

# SENATE . . . . . No. 2101

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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SENATE, Tuesday, January 19, 2016

The committee on Higher Education to whom was referred the Senate Bill relative to strengthening and expanding affordable, quality higher education opportunities for residents of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 678),-- reported, in part, a "Bill providing capital funding for public higher education (Senate, No. 2101).

For the committee,  
Michael O. Moore

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An Act providing capital funding for public higher education.

*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 a program of capital improvements to public higher  
2 education institutions to provide support for these institutions in carrying out their educational  
3 missions and to enhance regional economic development through their educational initiatives,  
4 the sums set forth in this section, for the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified  
5 in this act, are hereby made available, subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public  
6 funds, which sums shall be in addition to any other amounts previously appropriated for these  
7 purposes.

### EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

#### Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance

8           7066-XXXX For costs associated with planning and studies, dispositions, acquisition of  
9 land and buildings and interests therein by purchase or by eminent domain under chapter 79 of  
10 the General Laws and for the preparation of plans and specifications, repairs, construction,  
11 renovations, improvements, maintenance and repair, asset management and demolition at the

12 state universities and community college campus facilities and grounds; provided, that all  
13 projects approved for design and construction by the division of capital asset management and  
14 maintenance for the state universities and community colleges shall be consistent in priority and  
15 need with capital master plans developed by the division of capital asset management and  
16 maintenance, in consultation with the presidents of the state universities and community colleges  
17 and approved by the board of higher education; and provided further, that all maintenance and  
18 repair work funded by this item shall be included in the capital asset management information  
19 system administered by the division of capital asset management.....\$2,100,000,000

20           7100-XXXX For costs associated with planning and studies, dispositions, acquisition of  
21 land and buildings and interests therein by purchase or by eminent domain under chapter 79 of  
22 the General Laws and for the preparation of plans and specifications, repairs, construction,  
23 renovations, improvements, maintenance and repair, asset management and demolition at the  
24 university of Massachusetts campus facilities and grounds; provided, that all projects approved  
25 for design and construction by the division of capital asset management and maintenance for the  
26 university of Massachusetts shall be consistent in priority and need with capital master plans  
27 developed by the university of Massachusetts and approved by the board of trustees of the  
28 university of Massachusetts; and provided further, that all maintenance and repair work funded  
29 by this item shall be included in the capital asset management information system administered  
30 by the division of capital asset management.....\$2,100,000,000

31           SECTION 2. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out section 1, the state  
32 treasurer shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth in an  
33 amount to be specified by the governor from time to time but not exceeding, in the aggregate,  
34 \$4,200,000,000. All bonds issued by the commonwealth as aforesaid shall be designated on their

35 face, Public Higher Education Capital Expenditure Act of 2016, and shall be issued for a  
36 maximum term of years, not exceeding 30 years, as the governor may recommend to the general  
37 court under section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution. The bonds shall be  
38 payable not later than June 30, 2055. All interest and payments on account of principal on these  
39 obligations shall be payable from the General Fund. Bonds and interest on bonds issued under  
40 this section shall, notwithstanding any other provision of this act, be general obligations of the  
41 commonwealth.

42 SECTION 3. The secretary of administration and finance shall submit a report on the  
43 progress and all expenditures related to any projects funded through the authorizations in section  
44 1 of this act to the secretary of education, the board of higher education, the chairs of the senate  
45 and house committees on ways and means, the senate and house chairs of the joint committee on  
46 higher education, and the chairs of the committees on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State  
47 Assets. The report shall include, but not be limited to: the total amount appropriated for each  
48 project; the total estimated cost of each project; the amount expended for the planning and design  
49 of each project up to the time the report is filed; the amount expended on construction of each  
50 project up to the time the report is filed; the total amount currently expended on each project; the  
51 estimated lifetime maintenance schedule and cost of each project; the original estimated  
52 completion date of each project; and the current anticipated completion date of each project.  
53 The report shall be submitted on December 31 of each year for a period of 10 years from the  
54 effective date of this act.