

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3828**

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*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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**SO MUCH OF THE MESSAGE  
FROM  
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR  
RETURNING THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018  
(SEE HOUSE, NO. 3800)  
AS RELATES TO ATTACHMENTS A AND B,  
FOR ITEMS AND SECTIONS RETURNED WITH REDUCTIONS OR  
DISAPPROVALS  
UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF  
SECTION 5 OF ARTICLE LXIII  
AND SECTIONS RETURNED WITH  
RECOMMENDATIONS OF AMENDMENTS  
UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE LVI  
OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.**

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July 17, 2017.

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July 17, 2017.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Section 5 of Article 63 of the Amendments to the Constitution, we are today signing House Bill 3800, “An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2018 for the Maintenance of the Departments, Boards, Commissions, Institutions and Certain Activities of the Commonwealth, for Interest, Sinking Fund and Serial Bond Requirements and for Certain Permanent Improvements,” and returning certain portions to you for reconsideration.

The Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) budget, the third of this administration, once again provides funding for stronger and safer communities, education, health care coverage, transportation, and important social service programs for mental health, substance misuse, children, and seniors.

The \$39.43 billion spending plan represents a 1.7% growth rate over estimated spending in Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17),<sup>1</sup> well within the rate of projected state tax revenue growth of 2.7%. This budget does not rely upon new taxes or fees to achieve balance and assumes an estimated \$98.4 million increase to the Stabilization Fund. For the third year in a row, the signed budget also reduces the use of one-time revenue to \$125 million, which is approximately 90% less than the one-time revenue use in the Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15) budget.

Some key FY18 budget highlights:

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<sup>1</sup> This calculation excludes from both years transfers to the Medical Assistance Trust Fund, which provides payments to certain publicly-supported hospitals.

#### Building Stronger and Safer Communities:

- An increase in Unrestricted Local Aid of \$39.9 million, or 3.9%, to \$1.062 billion
- \$6.8 million for the Community Compact related programs, in which nearly 300 communities have joined since its inception in 2015
- \$6 million for Shannon Grants to support gang-prevention initiatives
- \$3.5 million for a new State Police division focused on homeland security, criminal intelligence, and counter-terrorism
- \$2.9 million for a new state police class of 145 recruits

#### Education:

- The highest-ever level for Chapter 70 education aid, \$4.747 billion, an increase of \$118.9 M (2.6%) over FY17 estimated spending
  - At least a \$30 per pupil increase for all 322 operating districts
  - An increase of \$25 million to be used as a down payment on the rising cost of health care for retirees
- \$38.5 million for Early Education Care rate increases

#### Mental Health:

- \$60 million for a new clinical care contract for Bridgewater State Hospital
- A \$1.75 million increase for 45 additional Section 35 beds for men in MASAC Plymouth

#### Health and Human Services:

- A total of \$185.3 million for substance misuse, not including MassHealth spending, an increase of over 50% since FY15
- \$23.1 million for the Department of Developmental Services “Turning 22” Program, a \$5.6 million increase
- A \$9.8 million increase to support the annualization of 450 new hires at the Department of Children and Families

#### Veterans:

- A new \$2,000 annual tax credit for companies with 100 or fewer employees that hire an unemployed veteran
- An update to the \$2,000 benefit for Gold Star Families to provide retroactive benefit payments

#### Workforce Skills and Housing:

- Learn to Earn—\$1 million for a new initiative to provide employment and credentials for unemployed and underemployed individuals
- A \$9.1 million increase, to a total \$92.7 million, for the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program including new standards to allow families to keep their vouchers as they grow their income

Transportation:

- An transfer of \$127 million in operating funds to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), which combined with \$60 million in new capital funding in the administration's FY18 Capital Investment Plan, totals \$187 million in state support for the MBTA over and above the \$1 billion sales tax transfer
- A new law authorizing Pension Reserves Investment Management Board to manage the assets for MBTA retirees

We appreciate the work of the Legislature in delivering the FY18 conference report. There remain, however, additional items within the conference committee report that we believe require additional corrective actions, including revenue, spending, and a comprehensive package to address MassHealth and insurance market reforms.

Based upon projected FY17 year-end revenue and within a range of updated forecasts from economists provided last month, our actions approving the budget today assume \$749 million less in state tax revenue than originally projected for FY18. This amount is \$99 million lower than the assumptions upon which the conference report was based.

While the conference committee report provides a new \$104 million reserve that authorizes the administration to address some known deficiencies, we believe there are \$198 million in unavoidable deficiencies that will need to be addressed in FY18, including the Committee for Public Counsel Services and the Emergency Assistance program. For this reason, we are filing a separate FY18 supplemental budget of \$94 million in conjunction with today's budget signing.

We are also returning with amendment and filing additional components of our MassHealth reform package. Passage of this package in its entirety, a set of changes supported by many stakeholders, is essential to the long-term sustainability of the MassHealth program and the state budget.

Given these factors and as required, we are taking corrective measures in order to balance the budget and maintain fiscal stability. Specifically, we are vetoing \$320 million gross (\$193 million net) in line-item and outside section spending. Of the 150 outside sections presented in the conference report, we are signing 116, vetoing 9 and amending 25.

Therefore:

- We are reducing appropriation amounts in items of section 2 of House 3800 that are enumerated in Attachment A of this message, by the amount and for the reasons set forth in that Attachment;
- We are disapproving, or striking wording in, items of section 2 of House 3800 also set forth in Attachment A, for the reasons set forth in that Attachment;

- We are disapproving those sections of House 3800 itemized in Attachment B of this message for the reasons set forth in that Attachment; and
- Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, we are returning sections 5, 8, 13, 16, 17, 30, 60-67, 87, 93, 109-111, 122, 125, 138, 146, 147 and 150 with recommendations for amendment. Our reasons for doing so and the recommended amendments are set forth in separate letters dated today which are included with this message as Attachments C to K, inclusive.

Respectfully Submitted,

CHARLES D. BAKER,  
*Governor.*

KARYN POLITO,  
*Lieutenant-Governor*

**Attachment A**

**FY18 Budget**

**Veto Items: Line Item Accounts**

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Correctional Legal Services			
0321-2100	Reduce	122,274	1,487,191
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Suffolk Social Law Library			
0321-2205	Reduce	75,064	1,831,200
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Housing Court Expansion			
0336-0003	Reduce	250,000	750,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
SEC of Commonwealth Admin			
0511-0000	Reduce	74,980	6,382,462
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Archives Division Admin			
0511-0200	Reduce	100,000	565,557
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Census Data Technical Assistan			
0511-0270	Reduce	175,020	399,960
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Mass Historical Commission			
0526-0100	Reduce/Strike Wording	50,000	932,724
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Economic Empowerment			
0610-0010	Reduce/Strike Wording	60,000	435,000
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission			
0610-0050	Reduce	49,999	2,388,092
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Massachusetts Cultural Council			
0640-0300	Reduce/Strike Wording	1,875,000	12,075,699
I am reducing this item in view of revenues currently projected to be available.			
HCCC Comprehensive Investigation			
0710-0220	Reduce	107,689	267,311
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Victim and Witness Assistance			
0840-0100	Reduce/Strike Wording	95,000	492,531
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Inspector General Operations			
0910-0200	Reduce	10,000	2,578,525
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Bureau of Program Integrity			
0910-0220	Reduce	50,020	399,960
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Inspector General MassDOT Office			
0910-0300	Reduce	12,521	424,958
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Campaign and Political Finance			
0920-0300	Reduce	15,861	1,602,058
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Office of Facilities Management			
1102-3199	Strike Wording		
I am striking language because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Task Force on Illegal Tobacco			
1201-0400	Reduce	302,500	594,999
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Sewer Rate Relief Funding			
1231-1000	Veto	1,100,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is no longer recommended in view of revenues currently projected to be available.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Underground Storage Tank Reimb			
1232-0100	Reduce	2,500,000	3,000,000
I am reducing this item in view of revenues currently projected to be available.			
Municipal Regionalization Reserve			
1599-0026	Reduce/Strike Wording	1,250,000	10,200,000
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Uniform Law Commission			
1599-2003	Veto	50,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
E.J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management			
1599-4417	Veto	125,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Chapter 257 and Human Service Reserve			
1599-6903	Reduce	4,000,000	35,698,478
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
UMass Center at Springfield			
1599-7114	Veto	250,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is no longer recommended in view of revenues currently projected to be available.			
Rural and Urban Medical School Reserve			
1599-7115	Veto	1,000,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Environmental Affairs Administ			
2000-0100	Reduce/Strike Wording	250,000	7,946,322
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Environmental Protection Administration			
2200-0100	Reduce/Strike Wording	160,731	24,572,753
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Safe Drinking Water Compliance			
2250-2000	Reduce/Strike Wording	175,000	1,962,185
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Fish and Game Commissioner			
2300-0100	Reduce/Strike Wording	1,110,000	919,079
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Riverways Protection and Access			
2300-0101	Reduce/Strike Wording	100,000	530,577
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Marine Fisheries			
2330-0100	Reduce/Strike Wording	447,418	6,064,231
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Agricultural Resources			
2511-0100	Reduce Earmarking	281,264	5,549,077
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Emergency Food Assistance			
2511-0105	Reduce/Strike Wording	673,831	17,000,000
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Conservation and Recreation			
2800-0100	Reduce/Strike Wording	545,000	4,126,626
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Watershed Management Program			
2800-0101	Reduce/Strike Wording	30,000	932,526
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Stormwater Management			
2800-0401	Reduce/Strike Wording	25,000	419,542
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
DCR Seasonals			
2800-0501	Reduce/Strike Wording	100,000	15,460,192
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Dam Regulatory Office			
2800-0700	Reduce/Strike Wording	175,000	472,192
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
State Parks and Recreation			
2810-0100	Reduce/Strike Wording	1,697,000	35,466,712
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
DCR Retained Revenue			
2810-2042	Reduce/Strike Wording	25,000	19,997,185
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Early Education and Care			
3000-1000	Reduce/Strike Wording	25,000	5,736,617
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Quality Improvement			
3000-1020	Reduce/Strike Wording	100,000	30,012,455
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Children's Trust Fund			
3000-2050	Reduce	28,388	1,074,106
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Commonwealth Preschool Partnership			
3000-6025	Veto	200,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Early Childhood Mental Health			
3000-6075	Reduce	1,250,000	1,250,000
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Children's Trust Fund			
3000-7000	Reduce	10,633	14,340,052
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Family Support and Engagement			
3000-7050	Reduce/Strike Wording	100,000	13,441,999
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Reach Out and Read			
3000-7070	Veto	1,000,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Safe and Successful Youth Initiative			
4000-0005	Reduce/Strike Wording	70,000	4,250,000
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Services			
4000-0007	Veto	675,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is too small to be effective at the enacted level of funding.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
EOHHS and Medicaid Administrat			
4000-0300	Reduce/Strike Wording	425,000	102,257,373
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
MassHealth Senior Care			
4000-0601	Reduce	5,000,000	3,515,335,443
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
MassHealth Nursing Home Supplemental			
4000-0641	Reduce Earmarking	7,500,000	345,100,000
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
MassHealth Fee for Service			
4000-0700	Reduce/Strike Wording	209,400,000	2,187,898,930
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary and striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Independent Living			
4120-4000	Reduce Earmarking	270,000	9,353,606
I am reducing earmarked funding for a program to the amount projected to be necessary. The reduction in the item incorporates the reduction in earmarked funds.			
Chelsea Soldiers' Home			
4180-0100	Reduce	303,734	26,906,956
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Detained Residential			
4200-0200	Reduce/Strike Wording	500,000	28,081,402
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Residential Services			
4200-0300	Reduce	1,285,943	117,577,180
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Secure Jobs Connect			
4400-1020	Strike Wording		
I am striking this language because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Employment Services Program			
4401-1000	Reduce/Strike Wording	150,000	14,035,888
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Transitional Aid to Families with Depend			
4403-2000	Reduce/Strike Wording	6,613,292	156,237,920
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Supplemental Nutritional Progr			
4403-2007	Reduce	300,000	300,000
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Community Health Centers			
4510-0110	Reduce/Strike Wording	125,000	1,467,354
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Postpartum Depression Pilot Program			
4510-0112	Veto	50,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Environmental Health Program			
4510-0600	Reduce/Strike Wording	100,000	3,588,322
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Down Syndrome Clinic			
4510-3010	Veto	100,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
HIV/AIDS Treatment and Preventio			
4512-0103	Reduce/Strike Wording	2,500,000	28,334,416
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Recovery High Schools			
4512-0211	Reduce/Strike Wording	1,100,000	2,500,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			

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Dental Health Program			
4512-0500	Reduce Earmarking	150,000	1,872,353
I am reducing earmarked funding for a program to the amount projected to be necessary. The reduction in the item incorporates the reduction in earmarked funds.			
WIC Program			
4513-1002	Reduce	17,895	11,851,830
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Suicide Prevention Program			
4513-1026	Reduce/Strike Wording	50,000	4,290,051
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Samaritans Inc. Suicide Prevention Services			
4513-1027	Reduce	200,000	200,000
I am reducing earmarked funding for a program to the amount projected to be necessary. The reduction in the item incorporates the reduction in earmarked funds.			
Health Promotion and Disease Prevention			
4513-1111	Reduce/Strike Wording	550,000	3,560,977
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Stop Stroke Program			
4513-1121	Veto	200,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Domestic Violence Prevention			
4513-1130	Reduce/Strike Wording	20,000	31,335,559
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
State Lab and Disease Unit			
4516-1000	Reduce	462,475	11,870,173
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Mobile Integrated Health RN			
4516-1037	Veto	250,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is no longer recommended in view of revenues currently projected to be available.			
Health Care Industry Plan Review RN			
4516-1039	Veto	200,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is no longer recommended in view of revenues currently projected to be available.			
School Based Health Programs			
4590-0250	Reduce/Strike Wording	200,000	11,869,395
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Hospital Operations			
4590-0915	Reduce/Strike Wording	150,000	155,250,383
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Prostate Cancer Research			
4590-0925	Reduce	275,000	275,000
I am reducing earmarked funding for a program to the amount projected to be necessary. The reduction in the item incorporates the reduction in earmarked funds.			
Pediatric Palliative Care			
4590-1503	Reduce	800,000	1,806,334
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Youth At-Risk Matching Grants			
4590-1507	Reduce/Strike Wording	340,000	3,425,000
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Svcs for Children and Families			
4800-0038	Reduce Earmarking	403,000	289,561,283
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
DCF Family Resource Centers			
4800-0200	Reduce/Strike Wording	50,000	9,681,116
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Children's Mental Health			
5042-5000	Reduce/Strike Wording	2,800,000	88,938,321
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Adult Support Services			
5046-0000	Reduce/Strike Wording	850,000	386,230,579
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
DDS Service Coordination and Admin			
5911-1003	Reduce/Strike Wording	50,000	67,703,226
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Transportation to Day and Work Programs			
5911-2000	Reduce	363,318	21,838,463
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Community Residential Services			
5920-2000	Reduce	6,844,581	1,158,060,133
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
State Operated Residential Services			
5920-2010	Reduce/Strike Wording	180,000	207,917,398
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Community Day and Work Programs			
5920-2025	Reduce/Strike Wording	25,000	202,095,152
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Aging with Developmental Disabilities			
5920-3025	Veto	100,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Talking Book Program Worcester			
7000-9402	Reduce/Strike Wording	50,000	441,715
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Center for the Book			
7000-9508	Veto	200,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is no longer recommended in view of revenues currently projected to be available.			
Economic Development Admin			
7002-0010	Reduce/Strike Wording	425,000	2,254,257
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Summer Jobs Program			
7002-0012	Reduce/Strike Wording	300,000	10,650,000
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Workforce Development Grant			
7002-0020	Reduce/Strike Wording	175,000	1,350,000
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			

