
714 General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the state ballot law commission
715 shall notify candidates of any objections filed to nominations at the September 6, 2016 state
716 primary not later than 12:00 P.M. on Monday, September 12, 2016. Notice of the commission
717 hearings shall be given by telephone and electronic mail. Hearings on objections shall be held
718 beginning on Thursday, September 15, 2016 and decisions shall be rendered not later than 5:00
719 P.M. on Friday, September 16, 2016.

720 SECTION 70. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, local election
721 officials shall transmit absentee ballots to voters covered under the federal Uniformed and
722 Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1973ff-1 et seq., whose applications were
723 received at least 45 days before the November 8, 2016 state election, not later than Saturday,
724 September 24, 2016.

725 SECTION 71. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the state
726 secretary may add or change any dates relating to the nominations made at the September 6,
727 2016 state primary that the state secretary considers necessary for the orderly administration of
728 the November 8, 2016 state election by providing notice of the change to the state parties and
729 any affected person, by filing notice with the regulations division by posting on the state
730 secretary's website and by whatever other means the state secretary considers appropriate.

731 SECTION 72. The special commission established in section 47 of chapter 260 of the
732 acts of 2014 is hereby revived and continued and shall submit its report and findings, along with
733 any drafts of legislation, to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint
734 committee on the judiciary, the joint committee on children, families and persons with

735 disabilities and the clerks of the senate and house of representatives not later than January 31,
736 2016.

737 SECTION 73. The working group established in section 164 of chapter 46 of the acts of
738 2015 is hereby revived and continued and shall file a report of its findings and recommendations,
739 along with any drafts of legislation necessary to implement its recommendations, with the clerks
740 of the senate and house of representatives not later than March 1, 2016.

741 SECTION 74. The salary adjustments and other economic benefits authorized by the
742 following collective bargaining agreements shall be effective for section 7 of chapter 150E of the
743 General Laws:

744 (i) between the University of Massachusetts and the American Federation of State,
745 County and Municipal Employees, Local 1776, Unit A01;

746 (ii) between the University of Massachusetts and the Professional Staff
747 Union/MTA/NEA, Units A52 and B42;

748 (iii) between the University of Massachusetts and the Professional Staff
749 Union/MTA/NEA, Unit A15;

750 (iv) between the University of Massachusetts and the American Federation of Teachers,
751 Local 1895, Unit D85;

752 (v) between the Barnstable Sheriff's Office and the National Correctional Employees
753 Union, Local 122; and

754 (vi) between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State Police Association of
755 Massachusetts, Unit 5A.

756 SECTION 75. Clause (50) of section 3 of chapter 6C of the General Laws, inserted by
757 section 5, shall take effect as of November 1, 2009.

758 SECTION 76. Section 59 shall take effect on June 2, 2016.

759 SECTION 77. Sections 19, 20, 24 and 25 shall take effect on January 1, 2017.