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Massachusetts Technology Collaborative			
7002-0032	Reduce	250,000	750,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
International Trade			
7002-0033	Veto	100,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Transformative Development Fund			
7002-1502	Veto	250,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
MTC Tech and Innovation Entrepre			
7002-1508	Veto	1,550,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Big Data Innovation and Workforce Fund			
7002-1512	Veto	500,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Office of the Secretary EOLWD Admin			
7003-0100	Reduce/Strike Wording	230,000	745,048
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Mass Manufacturing Extension Partnership			
7003-0606	Veto	1,000,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Job Training Young Adults w Disabilities			
7003-0607	Veto	150,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is no longer recommended in view of revenues currently projected to be available.			
One-Stop Career Centers			
7003-0803	Reduce	200,000	3,760,051
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Massachusetts Service Alliance			
7003-1206	Reduce/Strike Wording	380,000	2,700,000
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Housing Main Administration			
7004-0099	Reduce/Strike Wording	1,305,000	6,853,469
I am vetoing this language because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation. I am also striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Homeless Admin			
7004-0100	Reduce/Strike Wording	84,790	5,005,521
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Emergency Assistance Family Shelter			
7004-0101	Reduce/Strike Wording	995,000	154,883,948
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds. I am also vetoing administratively burdensome language.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Homeless Assistance			
7004-0102	Reduce/Strike Wording	530,000	45,240,000
I am reducing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation. I am also striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Home and Healthy for Good Program			
7004-0104	Reduce	40,000	2,000,000
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
New Lease Program			
7004-0106	Veto	125,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
HomeBASE			
7004-0108	Strike Wording		
I am striking this language because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Housing Services Program			
7004-3036	Reduce/Strike Wording	180,000	2,041,992
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Tenancy Preservation Program			
7004-3045	Reduce	125,000	500,000
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Housing Authority Subsidies			
7004-9005	Reduce	1,520,407	62,979,593
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Transitional Rental Assistance			
7004-9030	Reduce	400,000	4,600,000
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
RAFT			
7004-9316	Reduce/Strike Wording	2,000,000	13,000,000
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Mortgage Practices Oversight			
7006-0011	Reduce	800,000	1,550,000
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program expansion not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Small Business Development Center			
7007-0800	Reduce/Strike Wording	200,000	1,186,222
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Commonwealth Zoological Corporation			
7007-0952	Reduce/Strike Wording	350,000	4,000,000
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
MTC Computer Science Ed			
7007-1202	Veto	850,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
MA Office of Travel and Tourism			
7008-0900	Reduce/Strike Wording	6,793,976	2,609,361
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
ELL in Gateway Cities			
7009-6400	Veto	250,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Department of K-12 Education			
7010-0005	Reduce/Strike Wording	2,440,000	11,663,767
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Literacy Programs			
7010-0033	Reduce/Strike Wording	300,000	1,396,907
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
School-to-Career Connecting Activities			
7027-0019	Reduce/Strike Wording	404,000	3,150,000
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Adult Basic Skills			
7035-0002	Reduce/Strike Wording	850,001	28,782,377
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
School Breakfast Program			
7053-1925	Reduce/Strike Wording	250,000	4,416,445
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Public School Military Mitigation			
7061-0033	Reduce/Strike Wording	100,000	1,300,000
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Innovation Schools			
7061-9011	Veto	165,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Assessment Consortium			
7061-9401	Veto	200,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Statewide College and Career Readiness			
7061-9406	Reduce	466,666	233,334
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Targeted Intervention			
7061-9408	Reduce/Strike Wording	400,000	6,807,165
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
After-School and Out-of-School			
7061-9611	Reduce/Strike Wording	1,325,846	2,199,154
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Safe and Supportive Schools			
7061-9612	Reduce/Strike Wording	100,000	400,000
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Department of Higher Education			
7066-0000	Reduce/Strike Wording	2,139,899	1,836,684
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended, and I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Nursing and Allied Health			
7066-0020	Reduce	94,000	100,000
I am reducing this item in view of revenues currently projected to be available.			
Performance Management Set Aside			
7066-0025	Reduce	50,000	2,500,000
I am reducing this item in view of revenues currently projected to be available.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Bridges to College			
7066-0040	Reduce/Strike Wording	135,000	242,500
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Community College Workforce Grant			
7066-1221	Veto	750,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment			
7066-9600	Reduce	237,937	1,143,979
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Scholarship Reserve			
7070-0065	Reduce/Strike Wording	254,000	95,599,324
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Tufts Veterinary			
7077-0023	Reduce	1,000,000	4,000,000
I am reducing this item in view of revenues currently projected to be available.			
University of Massachusetts			
7100-0200	Reduce/Strike Wording	85,000	513,460,371
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Office of Dispute Resolution Operations			
7100-0700	Veto	750,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
MA Technology Transfer Center			
7100-0801	Veto	125,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Framingham State University			
7112-0100	Reduce	200,000	27,913,495
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Gallery 51 at the Berkshire Center			
7113-0101	Veto	75,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Greenfield Community College			
7505-0100	Reduce/Strike Wording	130,000	10,407,985
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Mount Wachusett Community College			
7509-0100	Reduce/Strike Wording	150,000	14,560,111
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
North Shore Community College			
7511-0100	Reduce/Strike Wording	50,000	21,568,575
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
PACE initiative			
7518-0120	Veto	100,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Exec Office of Public Safety			
8000-0600	Reduce/Strike Wording	1,987,000	2,428,464
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Boston Intel Center			
8000-1001	Reduce	600,000	250,000
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			
Department of State Police			
8100-1001	Reduce/Strike Wording	1,887,952	279,532,693
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Municipal Police Training Com.			
8200-0200	Reduce/Strike Wording	50,000	4,787,750
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Department of Fire Services			
8324-0000	Reduce/Strike Wording	2,830,000	21,711,413
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
National Guard			
8700-0001	Reduce/Strike Wording	35,000	9,656,590
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Department of Correction Facility			
8900-0001	Reduce/Strike Wording	125,000	615,329,903
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Middlesex Sheriff			
8910-0107	Reduce/Strike Wording	250,000	68,025,072
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Franklin Sheriff			
8910-0108	Reduce/Strike Wording	100,000	15,814,487
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Hampshire Sheriff			
8910-0110	Reduce/Strike Wording	186,952	13,978,512
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Reduce By</b>	<b>Reduce To</b>
Nantucket Sheriff			
8910-8500	Reduce	100,000	665,348
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Nutrition Services Programs			
9110-1900	Reduce/Strike Wording	12,300	7,256,375
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Grants to Councils On Aging			
9110-9002	Reduce/Strike Wording	635,000	13,607,900
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Transportation Trust Fund			
1595-6368	Reduce/Strike Wording	1,245,550	302,096,222
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Commonwealth Transportation Fund Transfer to RTAs			
1595-6370	Reduce	400,000	80,000,000
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 1 recommendation.			

**Attachment B**

**FY18 Budget**

**Veto Items: Outside Sections**

<p>Driver School License 1</p> <p>Section 40</p> <p>I am vetoing this section, and related sections 41, 42, and 72, because they unnecessarily open the drivers' education market to quasi-public, government-subsidized entities that would compete with existing small businesses.</p>
<p>Driver School License 2</p> <p>Section 41</p> <p>I am vetoing this section, and related sections 40, 42, and 72, because they unnecessarily open the drivers' education market to quasi-public, government-subsidized entities that would compete with existing small businesses.</p>
<p>Driver School License 3</p> <p>Section 42</p> <p>I am vetoing this section, and related sections 40, 41, and 72, because they unnecessarily open the drivers' education market to quasi-public, government-subsidized entities that would compete with existing small businesses.</p>
<p>Driver School License 4</p> <p>Section 72</p> <p>I am vetoing this section, and related sections 40, 41, and 42, because they unnecessarily open the drivers' education market to quasi-public, government-subsidized entities that would compete with existing small businesses.</p>

## LTC Facility Construction Requirements

### Section 98

I am vetoing this section because building, life safety and health care quality standards for long term care facilities continually evolve and exemptions to quality and safety standards should not be codified into the General Laws. My Administration is working with the affected stakeholders to promulgate prudent regulations, which recognizes the age of physical plants and prioritizes patient safety.

## Child Welfare Reporting Task Force

### Section 128

I am vetoing this section and related sections 129 and 152 because they would require the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and Office of the Child Advocate (OCA) to establish a task force on child welfare data to develop a broad range of basic data measures. The reporting proposed by these sections is duplicative of numerous existing reporting requirements for key outcome and benchmark data pursuant to line item 4800-0015 of this budget, Chapters 18B and 119 of the General Laws, and 42 USC §671(a)(8) (Title IV-E of the Social Security Act and 45 CFR § 205.50 (Federal regulation of Title IV-E). Key benchmark data for DCF is publicly available on the Administration for Children and Families' Children's Bureau website, and DCF will continue to work with OCA to provide the public and the Legislature with accurate, actionable data concerning child welfare in the Commonwealth.

## Sunset of Child Welfare Data Reporting Task Force

### Section 129

I am vetoing this section and related sections 128 and 152 because they would require the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and Office of the Child Advocate (OCA) to establish a task force on child welfare data to develop a broad range of basic data measures. The reporting proposed by these sections is duplicative of numerous existing reporting requirements for key outcome and benchmark data pursuant to line item 4800-0015 of this budget, Chapters 18B and 119 of the General Laws, and 42 USC §671(a)(8) (Title IV-E of the Social Security Act and 45 CFR § 205.50 (Federal regulation of Title IV-E). Key benchmark data for DCF is publicly available on the Administration for Children and Families' Children's Bureau website, and DCF will continue to work with OCA to provide the public and the Legislature with accurate, actionable data concerning child welfare in the Commonwealth.

Childhood Vision and Eye Health Commission

Section 135

I am vetoing this section because a nine-member commission is not needed to identify improvements in an existing program. The Department of Public Health administers a childhood vision screening program, after consultation with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, under Chapter 71, Section 57 of the General Laws, as amended in Chapter 181 of the Acts of 2004. My Administration released updated protocols for schools on September 30, 2016. Regular review and updating of these protocols, if needed, is the best way to improve childhood vision and eye care in Massachusetts.

Sunset of Child Welfare Data Reporting Task Force Eff. Date

Section 152

I am vetoing this section and related sections 128 and 129 because they would require the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and Office of the Child Advocate (OCA) to establish a task force on child welfare data to develop a broad range of basic data measures. The reporting proposed by these sections is duplicative of numerous existing reporting requirements for key outcome and benchmark data pursuant to line item 4800-0015 of this budget, Chapters 18B and 119 of the General Laws, and 42 USC §671(a)(8) (Title IV-E of the Social Security Act and 45 CFR § 205.50 (Federal regulation of Title IV-E). Key benchmark data for DCF is publicly available on the Administration for Children and Families' Children's Bureau website, and DCF will continue to work with OCA to provide the public and the Legislature with accurate, actionable data concerning child welfare in the Commonwealth.

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— ATTACHMENT C —

July 17, 2017.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning to you for amendment Section 5 of House Bill No. 3800, “An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2018 for the Maintenance of the Departments, Boards, Commissions, Institutional and Certain Activities of the Commonwealth, for Interest, Sinking Fund and Serial Bond Requirements and for Certain Permanent Improvements.”

Section 5 would require MassDOT, once a month, to telephone every electronic toll collection system account holder who has more than \$100 in outstanding fees and fines to assist the account holder in bringing their account balance current. We recognize that with the recent transition to all-electronic tolling, toll payers may benefit from increased communication about their accounts.

MassDOT already issues multiple notices to each account holder who has accrued a past-due balance. In doing so, MassDOT utilizes the national change of address registry to ensure that it has the best contact information for each account holder. Implementing a system to contact every account holder who has more than \$100 in outstanding fees or fines would require a change to MassDOT’s existing vendor contract and would cause additional costs.

Nonetheless, there is a value in ensuring that account holders with the highest accrued balances are aware of their obligation to pay and the steps they can take to address their account balance.

For these reasons, I recommend that Section 5 be amended by striking out the text and inserting in place thereof the following text:-

SECTION 5. Section 13 of chapter 6C of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

(d) The department shall regularly review fees and fines assessed on electronic toll collection system account holders. Not less than once each month, the department shall contact accounts with more than \$500 in outstanding fees and fines assessed on unpaid tolls to update the account holder on the account status and provide guidance as to what actions the account holder may take to remedy the account balance. Efforts to contact account holders shall include comparing address information on file with the national change of address registry, communicating with the account holder by email and communicating with the account holder by phone.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES D. BAKER,  
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**— ATTACHMENT D —**

July 17, 2017.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning to you for amendment Section 8 of House Bill No. 3800, “An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2018 for the Maintenance of the Departments, Boards, Commissions, Institutions and Certain Activities of the Commonwealth, for Interest, Sinking Fund and Serial Bond Requirements and for Certain Permanent Improvements.”

Section 8 establishes a trust fund for Nickerson State Park, like similar trust funds established in recent years for other state recreational facilities. I support efforts to ensure adequate resources to fund the long-term sustainability of these important park facilities.

As enacted, however, section 8 would raise fees on Massachusetts residents. For this reason, I propose to raise a similar amount of revenue for Nickerson State Park, exclusively from amounts collected from out-of-state residents.

Accordingly, I recommend that Section 8 be amended by striking out the text and inserting in place thereof the following text:-

SECTION 8. Chapter 10 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after section 35DDD the following section:-

Section 35EEE. (a) There shall be a Nickerson State Park Trust Fund to be used, without further appropriation, for the long-term preservation and maintenance of Nickerson State

Park in the town of Brewster. Any balance in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund but shall remain available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years. No expenditure made from the fund shall cause the fund to become deficient at any point during a fiscal year.

(b) The department of conservation and recreation shall impose a surcharge of \$5 upon each fee charged and collected for admission to camping in Nickerson State Park for out-of-state residents. The additional money collected from the surcharge shall be deposited into the Nickerson State Park Trust Fund.

(c) An annual report, which shall include projects undertaken, expenditures made, and income received by the fund, shall be submitted to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and to the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than December 31.

Respectfully submitted,

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**— ATTACHMENT E —**

July 17, 2017.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning to you for amendment Section 13 of House Bill No. 3800, “An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2018 for the Maintenance of the Departments, Boards, Commissions, Institutions and Certain Activities of the Commonwealth, for Interest, Sinking Fund and Serial Bond Requirements and for Certain Permanent Improvements.”

Section 13 requires home care agencies to collect and submit information pertaining to each of their employees, including name, home address, and identification number to the department of elder affairs for the purposes of maintaining a home care worker registry. The proposal requires that all of the information reported and maintained in the registry be provided to an employee organization, upon request; and requires that a limited subset of this information be made publicly available. The department of elder affairs is charged with promulgating regulations to implement these requirements.

This proposal, as written, presents privacy concerns for home care workers. Under the legislation, employee organizations are granted full access to the personal information of these workers, without providing the workers with a process to object to the disclosure of such information. In order to address these privacy and due process concerns, I propose several changes that will limit the personal information that may be disseminated and afford home care workers with a process to opt-out of the registry.

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

SECTION 13. Chapter 19A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 4C the following section:-

Section 4D. (a) As used in this section, the following terms shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:-

“Organization”, a labor union or other organization, agency, or employee representation committee, association, group or plan in which employees participate and which exists in whole or in part for the purpose of dealing with employers concerning matters incidental to employment relationships.

“Home care worker”, a person employed by a home care worker agency to provide personal care, homemaker, companion or chore services under the home care program established in section 4.

“Home care worker agency”, an entity employing home care workers to provide services under the home care program established in section 4 that is under contract with an aging services access point established pursuant to section 4B.

(b) The department shall establish and maintain a home care worker registry for home care workers employed by a home care worker agency. A home care worker agency shall report the required home care worker registry information for each home care worker it employs on a paid, unpaid, temporary or permanent basis who is not exempt from the reporting requirement. Any exemptions from reporting shall be established in regulations promulgated by the department.

The department shall collect the following reported information concerning each home care worker: (i) the worker’s full name; (ii) their assigned unique identification number; (iii) their gender; (iv) their mailing address; (v) the full legal name of any home care worker agency employing the home care worker; (vi) the worker’s job title; and (vii) a list of home care trainings or certifications completed by the home care worker.

Reported information for each employed home care worker shall be submitted and regularly updated by each home care worker agency subject to this section. A home care worker agency shall collect and maintain the required information and submit updated information in a timely manner as determined by the department. A home care worker shall not be responsible for any costs related to the registry.

The department shall only make each home care worker’s full name, identification number, name of any home care worker agency employing the home care worker and a list of home care trainings or certifications completed by the home care worker available to the public unless such information is exempt from disclosure by the department; provided, that the department shall permit a home care worker to opt out of providing the worker’s full name; their gender; and their mailing address to the department. Upon request from an organization, home care worker agency or aging services access point,

the department shall provide non-exempt reported information to such entity unless the home care worker has opted out.

The department shall promulgate rules and regulations and shall provide such forms and notifications as may be necessary to implement this section; provided, however, that the department shall minimize any duplicate reporting that may be required of home care agencies.

Respectfully submitted,

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**— ATTACHMENT F —**

July 17, 2017.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning to you for amendment Sections 16, 17, 60-67, inclusive, 93, 110, 111, 122, 146, 147 and 150 of House Bill No. 3800, “An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2018 for the Maintenance of the Departments, Boards, Commissions, Institutions and Certain Activities of the Commonwealth, for Interest, Sinking Fund and Serial Bond Requirements and for Certain Permanent Improvements.”

These sections establish a temporary, two-pronged approach to an employer contribution that builds off of the existing employer medical assistance contribution (EMAC) and is expected to generate \$200 million in revenue in Fiscal Year 2018. The employer contribution represents an important component of a larger set of reforms necessary to attain a sustainable MassHealth program and a balanced budget in Fiscal Year 2018.

These sections, however, must not be considered in isolation of other measures needed to manage spending in the MassHealth program. Absent other reforms, this proposal imposes an unfair burden on Massachusetts’ employers without making the structural reforms essential to MassHealth’s long-term sustainability. Without further action, MassHealth growth will continue to crowd out other budget priorities and corrode the commercial insurance market.

Therefore, I am proposing a more comprehensive and balanced approach that reinforces the shared commitment between the private and public sectors under Chapter 58. In addition to the employer contribution, I am recommending several reforms, including initiatives that would better align the MassHealth program with commercial insurance products and coverage, and measures to ensure MassHealth is a secondary payer when individuals have access to employer-sponsored health insurance coverage. This proposal will provide savings in Fiscal Year 2018, as well as longer term savings that lay the framework for a more sustainable MassHealth program.

The MassHealth funding level included in the conference report assumes savings and revenues made possible only through the passage of this reform package. The Fiscal Year 2018 savings also assume we will have the federal waiver necessary to accomplish some of these reforms within 2018, which will require legislative approval by the end of the summer. If action is not taken within a timely manner, corrective budgetary measures will be necessary to account for the foregone revenues and savings associated with this proposal. Therefore, I respectfully request that the Legislature hold a public hearing on this proposal within 30 days, and act upon this proposal within 60 days to ensure we achieve the necessary savings and revenues in Fiscal Year 2018.

Finally, I am filing today, as separate legislation, a set of commercial insurance market reform proposals that were previously included in the legislative package that was shared with budget conferees.

In order to protect taxpayers and preserve the health care safety net for those who need it, I recommend striking sections 16, 17, 60-67, inclusive, 93, 110, 111, 122, 146, 147 and 150 and replacing them with the following language:-

SECTION 1. Section 8A of chapter 23H of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "system", in line 2, the following words:- " , the contribution established under section 189A of chapter 149".

SECTION 2. Said section 8A of said chapter 23H is hereby further amended by striking out the words " , the contribution established under section 189A of chapter 149" inserted by section 1.

SECTION 3. Section 7 of said chapter 94C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the words "practical nurse or a licensed dental hygienist", in lines 80 and 81, and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
practical nurse, or a licensed dental therapist under the supervision of a practitioner as defined in section 1 for the purposes of administering analgesics, anti-inflammatories and antibiotics only, or a licensed dental hygienist.

SECTION 4. Subsection (a) of said section 9 of said chapter 94C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-  
A practitioner, as defined in section 1, may cause controlled substances to be administered under the practitioner's direction by a licensed dental therapist, for the purposes of administering analgesics, anti-inflammatories and antibiotics only.

SECTION 5. Subsection (c) of said section 9 of said chapter 94C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

A licensed dental therapist who has obtained a controlled substance from a practitioner, as defined in section 1, for dispensing to an ultimate user under subsection (a) shall return to such practitioner any unused portion of the substance which is no longer required by the patient.

SECTION 6. Section 43A of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “Appropriate supervision” the following 2 definitions:-

“Board”, the board of registration in dentistry or a committee or subcommittee thereof established in the department of public health pursuant to sections 9 and 19 of chapter 13 and sections 43 to 53, inclusive.

“Collaborative management agreement”, a written agreement between a supervising dentist and a dental therapist outlining the procedures, services, responsibilities and limitations of the therapist.

SECTION 7. Said section 43A of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of “Dental hygienist” the following definition:-

“Dental therapist,” a person registered and licensed by the board under section 51B.

SECTION 8. Said section 43A of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following definition:-

“Supervising dentist”, a dentist licensed under section 45 of this chapter who enters into a collaborative management agreement with a dental therapist.

SECTION 9. Said chapter 112 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 51A the following section:-

Section 51B. (a) The board may approve a dental therapist education program that meets the standards of the Commission on Dental Accreditation for dental therapist education programs and includes training on serving patients with special needs including, but not limited to, people with developmental disabilities including autism spectrum disorders, mental illness, cognitive impairment, complex medical problems, significant physical limitations and the vulnerable elderly.

Any person of good moral character who (i) successfully completes a board approved dental therapy education program, or who is a full time dental student who has satisfactorily completed at least four full semesters in an accredited dental college in subjects considered by the board as essential for a dental therapist, or who is a graduate of an accredited dental college; (ii) passes a board approved comprehensive, competency-based clinical examination that is administered independently of an institution providing dental therapy education; and (iii) obtains a policy of professional liability insurance and

shows proof of such insurance as required by the board, shall, upon application and payment of a fee, as determined annually by the secretary of administration and finance under section 3B of chapter 7, be issued a license to practice as a dental therapist in accordance with, and to the extent provided by, a collaborative management agreement with a supervising dentist. Dental therapists licensed under this section shall renew licensure biennially, on a date determined by the board, upon application and payment of a fee, as determined by the secretary of administration and finance under section 3B of chapter 7.

Licensure under this section shall authorize a dental therapist to practice as a public health dental hygienist or dental hygienist under section 51. Upon receipt of a certificate of registration under section 45 any license issued hereunder shall be revoked.

(b) A dental therapist shall have practiced under the direct supervision of a supervising dentist for at least 500 hours or completed 1 year of residency before practicing under general supervision.

A dental therapist shall not operate independently of a supervising dentist and shall not perform any service or procedure described in this section except as authorized by a supervising dentist. Before performing a procedure or providing a service under this section, a dental therapist shall enter into a written collaborative management agreement with a supervising dentist. At a minimum, the collaborative management agreement shall address: practice settings, any limitation on services established by the supervising dentist, the level of supervision required for various services or treatment settings, patient populations that may be served, practice protocols, record keeping, management of medical emergencies, quality assurance, administering and dispensing medications and supervision of dental assistants and dental hygienists. A dental therapist may provide the services authorized in practice settings where the supervising dentist is not on-site and has not previously examined the patient, to the extent authorized by the supervising dentist in the collaborative management agreement; provided, that the supervising dentist shall be available for consultation and supervision by telephone or other means of electronic communication.

The collaborative management agreement shall include specific written protocols to govern situations in which the dental therapist encounters a patient who requires services, procedures, or treatment exceeding those which the dental therapist is authorized to provide. The collaborative management agreement may be updated from time to time, shall be signed and maintained by the supervising dentist and the dental therapist and shall be submitted upon request to the board. A supervising dentist shall not have a collaborative management agreement with more than 4 dental therapists at the same time.

(c) To the extent permitted by a collaborative management agreement, and in accordance with the collaborative management agreement, a dental therapist licensed by the board may: (i) perform all acts provided for in the Commission on Dental Accreditation's

dental therapy standards; (ii) interpret radiographs; (iii) place space maintainers; (iv) perform pulpotomies on primary teeth; (v) perform nonsurgical extractions of periodontally diseased permanent teeth with tooth mobility of +3 under general supervision; (vi) supervise dental hygienists and dental assistants; and (vii) dispense and administer analgesics, anti-inflammatories and antibiotics in accordance with state and federal law.

A dental therapist, in accordance with the written collaborative management agreement, shall refer patients to another qualified dental or health care professional to receive any needed services that they are not authorized to provide.

Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing a dental therapist to extract a tooth that is unerupted, impacted or needs to be sectioned for removal, or to dispense or administer a narcotic drug as defined in section 1 of chapter 94C.

The supervising dentist shall ensure that a dentist is available to the dental therapist for timely consultation during treatment if needed and shall either provide or arrange with another dentist or specialist to provide the necessary treatment to a patient who requires more treatment than the dental therapist is authorized to provide. The supervising dentist is responsible for directly providing or arranging for another dentist or specialist to provide any necessary advanced services needed by the patient.

(d) The Board may adopt guidelines, rules and regulations governing the licensure and practice of dental therapists to protect the public health, safety and welfare, including without limitation, guidelines for collaborative management agreements, continuing education requirements, license renewal, standards of conduct, and the investigation of complaints, conduct of disciplinary proceedings and grounds for discipline.

SECTION 10. Section 9A of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

(17) The division may, consistent with the terms and conditions of a demonstration project, deny or terminate MassHealth eligibility for non-disabled persons who would otherwise qualify for a program of medical benefits under this chapter who have access to affordable employer sponsored health insurance. The division shall promulgate regulations to implement this clause. The department of unemployment assistance and the department of revenue shall share wage information, employer information, and other information as necessary to implement this subsection, provided, however, that such information may be shared only in accordance with a written agreement that is consistent with the provisions of 20 C.F.R. Pt 603.

SECTION 11. Said chapter 118E is hereby further amended by adding the following section:-

Section 78. (a) Upon request from the division, an employer shall provide, under oath, health insurance information about an employee who has applied for benefits from a state subsidized health insurance program. An employer receiving information that identifies, or could be used to identify, a MassHealth member or recipient of subsidized health insurance shall not use or disclose such information except as authorized by the division.

(b) Information reported under this section that identifies individual employees by name or health insurance status or is protected health information shall not be a public record under clause Twenty-sixth of section 7 of chapter 4 or under chapter 66. The information may be exchanged among the executive office of health and human service, the commonwealth health insurance connector authority, the department of unemployment assistance, the center for health information and analysis and the department of revenue. An employer who knowingly falsifies or fails to file any information required by this section, or its implementing regulation, shall be subject to a penalty of not less than \$1,000 or more than \$5,000 for each violation.

SECTION 12. Said chapter 118E is hereby further amended by adding the following section:-

Section 79. (a) The division shall create a Health Insurance Responsibility Disclosure form. Every employer with 6 or more employees, doing business in the commonwealth, shall annually complete and submit said form under oath. The form shall indicate whether the employer has offered to pay for or arrange for the purchase of health care insurance and information about such health care insurance such as the premium cost, benefits offered, cost sharing details, eligibility criteria and other information necessary to implement subsection (17) of section 9A. The division may make arrangements with other agencies of the commonwealth, including the department of revenue and the department of unemployment assistance, to assist with the administration of this section. Employers shall provide supplemental information that is necessary to implement said subsection (17) of said section 9A to the division or its designee, upon request. An employer receiving information that identifies, or could be used to identify, a MassHealth member or recipient of subsidized health insurance shall not use or disclose such information except as authorized by the division.

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, information reported under subsection (a) that identifies individual employees by name or health insurance status or is protected health information shall not be a public record under clause Twenty-sixth of section 7 of chapter 4 or under chapter 66, but the information may be exchanged among the executive office of health and human service, the commonwealth health insurance connector authority, the department of unemployment assistance, the center for health information and analysis and the department of revenue as necessary to implement subsection (17) of section 9A. An employer who knowingly falsifies or fails to file any

information required by this section, or its implementing regulation, shall be subject to a penalty of not less than \$1,000 or more than \$5,000 for each violation.

SECTION 13. Section 189 of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 8, the figure “.34” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— .51.

SECTION 14. Said section 189 of said chapter 149, as amended by section 13, is hereby further amended by striking out the figure “.51”, inserted by section 13, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— .34.

SECTION 15. Said section 189 of said chapter 149, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 50, the figure “.12” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— .18.

SECTION 16. Said section 189 of said chapter 149, as amended by section 15, is hereby further amended by striking out the figure “.18”, inserted by section 15, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— .12.

SECTION 17. Said section 189 of said chapter 149, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 54, the figure “.24” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— .36.

SECTION 18 Said section 189 of said chapter 149, as amended by section 17, is hereby further amended by striking out the figure “.36”, inserted by section 17, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— .24.

SECTION 19. Said chapter 149 is hereby amended by inserting after section 189 the following section:-

Section 189A. (a) Each employer, subject to sections 14, 14A and 14C of chapter 151A, except those who employ 5 or fewer employees, shall pay a contribution for each employee who receives health insurance coverage through the division of medical assistance or subsidized insurance through the commonwealth health insurance connector authority. The contribution shall be computed by multiplying the wages the employer paid any such employee by 5 per cent. The department of unemployment assistance, in consultation with the division of medical assistance and the commonwealth health insurance connector authority, shall promulgate implementing regulations, which shall specify the number of days that an individual must receive publicly subsidized health care coverage to cause the assessment. The contribution shall be paid in a manner prescribed by the director of unemployment assistance.

(b) For the purposes of this section, the term "wages" shall mean the “unemployment insurance taxable wage base” as defined in subsection (a)(4) of section 14 of chapter 151A. For the purposes of this paragraph, remuneration shall include remuneration paid

to an individual during the calendar year with respect to employment with a transferring employer, as that term is used in subsection (n) of section 14 of chapter 151A.

(c) Any employer notified of a liability determination under this section may request a hearing on such determination. The request for a hearing shall be filed within 10 days after the mailing of the notice of the determination. If a hearing is requested, the employer shall have a reasonable opportunity for a fair hearing before an impartial hearing officer designated by the director of unemployment assistance. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures in subsection (b) of section 39 of chapter 151A. Following the hearing, an aggrieved party may appeal the decision to superior court.

(d) (1) Except where inconsistent with this section, the terms and conditions of chapter 151A that are applicable to the payment and collection of contributions or payments in lieu of contributions shall apply to the same extent to the payment of and the collection of the contribution under this section; provided, however, that such contributions shall not be credited to the employer's account or to the solvency account established under section 14, 14A or 14C of chapter 151A.

(2) The director of unemployment assistance may share information with the commissioner of revenue for the purposes of enforcement and collection of the contribution under this section. The commissioner of revenue may enforce and collect a debt certified by the director as owed under this section in the manner of a tax due and unpaid under chapter 62C; provided, that the remedies authorized in subsection (c) shall be the sole remedies for an employer to dispute a debt so certified, and remedies otherwise available under chapter 62C to dispute a tax assessment shall not be available. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for purposes of enforcement of this section the commissioner of revenue may disclose to the department of unemployment assistance any information referred to in chapter 62E or any information relating to the commissioner's collection activities under chapter 62C with regard to debts certified by the director.

(e) Data collected by the department of unemployment insurance, the department of revenue, the division of medical assistance and the commonwealth health insurance connector authority under this section shall not be a public record under clause Twenty-sixth of section 7 of chapter 4 or under chapter 66. The department of unemployment insurance, the department of revenue, the division of medical assistance and the commonwealth health insurance connector authority may share information to implement this section.

SECTION 20. Chapter 176Q of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 7A, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 7A. (a) There shall be a small group incentive program to expand the prevalence of employee health plans offered by small businesses. The program shall be administered by the board, in consultation with the department of public health. The program shall provide subsidies and technical assistance for eligible small groups that offer health plans to employees.

(b) An eligible small group shall be qualified to participate in the program if: (1) the eligible small group purchases group coverage through the connector; and (2) the eligible small group meets certain criteria, as determined by the board, which may include criteria regarding the size of the employer group, the level of employer subsidy of the cost of employee coverage, the average salary of employees in the group, enrollment in a high-value plan that promotes employee wellness, or participation in a plan-administered or employer-administered wellness program.

(c) For eligible small groups participating in the program, the connector shall provide an annual subsidy not to exceed 50 per cent of eligible employer health care costs, as calculated by the board. The connector may seek a state innovation waiver from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to 42 U.S.C. s. 18052 to obtain moneys otherwise available under 26 U.S.C. s. 45R to fund this program.

(d) If the director determines that available funds are insufficient to meet the projected costs of enrolling new eligible employers, the director shall impose a cap on enrollment in the program or subsidy amounts available to eligible groups.

(e) The connector shall report annually to the joint committee on community development and small businesses, the joint committee on health care financing and the house and senate committees on ways and means on the enrollment in the small group incentive program and evaluate the impact of the program on expanding health plan participation for small groups.

(f) The connector shall adopt regulations to implement this section.

SECTION 21. Section 79L of chapter 233, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “dentist”, in line 12, the following words:- “, dental therapist”.

SECTION 22. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a 5 year moratorium on the addition of any new mandatory health care benefits, except as required by federal law.

SECTION 23. Notwithstanding section 14 of chapter 151A of the General Laws, for calendar year 2018 the experience rate of an employer qualifying therefor under subsection (b) of said section 14 of said chapter 151A shall be the rate which appears in column “D” of paragraph (1) of subsection (i) of said section 14 of said chapter 151A and for calendar year 2019 the experience rate of an employer qualifying therefor under

subsection (b) of said section 14 of said chapter 151A shall be the rate which appears in column "E" of paragraph (1) of subsection (i) of said section 14 of said chapter 151A.

SECTION 24. Notwithstanding section 53 of chapter 118E of the General Laws or any general or special law to the contrary, the executive office of health and human services, subject to federal approval may restructure pharmacy benefits. At least 30 days before implementing benefit changes under this section, the secretary shall file a report with the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the proposed changes and the anticipated fiscal impact of those changes.

SECTION 25. Notwithstanding section 53 of chapter 118E of the General Laws or any general or special law to the contrary, the executive office of health and human services may restructure or eliminate covered services that are optional benefits under the Medicaid program to generate savings. At least 30 days before implementing benefit changes under this section, the secretary shall file a report with the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the proposed changes and the anticipated fiscal impact of those changes.

SECTION 26. Notwithstanding sections 9 and 16D of chapter 118E of the General Laws, subject to federal approval under the Commonwealth's 1115 Demonstration, individuals otherwise dually eligible for MassHealth Limited and ConnectorCare shall be eligible for subsidized insurance through the commonwealth health insurance connector authority only.

SECTION 27. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, subject to federal approval under the Commonwealth's 1115 Demonstration, non-disabled adults age 21 through 64 with income above 100% of the federal poverty level, excluding pregnant women and individuals with HIV-AIDS or breast or cervical cancer, shall be determined eligible for and enrolled in subsidized insurance through the Connector only. At least 30 days before implementing eligibility changes under this section, the secretary shall file a report with the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the proposed changes and the anticipated fiscal impact of those changes.

SECTION 28. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the comptroller shall count as revenue in fiscal year 2018 any increased contributions collected pursuant to sections 13 to 19, inclusive, that are received by the commonwealth on or before August 31, 2018.

SECTION 29. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the comptroller shall count as revenue in fiscal year 2019 any increased contributions collected pursuant to sections 13 to 19, inclusive, that are received by the commonwealth on or after September 1, 2018 and on or before August 31, 2019.

SECTION 30. The division shall not use the authority conferred in Section 10 or enforce the requirements under Section 12 until receipt of approval from the federal government permitting MassHealth to implement eligibility criteria that bars individuals with access to affordable employer sponsored insurance from obtaining insurance coverage through MassHealth.

SECTION 31. Sections 1, 13, 15, 17, 19 and 25 are hereby repealed.

SECTION 32. Notwithstanding section 31, the director of unemployment assistance shall have the authority to collect any outstanding contributions established pursuant to section 189A of chapter 149 of the General Laws for obligations arising prior to January 1, 2020. The collection of any outstanding contributions shall be conducted in accordance with the regulations promulgated by the department of unemployment assistance pursuant to said section 189A of said chapter 149. The director of unemployment assistance may share information with the commissioner of revenue for the purposes of enforcement and collection of said outstanding contributions. The commissioner of revenue may enforce and collect a debt certified by the director as owed under this section in the manner of a tax due and unpaid under chapter 62C; provided, that the remedies authorized under department of unemployment assistance regulation shall be the sole remedies for an employer to dispute a debt so certified, and remedies otherwise available under chapter 62C to dispute a tax assessment shall not be available. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for purposes of enforcement of this section the commissioner of revenue may disclose to the department of unemployment assistance any information referred to in chapter 62E or any information relating to the commissioner's collection activities under chapter 62C with regard to debts certified by the director.

SECTION 33. Sections 1, 3 to 9, inclusive, 13, 15, 17, 19, and 21 shall take effect on January 1, 2018.

SECTION 34. Sections 2, 14, 16, 18, 31 and 32 shall take effect on December 31, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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**– ATTACHMENT G –**

July 17, 2017.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning to you for amendment Section 30 of House Bill No. 3800, “An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2018 for the Maintenance of the Departments, Boards, Commissions, Institutions and Certain Activities of the Commonwealth, for Interest, Sinking Fund and Serial Bond Requirements and for Certain Permanent Improvements.”

Section 30 proposes to allow for the creation of “Community Benefit Districts.” These are areas in which a group of property owners, with the approval of the city or town, agree to a program of assessments to pay for benefits that accrue to the properties assessed. The concept is similar in many respects to Business Improvement Districts, which already are authorized by the General Laws.

The Legislature passed a similar proposal last summer as part of House Bill 4569, “An Act Relative to Job Creation and Workforce Development.” However, I vetoed the section establishing Community Benefit Districts. At the time, I wrote:

While I generally support efforts to reform Business Improvement Districts, I cannot support some of the details in the bill as presented to me and am therefore disapproving this section. The bill includes a presumption that all manner of tax-exempt entities—from non-profits to houses of worship to governmental entities—would be included among the persons and entities required to pay assessments levied in the district despite their tax-exempt status. Nor does the bill mandate protections for residential property owners who are

entitled to tax abatements under existing law, such as the elderly, the blind, and qualifying veterans. Additionally, I am concerned that the proposed criteria for creating a Community Benefit District do not include a requirement that even a simple majority of affected property owners support the creation of the district.

These three specific concerns were illustrative of issues I thought should be addressed before authorizing the creation of Community Benefit Districts. I commend the Legislature for addressing issues relating to tax exempt entities and residential property owners who are entitled to tax abatements. The proposal as written provides adequate protection for these groups. However, the third issue I raised last summer, the need for majority support before the tools of government may be used to take money from property owners, remains unaddressed. In addition, a number of clarifications to the statutory language could make it easier for municipal officials and other proponents to implement this law if it is enacted.

Our administration looks forward to working collaboratively with the House and Senate to address these issues and make sure that Community Benefit Districts are structured in a way that ensures that assessments will be spent in a responsible fashion should a majority of participating property owners choose to create a district. To that end, I am recommending an amendment as described below. This amendment would, among other changes:

- Require a majority vote of participating property owners to form a community benefit district;
- Require that assessments paid by a property owner be reasonably proportionate to the benefit received;
- Provide enhanced protections for smaller property owners in the formation process in situations where a single large property owner or group of related property owners will pay a significant portion of the assessments to be levied;
- Promote responsible management of a district by a CBD corporation, including by making its board members subject to the ethics laws; and
- Make other technical changes that should clarify for municipal officials and CBD proponents how a district is created, managed and potentially dissolved when it no longer is serving its intended purpose.

For these reasons, I recommend that Section 30 be amended by striking out the proposed language and inserting in place thereof the following text:-

SECTION 30. The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after Chapter 40W the following chapter:-

Chapter 40X. Community Benefit Districts

## Section 1. Definitions

As used in this chapter, the following words shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

“Community benefit district” or “district”, a contiguous geographic area with clearly defined boundaries, formed pursuant to this chapter.

“CBD corporation”, the nonprofit corporation established pursuant to section 2 to oversee the affairs of the district and ensure the implementation of the CBD management plan.

“CBD assessments”, the annual assessments imposed on participating property owners in the district to pay for the services or improvements specified in the CBD management plan.

“CBD property”, a parcel of real property located within a community benefit district, regardless of use of the parcel or the status of its owner as a participating property owner.

“CBD management plan”, the operating plan for the community benefit district containing all of the information required by section 5, as such plan may be amended from time to time in accordance with section 9.

“Exempt owner”, a property owner who is exempted from paying a CBD assessment in accordance with subsection (b) of section 6.

“Participating property owner”, an owner of CBD property who is required to pay a CBD assessment and any exempt owner who voluntarily agrees, in a binding written agreement, to support the district activities through a cash payment or in-kind services.

“Petition”, a petition submitted by property owners to the municipality as set forth in section 3.

“Petition signer”, a person who signs the petition to establish a community benefit district.

“Property owner”, the record owner or owners of the fee simple title of a CBD property.

“Standard government services”, governmental functions, programs, activities, facilities, improvements and other services that a municipality is authorized to perform or provide and that are paid for out of the municipal government budget.

“Supplemental services”, the provision of programs, public services, activities, amenities or information in addition to the standard government services provided to the CBD.

## Section 2. CBD corporation.

(a) A CBD corporation shall be established pursuant to section 3 of chapter 180 of the General Laws. The CBD corporation shall be subject to the requirements set forth in

said chapter 180 and sections 18 to 35 of chapter 68, and shall comply with the public charity reporting requirements of section 8F of chapter 12.

(b) Each CBD corporation shall have a board of directors to manage the affairs of the CBD corporation and ensure the implementation of the CBD management plan. Board members shall be selected by majority vote of CBD property owners. At least 51 per cent of the board shall be composed of participating property owners or their designees. The remaining board members may be selected from stakeholders in the community. CBD board members shall be deemed to be special municipal employees for purposes of chapter 268A and shall be subject to all the provisions of said chapter 268A with respect thereto.

(c) The articles of incorporation and bylaws of the CBD corporation shall be included in any petition to establish a CBD and shall be subject to the approval of the municipal legislative body. Any amendment to said articles or bylaws shall be subject to the approval of the municipal legislative body.

### Section 3. Petition to establish a district

(a) The organization of a community benefit district shall be initiated by a petition of property owners within the proposed district. Such petition shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the municipality and contain the following:

(i) the identity of the property owner, the assessed value and the assessor's parcel identification number for each CBD property;

(ii) the signatures of the property owners in the proposed district who support the establishment of the district;

(iii) a description of and a site map delineating the boundaries of the proposed district;

(iv) the identity and address of the CBD corporation, including its initial set of directors and officers and a copy of its articles of incorporation and by-laws;

(v) a CBD management plan, including all of the information required pursuant to section 5.

(b) Each petition signer shall include with his or her signature the assessor's parcel identification number of the CBD property owned by the petition signer. If the property owner is not a natural person, the petition signer also shall include the name of the property owner and the petition signer's title, if applicable. The petition signer's signature shall constitute a certification under pains and penalty of perjury of his or her authority to sign the petition on behalf of the property owner.

(c) On the same day that said petition is filed with the clerk of the municipality, the petition signers shall file a copy of the petition with the undersecretary of housing and community development and the secretary of housing and economic development. Said secretary and undersecretary may provide to a municipal legislative body written

comments on such petition. The secretary of housing and economic development may, in the secretary's discretion, promulgate regulations for the review and approval of petitions submitted pursuant to this chapter.

(d) Within 3 days after receipt of a petition, the clerk of the municipality shall provide a copy of the petition to the municipal assessor. Within 30 days after receipt of a petition, the assessor shall confirm to the municipal chief executive officer whether the information set forth in a petition is consistent with ownership and valuation information maintained by the assessor. In the event of a discrepancy between the information set forth in a petition and the information maintained by the assessor, the municipal chief executive officer may request additional information from the petition signers to resolve the discrepancy. To determine the authority of a petition signer to act on behalf of a CBD property owner that is an entity other than a natural person, the municipal chief executive officer may rely on a good standing certificate from the secretary of the commonwealth or other independent confirmation of the authority of a petition signer to sign the petition on behalf of the property owner.

#### Section 4. Municipal approval of a proposed district

(a) A municipal legislative body may approve a petition to establish a community benefit district upon a finding by the municipal chief executive officer that:

(i) Petition signers are property owners who will pay more than 50 per cent of the total CBD assessments proposed to be levied in the district; provided, however, if any participating property owner, or group of related property owners as determined under subsection (b), will pay more than 20 percent of the proposed CBD assessments, then for purposes of determining compliance with the 50 percent threshold, the amount of CBD assessment attributable to such property owner or group of related property owners shall be reduced to an amount equal to 20 percent of the total CBD assessments.

(ii) If there are more than 4 unrelated property owners in the proposed district, more than 50 per cent of the total participating property owners have signed the petition; and if there are not more than unrelated 4 property owners in the proposed district, all participating property owners have signed the petition.

(iii) The CBD assessments are structured to require property owners to contribute to the cost providing services within the district in proportion to the benefits anticipated to be received.

(iv) The total CBD assessments to be collected in any 1 year do not exceed 1/2 of 1 per cent of the sum of the assessed valuation of the CBD property owned by participating property owners.

(v) The CBD management plan meets the requirements of section 5.

(vi) The CBD assessments comply with the requirements of section 6.

(vii) The CBD assessments will not impose undue financial hardship on property owners within the district, or alternatively, the CBD management plan allows a waiver for property owners who can demonstrate financial hardship.

(b) The municipal legislative body may request confirmation from the assessor that the requirements in clause (i) and (ii) of subsection (a) have been met. For purposes of determining compliance with said clauses (i) and (ii) the municipal legislative body, in its discretion, may determine whether property owners are related and may require that any property owner that is an entity other than a natural person to disclose of all its owners, members, partners, or other beneficiaries.

(c) In the case of a city, the municipal legislative body, and in the case of a town, the municipal chief executive officer, shall hold a public hearing on the CBD petition not more than 60 days following receipt of the petition by the clerk of the municipality. The clerk of the municipality shall send written notification of the hearing to each CBD property owner not less than 14 days and not more than 30 days before the hearing. Such notice shall be mailed to the address listed in the property tax records. Notice of the hearing shall be published for 2 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the area, the last publication being not fewer than 14 days before the hearing and posted on the municipality's website. The notices required by this subsection shall include the proposed boundaries of the CBD, the schedule of proposed CBD assessments, a summary of supplemental services to be provided in the district, and notice of where the property owner may obtain a full copy of the management plan.

(d) Not more than 45 days after the close of the public hearing, if the municipal chief executive officer has made the findings required in subsection (a) then the municipal legislative body may, in its sole discretion, approve a petition and establish the community benefit district. A vote to approve a district may be subject to such conditions as the municipal legislative body determines are in the public interest. The approval shall include authorization for the municipality to enter into an agreement with the CBD corporation with respect to operations and funding consistent with the approved management plan, if applicable. The CBD corporation may commence operations 30 days after the municipal approval becomes final.

(e) Notice of the establishment of the community benefit district shall be mailed or delivered to each CBD property owner. The notice shall include the amount of the CBD assessment applicable to said CBD property owner, the projected total of CBD assessments in the district as a whole, and the supplemental services to be provided within the district. In addition to such individual notices, notice that the district has been approved shall be published for 2 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the area, the last publication being not more than 30 days after the vote to declare the district organized and posted on the municipality's website.

## Section 5. CBD management plan

(a) A CBD management plan shall include:

(i) A clear statement of the purpose or purposes for which the district has been formed, which may include retaining or recruiting business; administering and managing central and neighborhood business districts; promoting economic development; managing parking within the district; designing, engineering, constructing, maintaining or operating buildings, facilities, urban streetscapes or infrastructures within the district to further economic development and public purposes; conducting historic preservation activities within the district; leasing, owning, acquiring, or optioning real property within the district; owning and managing parks, public spaces and community facilities within the district; supplementing maintenance, security, or sanitation; planning and designing services; formulating a fee structure; accumulating interest; incurring costs or indebtedness; entering into contracts; suing and being sued; employing legal and accounting services; undertaking planning, feasibility and market analyses; developing common marketing and promotional activities; engaging in placemaking, programming, and event management within the district; soliciting donations, sponsorships and grants; operating transit services within the district; and supporting public art, human and environmental services related to the enhancement of the district or other supplemental services or programs that would further the purposes of this chapter;

(ii) A description of the supplemental services proposed to be provided in the district and paid for with CBD assessments;

(iii) A schedule of the CBD assessments to be made by each of the participating property owners within the CBD, and the percentage of the total assessments to be paid by each of the participating property owners;

(iv) The commitments, if any, of exempt property owners to contribute voluntary payments or in-kind services, and the means of enforcing such commitments;

(v) A budget outlining the cost of the improvements to be constructed and services and activities proposed to be provided in the district; and

(vi) Staffing required to implement the CBD management plan, which may include private nonprofit, for-profit or public agency contractors or subcontractors.

(b) A CBD management plan may include:

(i) Criteria for waiving the CBD assessment for any property owner within the district who demonstrates that the imposition of the CBD assessment would create a significant financial hardship, provided that such waivers shall be requested and granted on an annual basis; and

(ii) A mechanism for reimbursing the municipality for the costs incurred in reviewing the petition and for costs incurred in collecting the CBD assessments.

(c) The CBD corporation shall review the CBD management plan at least once every 3 years and propose such amendments as are necessary to achieve the goals of the district. Amendments to the CBD management plan shall be made in accordance with section 8. Amendments shall become effective upon approval of the municipal

legislative body in accordance with section 8. The CBD corporation shall provide written notice of proposed and final amendments to each CBD property owner.

#### Section 6. CBD assessments; exemptions

(a) CBD assessments for each participating property owner shall be determined by a formula set forth in the management plan; provided that the total CBD assessments to be collected in any 1 year do not exceed 1/2 of 1 per cent of the sum of the assessed valuation of the CBD property owned by participating property owners. The CBD assessment formula may be based on assessed valuation, building or parcel square footage, street frontage, or any other criteria which meets the objectives of the CBD. It shall be permissible for different rates to apply to different classifications of property or to different zones within the district. The CBD corporation, through its management plan, shall have the option to limit or cap the maximum CBD assessment imposed on individual properties or the total annual revenue generated by CBD assessments in any one year. The management plan may also provide for a phase-in period of not more than 3 years, with assessments increasing over such phase-in period.

(b) All CBD property shall be subject to a CBD assessment that is reasonably proportionate to the benefit to be received by the property owner, except for the following exempt property owners:

(i) Any residential property with a homeowner eligible for a real property tax exemption established by statute, or local ordinance or bylaw shall not be subject to a CBD assessment.

(ii) Tax-exempt CBD property owners, including but not limited to governmental entities, shall not be subject to CBD assessments, but may elect to support the implementation of the CBD management plan through voluntary payment of money or contribution of in-kind services and become a participating CBD property owner by executing a binding written agreement.

(iii) The CBD corporation, in its sole discretion, may grant a hardship waiver to any property owner pursuant to the waiver criteria established within the CBD management plan. The CBD corporation may also approve in-kind contributions or services in addition to, or in lieu of, a CBD assessment upon execution of a written agreement with a participating property owner.

#### Section 7. Collection and disbursement of CBD assessments; liens

(a) Unless another collection mechanism is set forth in the approved CBD management plan, the collector or treasurer of the municipality shall collect CBD assessments and disburse the funds to the CBD corporation. In addition to the items identified in section 3A of chapter 60, the collector or treasurer may include notices for CBD assessments in the envelope or electronic message in which a real property tax bill is sent. The collector or treasurer shall disburse collected CBD assessments to the CBD corporation not later than 30 days after the collection of such assessments, together with any interest earned on those assessments.

(b) Funds disbursed by the collector or treasurer to the CBD corporation shall be expended by the CBD corporation solely to further the goals and activities identified and approved in the CBD management plan. In addition to receiving the CBD assessments, the CBD corporation may receive grants, donations, and revenues generated from services funded by the CBD corporation, including but not limited to parking fees.

(c) Following establishment of the CBD, all CBD assessments billed by or on behalf of the CBD corporation and unpaid after 30 days from the date of billing shall become a lien on the property, with priority over all other liens except liens in favor of the commonwealth or the United States, municipal liens and prior mortgages of record. The CBD corporation shall file notice of the lien in the appropriate registry of deeds or land court registry district and may enforce the lien arising under this section following the procedures, and subject to the same limitations, as apply to a municipal tax lien arising under section 37 of chapter 60.

## Section 8. Amendments

At any time after the establishment of a community benefit district pursuant to this chapter, the CBD corporation may petition the municipality to amend the boundaries of the district, the CBD management plan, or the bylaws of the CBD corporation. Any amendment to the CBD assessments, a material change in the use of the CBD funds, and any change in the boundaries of the district shall be approved in the same manner and be subject to the same approval criteria as an original petition; provided, however, that if the petition concerns an amendment to expand the district, the petition shall be required to meet the approval criteria in clauses (i) and (ii) of subsection (a) of section 4 for the expanded area rather than the district as a whole.

## Section 9. Dissolution

(a) A community benefit district may be dissolved upon (i) a majority vote of the CBD corporation's board of directors, ratified by a vote of the participating property owners who are responsible for paying more than 50 per cent of the total CBD assessments levied in the district; provided, however, if any participating property owner, or group of related property owners as determined under subsection (b) of section 4, will pay more than 20 percent of the proposed CBD assessments, then for purposes of determining compliance with the 50 percent threshold, the amount of CBD assessment attributable to such property owner or group of related property owners shall be reduced to an amount equal to 20 percent of the total CBD assessments; and (ii) the dissolution of the CBD corporation in accordance with section 11 and other applicable provisions of chapter 180. No district shall be dissolved until the CBD corporation has satisfied or paid in full all of its outstanding indebtedness, obligations and liabilities; until funds are on deposit and available therefore or until a repayment schedule has been formulated and approved by the municipal chief executive officer.

(b) Upon any dissolution in accordance with said section 11 of said chapter 180, the existence of the CBD corporation shall cease, subject to applicable provisions of law for continuation to close its affairs, for the appointment of receivers and for revival. Upon

dissolution, the CBD corporation shall not incur any new or increased financial obligations.

(c) Any liabilities, either current or future, incurred as a result of action to accomplish the purposes of the CBD management plan shall not be an obligation of the municipality. Liabilities of a CBD corporation shall be paid for entirely from CBD assessments, revenue derived from the project or facilities owned by the CBD corporation and other assets, if any, of the CBD corporation.

(d) Upon the dissolution of a district, any remaining assets of the CBD corporation shall be refunded to the participating property owners by applying the same formula used to calculate the fee in the fiscal year in which the district is dissolved, or otherwise shall be distributed as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES D. BAKER,  
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**— ATTACHMENT H —**

July 17, 2017.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning to you for amendment Section 87 of House Bill No. 3800, “An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2018 for the Maintenance of the Departments, Boards, Commissions, Institutional and Certain Activities of the Commonwealth, for Interest, Sinking Fund and Serial Bond Requirements and for Certain Permanent Improvements.”

Section 87 seeks to clarify the borrowing authorization for capital improvements to Massachusetts Bay Community College by restricting the location of a new allied health academic facility to the city of Framingham.

The selection of siting for such a facility, however, must be made pursuant to a competitive procurement process that takes into consideration multiple factors, including overall costs. While this proposal offers helpful clarification, the College needs expanded flexibility to meet its operational and capital needs most effectively.

For these reasons, I recommend that Section 87 be amended by striking out the text and inserting in place thereof the following text:-

SECTION 87. Item 7066-8000 of section 2 of chapter 258 of the acts of 2008, as amended by section 5 of chapter 237 of the acts of 2014, is hereby further amended by

striking out, in line 68, the word "at" and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
in the Metrowest area of the Commonwealth for.

Respectfully submitted,

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— ATTACHMENT I —

July 17, 2017.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning to you for amendment Section 109 of House Bill No. 3800, “An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2018 for the Maintenance of the Departments, Boards, Commissions, Institutions and Certain Activities of the Commonwealth, for Interest, Sinking Fund and Serial Bond Requirements and for Certain Permanent Improvements.”

Section 109 establishes the threshold for fiscal year 2018 that will determine whether any transfer of capital gains tax revenue will be made to the Stabilization Fund under Section 5G of Chapter 29 of the General Laws. That threshold is too low to guarantee a Stabilization Fund transfer. Under current Department of Revenue estimates of capital gains, that estimate will result in, at most, a \$25 million transfer in fiscal year 2018, and could result in no transfer at all.

This is well below the \$51.5 million transfer expected in each branch’s budget. Accordingly, I propose to leave the statutory threshold in place, and establish \$51.5 million as a floor for any such transfers during fiscal year 2018.

For these reasons, I recommend that Section 109 be amended by striking out the text and inserting in place thereof the following text:-

SECTION 109. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2018, the comptroller shall transfer from the General Fund to the Stabilization Fund the

greater of (a) \$51,500,000, or (b) the amount that is required to be transferred pursuant to section 5G of chapter 29 of the General Laws for fiscal year 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES D. BAKER,  
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**— ATTACHMENT J —**

July 17, 2017.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning to you for amendment Section 125 of House Bill No. 3800, “An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2018 for the Maintenance of the Departments, Boards, Commissions, Institutions and Certain Activities of the Commonwealth, for Interest, Sinking Fund and Serial Bond Requirements and for Certain Permanent Improvements.”

Section 125 requires the Commissioner of Revenue to report on how he has used the authority granted in the budget to depart from federal requirements for 1099-K reporting. 1099-K reporting is carried out during the first two months of a calendar year, and the affected taxpayers may file the affected returns and pay their taxes as late as October of that calendar year.

Thus, a report as of March 15 of that calendar year will not be able to provide meaningful fiscal information. A reporting date of March 15, 2019 will allow for the preparation of a meaningful evaluation of the fiscal impact of this initiative.

For these reasons, I recommend that Section 125 be amended by striking out the text and inserting in place thereof the following text:-

SECTION 125. Not later than March 15, 2018, the commissioner of revenue shall issue a report on the use of his authority to add reporting requirements pursuant to section 8 of

chapter 62C of the General Laws. The report shall detail and provide an explanation for any changes made to the reporting requirements that differ from those required by the federal government, and state a projected fiscal impact resulting from any such changes. Not later than March 15, 2019, the commissioner of revenue shall issue a report describing the financial impact to the commonwealth of such additional reporting requirements, if any. The reports under this section shall be filed with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the chairs of the joint committee on revenue and the chairs of the senate and house committees on ways and means.

Respectfully submitted,

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— ATTACHMENT K —

July 17, 2017.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning to you for amendment Section 138 of House Bill No. 3800, “An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2018 for the Maintenance of the Departments, Boards, Commissions, Institutions and Certain Activities of the Commonwealth, for Interest, Sinking Fund and Serial Bond Requirements and for Certain Permanent Improvements.”

Section 138 establishes a commission, chaired by the commissioner of public health, to evaluate ways to increase access and promote the utilization of public health data, specifically data contained within the trauma registry, to study the effects of healthcare inequality.

While I support the objectives of this proposal, the creation of a commission is not necessary, nor an effective use of limited resources at the department of public health. Rather than establishing a special commission, the department of public health is committed to reporting the requested analysis to the Legislature by the December 31, 2018 deadline contained in Section 138.

For these reasons, I recommend that Section 138 be amended by striking out the text and inserting in place thereof the following text:-

SECTION 138. The department of public health shall evaluate ways to utilize data collected from the trauma registry to: promote public health, study the patterns and

impact of healthcare inequality and develop support programs to meet the unmet needs of residents of the commonwealth affected by healthcare inequality and their families. The department may consider methods to encourage partnerships with academic medical centers and schools of public health to analyze and interpret existing data collected by the commonwealth, including data collected through the trauma registry, to ascertain geographical differences in healthcare access and quality. Said evaluation shall include costs associated with any proposed uses or analytics of data.

The department shall issue a report of its findings and recommendations together with any recommendations for legislation with the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives on or before December 31, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES D. BAKER,  
*Governor.*

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

I disapprove the following items:

in Section 2

1231-1000  
1599-2003  
1599-4417  
1599-7114  
1599-7115  
3000-6025  
3000-7070  
4000-0007  
4510-0112  
4510-3010  
4513-1121  
4516-1037  
4516-1039  
5920-3025  
7000-9508  
7002-0033  
7002-1502  
7002-1508  
7002-1512  
7003-0606  
7003-0607  
7004-0106  
7007-1202  
7009-6400  
7061-9011  
7061-9401  
7066-1221  
7100-0700  
7100-0801  
7113-0101  
7518-0120

I disapprove Sections 40, 41, 42, 72, 98, 128, 129, 135, and 152.

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

Section 2	Reduce By	Reduce To
0321-2100	122,274	1,487,191

0321-2205	75,064	1,831,200
0336-0003	250,000	750,000
0511-0000	74,980	6,382,462
0511-0200	100,000	565,557
0511-0270	175,020	399,960
0610-0050	49,999	2,388,092
0710-0220	107,689	267,311
0910-0200	10,000	2,578,525
0910-0220	50,020	399,960
0910-0300	12,521	424,958
0920-0300	15,861	1,602,058
1201-0400	302,500	594,999
1232-0100	2,500,000	3,000,000
1599-6903	4,000,000	35,698,478
3000-2050	28,388	1,074,106
3000-6075	1,250,000	1,250,000
3000-7000	10,633	14,340,052
4000-0601	5,000,000	3,515,335,443
4180-0100	303,734	26,906,956
4200-0300	1,285,943	117,577,180
4403-2007	300,000	300,000
4513-1002	17,895	11,851,830
4513-1027	200,000	200,000
4516-1000	462,475	11,870,173
4590-0925	275,000	275,000
4590-1503	800,000	1,806,334
5911-2000	363,318	21,838,463
5920-2000	6,844,581	1,158,060,133
7002-0032	250,000	750,000
7003-0803	200,000	3,760,051
7004-0104	40,000	2,000,000
7004-3045	125,000	500,000
7004-9005	1,520,407	62,979,593
7004-9030	400,000	4,600,000
7061-9406	466,666	233,334
7066-0020	94,000	100,000
7066-0025	50,000	2,500,000
7066-9600	237,937	1,143,979
7077-0023	1,000,000	4,000,000
7112-0100	200,000	27,913,495
8000-1001	600,000	250,000
8910-8500	100,000	665,348

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

Section 2E	Reduce By	Reduce To
1595-6370	400,000	80,000,000

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

Section 2	Reduce By	Reduce To	Wording Stricken
0526-0100	50,000	932,724	"; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the historic restoration of the Levi Wetherbee Farm located on Middle road in the town of Boxborough"
0610-0010	60,000	435,000	"; provided, that \$60,000 shall be expended for Budget Buddies, Inc. in the town of Chelmsford to operate a program that mentors and teaches financial literacy to low-income women"
0640-0300	1,875,000	12,075,699	"; and provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Springfield central cultural district"
0840-0100	95,000	492,531	"; provided further, that not less than \$95,000 shall be expended on an office to serve Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire counties in the western part of the commonwealth; and provided further, that the office shall use reasonable efforts to operate the office on existing state property"
1599-0026	1,250,000	10,200,000	"; provided further, that not less than the amount appropriated in this item in section 2 of chapter 165 of the acts of 2014 for the city of Haverhill shall be expended again in fiscal year 2018; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended on a one time grant to the Haverhill public school district; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for municipal technology improvements in the town of Danvers; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for an outdoor park at the Mother Brook Arts and Community Center, Inc. in the town of Dedham; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the reconstruction of the Robert H. Ivatts regional facility in the town of Norwood; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of Hingham for the purchase of a multi-purpose tractor for sidewalk snow removal"

and

"; provided further, that \$70,000 shall be expended to provide for rubber flooring for the George Keverian school tot lot in the city of Everett; provided further, that \$60,000 shall be expended for the John F. Kennedy Family Service Center, Inc. for upgrades for the Kennedy Center facility in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston; provided further, that \$50,000 shall be expended to provide for a swing set that is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act for

			Glendale park in the city of Everett; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to upgrade the water facility geographical information systems, or GIS, data source in the city of Lynn"
2000-0100	250,000	7,946,322	"; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Rourke Bridge study in Lowell; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for energy conservation projects for school and town buildings in Belmont; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Swansea beach revitalization project; and provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for mill site reclamation for elderly housing by the town of Bellingham"
2200-0100	160,731	24,572,753	"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Wrentham for a water service project; and provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to enter into an agreement with a nonprofit organization to operate a water quality monitoring program in the Sudbury, Assabet and Concord rivers"
2250-2000	175,000	1,962,185	"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the design and construction of a drinking water main-line in the town of Webster; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for costs related to the study, planning and engineering of a water line connection in the town of Ashby; and provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for costs related to the study, planning and engineering of a water line connection in the town of Sturbridge"
2300-0100	1,110,000	919,079	"; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Herring run to Whitman's pond in the town of Weymouth; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the management and cleanup of invasive pond vegetation at floating bridge pond in the city of Lynn; and provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for a boat ramp and boarding pier project in a town in Suffolk county"
2300-0101	100,000	530,577	"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the restoration of the Aberjona riverbank in the town of Winchester and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for projects associated with the restoration of natural resources and fish population in the Fore river watershed in city known as the town of Braintree"
2330-0100	447,418	6,064,231	"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Fishing Academy, Inc. program"
			and
			"; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall

			be expended for a Great Marsh green crab trapping program"
2511-0105	673,831	17,000,000	"; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Food for the World, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Lovin' Spoonfuls, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$85,000 shall be expended for the Cambridge Weekend Backpack Program; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Pembroke Soup Connection, Inc."
			and
			"; and provided further, that not less than \$75,000 be expended for Open Table, Inc. in the town of Concord"
2800-0100	545,000	4,126,626	"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the improvement and management of lakes and ponds in Central Plymouth County Water District; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended for aquatic invasive species control; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for an open spaces and parks study in the town of Dedham; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be allocated for management of Wompatuck pond in the town of Hanson; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for improvements at McKenzie field in the city of Holyoke"
2800-0101	30,000	932,526	"; and provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for weed control in lake Singletary in the towns of Millbury and Sutton"
2800-0401	25,000	419,542	"; provided, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for storm water testing in the town of Belmont"
2800-0501	100,000	15,460,192	"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for staffing and operations necessary at Halibut Point state park in the town of Rockport; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for staffing and operations necessary at Berry pond in the Harold Parker state forest"
2800-0700	175,000	472,192	"; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for dam inspections and repairs at Breed and Walden ponds in the city of Lynn; and provided further, that \$150,000 shall be expended to the town of Norfolk for the design and repair of the City Mills dam"
2810-0100	1,697,000	35,466,712	"; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for an air quality study at the Concord playing fields between route 126 and Crosby's corner in the town of Concord; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for improvements to

Ghiloni park and Stevens playground in the town of Marlborough"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for weed removal and water quality measurement for Johnson's pond in the town of Groveland; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the development of a community garden at the Medway community farm in the town of Medway; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the restoration of the iron ore fence on the corner of route 123 and route 140; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for a study on the department's wooded land adjacent to the department's Kennedy playground and garden in Mattapan; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for renovations to the Greenville pond dam in the town of Leicester; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for construction purposes for the Friends of Coppens Square; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for fencing and repairs to City Square park in Charlestown; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for a new veterans park in the city of Lowell; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Franklin, Medway, and Bellingham Army Corps of Engineers flood plain and wildlife habitat"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the removal of hazardous substances in the town of Ashland"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for the Tom Lopes community sculpture project; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Bradford rail trail in the city of Haverhill; provided further, that not less than \$45,000 shall be expended for the treatment and preservation of Indian lake in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the restoration of the Artesani park outdoor theatre; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Let's Row Boston program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for MacDonald memorial park in the city of Medford; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to improve Magazine beach in the city of Cambridge"

and

"; provided further, that \$25,000 shall be expended for the development, improvement and landscaping of the Veterans Road playground in the town of Dedham; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be granted to the parks commission of the city of Brockton to renovate McKinley playground"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to Hardwick Pond Preservation Association, Inc. for invasive species control on Hardwick pond in the town of Hardwick"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$12,000 shall be expended to treat invasive species at Rock pond in the town of Georgetown; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the Southeastern Massachusetts Pine Barrens Alliance, Inc. for the Explore Natural Plymouth collaborative; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the construction and improvement of the Hancock playground in the city of Brockton; provided further, that \$25,000 shall be expended for the installation of a sidewalk and guard rail in Fountain park in the town of Wilbraham; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended on lighting and infrastructure improvements at Mattos field in the city of Gloucester; provided further, that not less \$20,000 shall be expended for renovations and infrastructure improvements including, not limited to, enhancements to waterway access and recreational areas at Veasey memorial park in the town of Groveland; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended for expansion of the rowing program of the school district of the city of Methuen as part of The River Cities Initiative and administered by the Essex Rowing Club, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Weymouth for final design work and improvements to Heritage park at the intersection of Washington street and Middle street; provided further, that \$30,000 shall be expended to the town of Milton to improve accessibility at Andrew's park for all users, including those with physical limitations; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the creation of a roadway at the property formally known as the Medfield state hospital in the town of Medfield"

2810-2042	25,000	19,997,185	" and provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for a memorial plaque for World War II Veteran, Leo J. Martin at the Leo J. Martin Golf Course in the town of Weston"
3000-1000	25,000	5,736,617	" provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for East End House in the city of Cambridge"

			to support its childcare program"
3000-1020	100,000	30,012,455	"; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for a comprehensive statewide study, conducted by the University of Massachusetts at Boston, relative to the early education and care workforce in the commonwealth"
3000-7050	100,000	13,441,999	"; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 more than fiscal year 2017 shall be expended on said parent-child home program"
4000-0005	70,000	4,250,000	"; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Springfield Partners for Community Action, Inc. for the AWAKE program in the city of Springfield, to provide comprehensive youth development and violence prevention services to at-risk youth; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Martin Luther King Jr. Family Services, Inc. to provide comprehensive youth development and violence prevention services to at-risk youth; and provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for the South End Community Center of Springfield, Inc.'s Youth Corp program"
4000-0300	425,000	102,257,373	"; provided further, that in calculating rates of payment for children enrolled in MassHealth receiving inpatient and outpatient services at acute care pediatric hospitals and pediatric specialty units as defined in section 8A of said chapter 118E, the executive office shall make a supplemental payment not less than \$7,400,000 to any acute care pediatric hospital and pediatric specialty unit in the commonwealth, above base rates, to compensate for high-complexity pediatric care"
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			"; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Brookline Community Mental Health Center, Inc. to expand the Healthy Lives program; provided further, that \$75,000 shall be expended for The MetroWest Free Medical Program, Inc.; provided further, that the executive office shall expend not less than \$100,000, of which not less than \$25,000 of said funds shall be expended to contract with Martha's Vineyard Community Services, Inc., to increase access to health and human services on the islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket and such funds shall be used to cover feasible travel costs associated with arranging access to health and human services"
4000-0700	209,400,000	2,187,898,930	"; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be made available to establish a one-year pilot program to increase efficiencies and align system-wide goals within a regional hospital system located in Western Massachusetts to improve the overall sustainability of the system and to create a comprehensive approach to

system-wide needs and a transition into the structure of the new 1115 Medicaid Waiver; provided further, that the pilot program will include measurable milestones that shall demonstrate progress in at least one of the following areas: (i) care coordination, integration and delivery transformations; (ii) electronic health records and information exchange advancements; (iii) increasing alternative payment methods and accountable care organizations; (iv) enhancing patient safety; (v) increasing access to behavioral health services; (vi) increasing coordination between system hospitals and community-based providers and organizations; and (vii) preparing the system to undertake risk as a potentially designated ACO"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended in a one-time payment to a western Massachusetts regional academic health system to address regional physician shortages and enhance access to rural and urban preventive care by recruiting, training and retaining residents of the commonwealth into careers in medicine and to conduct projects on population and community health through collaboration with a medical school in the commonwealth"

4200-0200	500,000	28,081,402	"; provided, that the department shall expend not less than \$500,000 for the detention diversion advocacy program to be coordinated by the Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps, Inc. to prevent high-risk juveniles presenting before the court from penetrating further into the juvenile justice system"
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4401-1000	150,000	14,035,888	"; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for a transportation program developed and operated by the South Middlesex Opportunity Council, Inc."
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"; and provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for Ascentria Care Alliance, Inc. to provide transportation to low-income families through the good news garage ready to go service"

4510-0110	125,000	1,467,354	"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Mattapan Integrative Care Partnership pilot program among the Mattapan Community Health Center, Inc., Mattahunt Community Center, Mattahunt Elementary School and the Wheelock College social work department for a behavioral health practice at the Mattapan Community Health Center and to support a full-time licensed social worker to bring mental health care to the community's youth and to improve the coordination of care"
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4510-0600	100,000	3,588,322	"; provided, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Silent Spring Institute, Inc.; and provided further, that not less than \$75,000 be allocated to the town of Halifax for testing and treatment of cyanobacteria and related contaminants in Monponsett pond"
4512-0103	2,500,000	28,334,416	"; provided further, that the department shall ensure that the same level of services will be made available as in the previous fiscal year"
4512-0211	1,100,000	2,500,000	"; provided, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to open no fewer than 1 new high school in an underserved region of the commonwealth"
4513-1026	50,000	4,290,051	"; and provided further, that \$50,000 shall be expended to The Samaritans of Fall River/New Bedford, Inc"
4513-1111	550,000	3,560,977	"; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Community Servings for the purposes of providing medically tailored meals to persons battling chronic illnesses and providing workforce training programs to those recovering from addiction"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for education and support of patients diagnosed with phenylketonuria, PKU, or related disorders and their families through a grant to the New England Connection for PKU and Allied Disorders, Inc; provided further, that \$100,000 shall be expended to the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth for the operation of the Cranberry Health Research Center; provided further, that \$100,000 shall be expended for macular degeneration research into prevention and treatment at The Schepens Eye Research Institute, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to COGIC Family Services, Inc. for the FIT Body and Soul diabetes prevention program in the city of Springfield; and provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Sight Loss Services, Inc. to maintain operations and services for older adults in Barnstable county"

4513-1130	20,000	31,335,559	"; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to Delamano, Inc. in Lawrence toward community outreach on domestic violence"
4590-0250	200,000	11,869,395	"; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts model of community coalitions"

and

"; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to establish and support a school-

based health center at Malden high school in the city of Malden"

4590-0915	150,000	155,250,383	"; and provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children Summer Program"
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4590-1507	340,000	3,425,000	"; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Center for Teen Empowerment, Inc."
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"; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to Youth Development Organization, Inc. in Lawrence; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for The Attleboro Area Social Responsibility Consortium for a pilot transportation program; and provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Massachusetts Bay Mentor 2.0 program"

4800-0200	50,000	9,681,116	"; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Juvenile Court Mental Health Advocacy Project administered by Health Law Advocates to increase access to mental health treatment for at-risk children and adolescents involved in or diverted from juvenile courts"
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5042-5000	2,800,000	88,938,321	"; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for a loan forgiveness program to increase the number and distribution of mental health professionals treating children and adolescents and who commit to working within geographically underserved areas in Massachusetts; provided further, that the department of mental health shall implement this program according to specific guidelines and criteria as they see fit; provided further, that the program shall require participating mental health professionals treating children and adolescents to commit to working within a geographically underserved area for a minimum of 5 years and accept MassHealth members; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for a partnership with the department of early education and care to improve access to early childhood mental health"
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"; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for YouthConnect in the communities of East Boston; provided further, that the Department shall expend not less than \$50,000 for the Children's Room in Arlington; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Alliance for Inclusion and Prevention's services; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the

Northwestern Juvenile Fire Intervention Response Education and Safety Partnership, Inc.; and provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the Arlington Youth Counseling Center"

5046-0000	850,000	386,230,579	<p>"; provided further, that the department of mental health and the executive office of elder affairs shall execute an elder mental health interagency service agreement for adult home and community behavioural health services to adults over the age of 60; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for these services"</p> <p>and</p> <p>"; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the interface referral services of William James College, Inc. in Plymouth county; and provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the International Institute of New England, Inc. for culturally and linguistically appropriate mental health services for immigrants and refugees who have experienced torture and trauma"</p>
5911-1003	50,000	67,703,226	<p>"; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders at the University of Massachusetts memorial medical center and the University of Massachusetts medical school based on the patient-centered medical home concept"</p>
5920-2010	180,000	207,917,398	<p>"; provided, that not less than \$180,000 shall be expended to the town of Cohasset for the completion of an accessible 4-bedroom home for clients of the department of developmental services at the Trettis House, 689-1 site at 72 Elm street in the town of Cohasset"</p>
5920-2025	25,000	202,095,152	<p>"; and provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Project SEARCH program"</p>
7000-9402	50,000	441,715	<p>"; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Worcester mobile library"</p>
7002-0010	425,000	2,254,257	<p>"; provided, that \$75,000 be expended for The Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts, Inc. for a pilot program in collaboration with the national Partnership for Young Women's Progress that will utilize public-private funding and address core structural issues that keep a majority of the nation's low-income young women from experiencing robust health, economic security, personal safety and the leadership opportunities that their gifts and strengths deserve; provided further, that \$100,000 shall be expended for the operation of the Greater Gardner Business Incubator Network Inc.'s business incubator in the city of Gardner; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Lawrence</p>

Partnership, Inc. to facilitate public-private economic development collaboration in the city of Lawrence; provided further, that \$100,000 shall be expended to Valley Venture Mentors, Inc. to establish a collegiate accelerator program that will provide 8 weeks of hands-on, intensive mentoring, education and support; provided further, that \$50,000 shall be expended for the town of Georgetown to develop an economic development plan; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Tech Foundry, Inc. in the city of Springfield for training in technology and job placement"

7002-0012	300,000	10,650,000	"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 be expended for the development and implementation of the Open Door's On Your Mark program; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 be expended for The People's Academy Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 be allocated to the Methuen/Lawrence Coalition; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 be allocated to the Bird Street Community Center; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 be expended on the Dorchester Youth Collaborative; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 be expended on Cape Verdean Cultural Center Feasibility Commission; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for a grant to the Hyde Square Task Force"
7002-0020	175,000	1,350,000	"; provided, that not less than \$85,000 shall be expended for the Middle Skills Manufacturing Initiative in Hampshire and Franklin counties; and provided further, that not less than \$90,000 shall be expended for the E-Team Machinist program in the city of Lynn"
7003-0100	230,000	745,048	"; provided, that not less than the amount appropriated in item 7003-0100 in section 2 in chapter 133 of the acts of 2016 shall be expended for a pilot program to assist in the training, placement and development of a professional, proficient and technically competent workforce that will support the existing and emerging staffing and labor needs of the public transportation sector; provided further, that such program shall be operated by the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Office of Employee Involvement and Ownership, housed within a state government agency or state higher education institution selected by the secretary of housing and economic development; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for E Para Todos, the Spanish program of Entrepreneurship for All, Inc., A Nonprofit Corporation in the city of Lawrence, to promote small business, create new jobs and support workforce development and training initiatives in urban communities"

7003-1206                    380,000                    2,700,000    "; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to Career Resources Corporation in Haverhill toward employment services for veterans with disabilities"

and

"; provided, that \$50,000 shall be expended for the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to CONNECT, a financial opportunity center in the city of Chelsea; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Arlington Community Trabajando Inc. in the city of Lawrence; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 be expended for La Feria Internacional del Libro, Inc. in the city of Lawrence for the purpose of assisting literacy and promoting reading in the greater Lawrence community through advocacy, programming and the annual Lawrence International Book Festival; and provided further, that \$15,000 shall be expended for financial assistance for qualified seniors in the city of Newton to receive the services of Newton At Home, Inc."

7004-0099                    1,305,000                    6,853,469    "; provided further, that the department shall, not later than September 1, 2017, promulgate and uniformly enforce regulations clarifying that a household that otherwise qualifies for any preference or priority for state subsidized housing based on homeless or at-risk status shall retain that preference or priority notwithstanding receipt of assistance that is intended to be temporary including, but not limited to, any temporary or bridge subsidies provided with state or federal funds which shall include households receiving assistance under item 7004-0108 after July 1, 2013; provided further, that at least annually, the department shall conduct staff trainings which shall include, but not be limited to, changes in laws related to items under the administration of the department of housing and community development"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 be expended for the Commonwealth Housing Development in Brighton; provided further, not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Town of Sherborn for the preservation of historic documents; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Pleasant Street Neighborhood Network Center in Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended on the Methuen Arlington Neighborhood, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$85,000 shall be expended for infrastructure grants to the town of Clinton;

provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Homeless Prevention Council of Lower Cape Cod; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended annually for provision of emergency services that provide domestic violence intervention, workforce development, housing assistance, operation of food vouchers, winter coats for kids and holiday dinners operated by Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. for the communities specified in item 7004-0099 of section 2 of chapter 68 of the acts of 2011; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to World is Our Classroom, Inc. serving the towns of Holyoke, Westfield, Chicopee and Greenfield; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be allocated to the Town of Randolph to be expended on funding operating costs at the Randolph Economic Opportunity Center in the Town of Randolph; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Housing Families, Inc. in the city of Malden for providing educational support programming for homeless children through the GREAT Youth and Families Program"

and

"; provided further, that the town of Holbrook shall receive not less than the amount appropriated in item 7004-0099 of section 2 of chapter 139 of the acts of 2012 for a community action grant; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for a caseworker position under the Housing Assistance Corporation to assist residents of Martha's Vineyard who are homeless or at risk for homelessness; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Family Promise MetroWest Homelessness Response Center"

and

"; provided further, that \$50,000 shall be expended to the Lower Cape Cod Community Development Corporation to launch an initiative to provide a comprehensive community-based strategy to build public support for affordable housing and equip low-income to moderate-income residents, business and community leaders and local elected and appointed officials with the knowledge and skills to support the creation of more affordable housing in the lower Cape Cod region; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for the South Worcester Neighborhood Improvement Corporation; and provided further, that not less than \$160,000 shall be expended to the Raynham Housing Authority for public safety improvements"

7004-0100	84,790	5,005,521	"; provided, that not less than \$46,790 shall be expended for the WATCH CDC's housing clinic; and provided further, that not less than \$38,000 shall be
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expended for a full-time dual-diagnosis clinician at the Community Day Center of Waltham to treat homeless individuals with both mental health and substance abuse issues"

7004-0101	995,000	154,883,948	"; provided further, that funds shall be expended for expenses incurred as a result of families being housed in hotels due to the unavailability of contracted shelter beds; provided further, that not less than \$800,000 shall be expended to establish the Home Works program; provided further, that the Home Works program shall provide opportunities for children in the emergency housing assistance program to attend out-of-school time and summer programming run by youth-serving organizations; provided further, that a youth-serving organization shall apply to contract with the department of housing and community development to receive contract slots to serve children in the program; provided further, that youth-serving organizations shall obtain criminal offender record information for each staff member employed by the program with responsibilities that include direct care of children pursuant to section 172H of chapter 6 of the General Laws and sex offender registry information pursuant to section 178I of said chapter 6, as well as information that is publicly available from a registry of sex offender information that is operated or coordinated by the federal government; provided further, that not less than \$45,000 shall be expended for Housing Assistance Corporation to assist housing insecure residents in Barnstable and Nantucket counties and in the county of Dukes County"
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and

"; provided further, that \$150,000 shall be expended for the operation of the Portal to Hope servicing Everett, Malden & Medford"

7004-0102	530,000	45,240,000	"; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for the United Way of Pioneer Valley on behalf of the Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness to facilitate regional coordination and implement Western Massachusetts Opening Doors: An Action Framework to Prevent and End Homelessness"
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and

"; provided further, that \$40,000 shall be expended for the Quinsigamond Community Village Center in Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$65,000 shall be expended for Emmaus, Inc. of Haverhill; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for a pilot program in the city of Gloucester, operated by the Grace Center, Inc., to provide and coordinate services for the homeless during those hours when shelter occupancy is not available; and provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended

to the Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority to coordinate homeless shelters and safety net services in Berkshire county"

7004-3036	180,000	2,041,992	"; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for Springfield Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.; and provided further, that not less than \$105,000 shall be expended for the operation of the Springfield housing authority's Talk/Read/Succeed! Program"
7004-9316	2,000,000	13,000,000	"; provided further, that up to \$2,000,000 may be expended to provide assistance to households of all sizes and configurations including, but not limited to, elders, persons with disabilities and unaccompanied youth"
7007-0800	200,000	1,186,222	"; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for a matching grant program to be administered by The Lowell Development and Financial Corporation that shall match program funds to startup companies that have left an incubator or accelerator within the previous 12 months and seek to lease or rent office or laboratory space within the city of Lowell; and provided further, that The Lowell Development and Financial Corporation shall award funds to companies that have secured private matching funds from landlords or other sources to assist in rent or lease payments"
7007-0952	350,000	4,000,000	"; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 be expended for the Lupa Zoo and Game Farm, Inc. in Ludlow"
7008-0900	6,793,976	2,609,361	"; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the town of Stoneham to install wayfinding signage to add to the safety and revitalization of the town's downtown; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to support 11 Massachusetts Visitor Information Centers"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for LuminArtz for public art displays; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended as a grant to the Boston Landmarks Orchestra, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the repair and maintenance of the Crosby Central Administration Building in the city of Brockton"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended for the secretary of the commonwealth to fund a portion of the costs associated with the

Plymouth 400th Anniversary Celebration, which may include new signage from state highway route 3 to the downtown area of the city of Plymouth, distinctive plaques for properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places or the state register of historic places in the downtown area, the design and printing of a walking tour pamphlet of such properties, the creation of a cell phone walking tour of the historic downtown area, the listing of the Mayflower II on the National Register of Historic Places, additional signage on roadways in and out of the historic downtown area to better locate properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places or the state register of historic places in the downtown area and the creation of the Plymouth 400 Preservation Grants, a program of small, 50-50 matching grants that meets the United States Secretary of the Interior's standards for rehabilitation to enhance the appearance of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places or the state register of historic places in the downtown area for the Plymouth 400th that shall be administered by the Massachusetts historical commission; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Wilbraham Nature and Cultural Council for tourism marketing and advertising purposes; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the operation and regional youth media lab for the New England Public Radio in the city of Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended by the city of Peabody for the study of operating a high rail trolley service on the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority track running from Peabody square to the Salem depot"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Waltham Tourism Council; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the West Medford Community Center"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 be expended for the Michael Blatus Memorial Gazebo in the town of Dracut; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for programs supporting and promoting cultural heritage diversity, and education in the city of Boston that were in item 7003-0702 of chapter 165 of the acts of 2014"

and

"; provided further, that not less than the amount appropriated in this item in section 2 of chapter 165 of the acts of 2014 shall be expended for a child safety program in the town of Revere; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for the

Haverhill Inner City Boxing Club, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for public service announcements to be broadcasted during From the Top, Inc's radio programming; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for Haverhill Downtown Boxing, Inc."

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for a one-time grant to the KatyDID foundation, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Power of Self Education (POSE) Inc. in the city of Haverhill; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the American Legion Post 4 located in the city of Haverhill; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for WHAV radio; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for a one-time grant for the Haverhill fire department; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for YWCA Haverhill; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 be expended for the implementation of a management information system at the water division in the city of Lynn"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$90,000 shall be expended for the Russian Community Association of Massachusetts, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$5,000 shall be allocated to the Franklin Historical Commission for the purchase of equipment to preserve historical artifacts; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 be expended on the Mansfield Norton Bike Trail in the town of Mansfield"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$85,000 shall be expended for the Johnny Appleseed Trail Association; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the North Quabbin Chamber of Commerce, Inc. to fund maker space and workforce development"

and

" \$40,000 shall be expended for the purposes of the operation of the Riverside Theatre Works and"

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"; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 be expended for the restoration of the Quinebaug Valley Rail Trail in the towns of Dudley and Webster"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 be expended on infrastructure grants to the city of Beverly"

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"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the GAR Hall located in the city of Beverly; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the New England Farm Workers' Council, Inc; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the historic restoration of the Wright-Holden house located on Wetherbee Street in the town of Acton; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 be expended for economic development in the region of Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket counties; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for safety improvements and restoration of the Westfield Historic Industries Preservation Project operated by Westfield Museum, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for economic development projects in the town of East Brookfield; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for safety improvements and restoration of the Westfield Athenaeum in the city of Westfield"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 be expended for a Complete Streets project in North Framingham; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for a clean energy economic development grant program in the city of Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$70,000 be expended for upgrades to the Framingham History Center; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for a feasibility study for the reconfiguration and expansion of the parking lots at the commuter rail station in the town of Sharon; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the restoration of the State Theatre in the town of Stoughton"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 be expended for the emergency relocation of the Millville town hall; provided further, that not less than \$50,000

shall be expended for the dedication and maintenance of the Senator Thomas P. Kennedy Main Branch Library in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended as a grant for free community programming in Lynn to Arts After Hours; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Germantown Neighborhood Center in the city of Quincy; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Quincy Asian Resources, Inc. in the city of Quincy; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 be expended for improvements to the Fort Devens Military Museum in the town of Devens; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 be expended for the Billerica Friends of Music; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 be expended for the Billerica Memorial High School Athletic Association"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the site evaluation, design development and construction of a turf field at Oliver Ames High School in the town of Easton; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the office of economic and community development in the city of Methuen for the revitalization of the downtown area; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 be expended for the Cogswell School Building in the town of Bradford"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for a matching grant program to the Lena Park Community Center located in Dorchester; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for Outside the Box in the city of Boston"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$80,000 shall be expended for youth programs at Dennison Memorial Community Center in New Bedford; provided further, that not less than \$87,707 be expended to the National Lancers; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Frederick Douglass House in the city of New Bedford"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the New Bedford Festival Theatre; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for production at Zeiterion Performing Arts Theatre in the city of New Bedford"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for main street economic development by Wakefield Main Streets, Inc. in the town of Wakefield; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 be expended on storm water improvements for Beaver Brook at Trapelo Road in the town of Belmont; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the Presentation School Foundation Community Center in the Brighton section of the city of Boston for public safety upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the Friends of the Brimfield Windmill, Inc. for costs related to the restoration of the Brimfield windmill in the town of Brimfield; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the education and training collaborative established in section 9 of chapter 419 of the acts of 2008 for the operation of the life sciences, education and training center located at the former Paul A. Dever state school in the city of Taunton; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Berkshire County Regional Employment Board, Inc. to support workforce alignment initiatives; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the enhancement of Artists' Row in the city of Salem; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for updating the Berkshire Blueprint to support comprehensive countywide economic development planning; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for MetroFest; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for a signage and wayfinding program in the town of Chelmsford as part of a project to improve the pedestrian, bicycle and public parking areas and the multi-use pathways in Chelmsford center; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for building safety improvements to the resting place of American presidents at the United First Parish Church (Unitarian) in the city of Quincy; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of Quincy for improvements to the Squantum Point park area which may include costs associated with readying the park and its pier for ferry service and the provision of ferry service; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for Framingham Downtown Renaissance, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for the Franklin Downtown Partnership, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be granted to the Independent Film Society of Boston, Inc. for enhancing cultural tourism; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for Zamir Chorale of Boston, Inc.'s musical and educational organization; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the town of Avon for infrastructure improvements; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Spirit of Springfield, Inc. in the city of

Springfield"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Stone Soul, Inc. in the city of Springfield for the Stone Soul community festival; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Irish Cultural Center, Inc. of Western New England in the city known as the town of West Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to fund marketing and the promotion of visitation and tourism in the town of Hull"

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"; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Early College program administered by Northern Essex Community College; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the city of Newburyport for the purchase, installation and related costs, such as engineering and design work, for a new landfill gas flare system at the Crow Lane landfill in the city of Newburyport; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for community outreach and education for Centro Las Americas Inc.'s Latino Elders Program in the town of Southbridge"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Thunderbolt Council, Inc. in the city of Westfield; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Milton for public safety and transportation infrastructure improvements; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to New Bedford Historical Society, Inc. for cultural and educational programming to benefit financially disadvantaged children in the city of New Bedford"

and

"; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 be allocated to the town of Andover for improvements related to the Historic Mill District"

7010-0005	2,440,000	11,663,767	"; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Brockton public school district; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for safety upgrades for Hingham public schools; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for a school resource officer at Cohasset public schools; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for a school resource
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officer at Hull public schools; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for technology upgrades in the Pembroke Public Schools; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for mitigation costs in the Millis public school district; provided further, that not less than \$45,000 shall be expended for the costs associated with technology upgrades for the Dracut Public School District; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 be expended for the Hispanic American Library Inc. of Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Clarksburg Elementary School; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for classroom safety and security upgrades at the Woodland, Powder Mill and High Schools in the Town of Southwick"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the purposes of a pilot project to connect organic gardening, outdoor exercise, healthy food, food preparation and elementary school aged children in the greater Northampton area, operated by Grow Food Northampton; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the operation of Camp Pohelo in the town of Tewksbury; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for emergency repairs by the school department in the town of Tewksbury to the North Street elementary school; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for grants to the Adams-Cheshire regional school district for the purpose of offsetting increased costs; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for Rockland public school district for teacher training to develop and support an English language learner program; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for Rockland public school district for teacher training to develop and support Special Education programs; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Greater Lawrence Technical School in Andover; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for computer carts at the Amesbury Public Schools in the City of Amesbury; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the implementation of an educational program coordinated by the JFK Library Foundation, that focuses on underserved communities across the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended on Methuen High School for mental health counseling services; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Abington public schools for costs associated with updating curriculum; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to mitigate student overcrowding in Framingham Public Schools; provided further, that not less than the amount appropriated in

item 7009-1700 in section 2 of chapter 133 of the acts of 2016 for the town of Ashland shall be expended again in fiscal year 2018; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for repairs and replacement of the roof of the H. Olive Day elementary school in the town of Norfolk; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended in the town of Plainville to update the playground at the Anna Ware Jackson Elementary School; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for North Andover public schools toward sustaining full-day kindergarten; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to establish a school resource officer position for North Attleboro public schools; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Springfield public school district to continue proven, data-supported programming to address the needs of at-risk middle and high school students through mentoring, truancy prevention and other interventions; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for costs associated with technological upgrades for the public school district of the town of Westford"

7010-0033	300,000	1,396,907	"; provided, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for Reading Recovery"
7027-0019	404,000	3,150,000	"; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be provided for a culinary arts program at South Hadley High School to provide vocational training to students"
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			"; provided further, that \$35,000 shall be expended for the continued operation of a pilot program at the Blackstone Valley Education Foundation, Inc. to provide collaboration between public school districts and area manufacturers, including by identifying prospective students, offering on-site training sessions and creating a technical skills-oriented curriculum at participating schools; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Triangle, Inc.'s School-to-Career program that connects special education students with disabilities in Greater Boston to careers and their local communities"
7035-0002	850,001	28,782,377	"; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be allocated to Lawrence Family Development and Education Fund, Inc. to assist in citizenship education, citizenship application assistance, English as second language classes and computer training for low-income adults"
7053-1925	250,000	4,416,445	"; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for a grant for the Chefs in Schools program, operated by Project Bread-The Walk for Hunger, Inc"
7061-0033	100,000	1,300,000	"; provided, that not less than \$100,000 shall be made

available to the town of Lincoln to mitigate the costs of educating the children of retired-military families"

7061-9408	400,000	6,807,165	"; provided further, that \$250,000 shall be expended for the continuation of the parent engagement program under item 7061-9408 of section 2 of chapter 182 of the acts of 2008; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for a social worker to reduce school violence in Chelsea Public Schools; and provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for a youth case worker to combat youth violence in the city of Everett"
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7061-9611	1,325,846	2,199,154	"; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be appropriated to Homework House of Holyoke; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Youth Court programs of New Bedford and Fall River to support juvenile diversion programs based on the principles of peer-lead restorative justice; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the department of community services in the city of New Bedford to establish an after-school STEAM Design Academy for Girls pilot program; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Bird Street Community Center in Boston; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for Steps to Success, Inc. in the town of Brookline; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Hoops and Homework to provide academic and enrichment services for youth in the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Resiliency for Life program to support academic intervention and dropout prevention; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Yes We Care Teen Leadership Torch Training program; provided further, that \$25,000 shall be expended for Scholar Athletes, Inc. for its athletic and professional training programming"
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"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Youth and Family Enrichment Services, Inc. to provide after-school academic enrichment for area youth; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for a 1-time grant program to be administered by the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts, Inc. in collaboration with a youth development committee consisting of Dennison Memorial Community Center, Inc., Boys and Girls Club of Greater New Bedford, Inc., Youth Opportunities Unlimited, Inc., People Acting in Community Endeavors, Inc., the Community Economic Development Center in New Bedford and the Women's Center in New Bedford, to provide access to youth development and arts and cultural programming for financially disadvantaged youth in

the city of New Bedford, with possible applicants to include nonprofit organizations in the city of New Bedford whose mission is to promote youth literacy, development and access to arts and cultural opportunities; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended for Community Boating Center, Inc. of New Bedford for programming for financially disadvantaged children in the city of New Bedford; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be used for a new grant to increase access to quality afterschool or summer learning programs for school-age children and youth; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the operation of a pilot data-sharing program designed to provide school districts with funds to partner with local community-based organizations and share identifiable student data to the extent allowed by law; provided further, that the pilot program shall be for not more than 3 years; provided further, that the afterschool and out-of-school time coordinating council shall recommend funds to 2 school districts for the pilot program; provided further, that the afterschool and out-of-school time coordinating council shall conduct quantitative and qualitative analysis on the pilot data sharing program; provided further, that the Massachusetts afterschool and out-of-school time coordinating council shall file a report on the effects of the pilot program on students participating in the programs partnered with the school districts with the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives and the chairs of the senate and house committees on ways and means not later than December 31, 2018; and provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be allocated to Beyond Soccer, Inc. to provide innovative health, athletic and leadership programming for low-income youth in the city of Lawrence"

7061-9612	100,000	400,000	"; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended in order to leverage preexisting investments and establish an infrastructure to facilitate coordination of school and community based resources, including but not limited to social services, youth development, health and mental health resources"
7066-0000	2,139,899	1,836,684	"; provided further, that \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the state university internship incentive program established in item 7066-0000 of section 2 of chapter 139 of the acts of 2012; provided further, that the commonwealth shall contribute funds to each institution in an amount necessary to match private contributions in the current fiscal year to the institution's internship incentive program; provided further, that the commonwealth's contribution shall be equal to \$1 for every \$1 privately contributed to each university's board of trustees or foundation; provided further, that the maximum total contributions from the commonwealth shall be not more than the amount appropriated in this item; provided further, that funds

from this program shall not result in direct or indirect reduction in the commonwealth's appropriations to the institutions for operations, scholarships, financial aid or any state appropriation and the department shall promulgate regulations and criteria for the program"

and

"; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the training resources and internship networks (TRAIN) grant program established under section 179 of chapter 46 of the acts of 2015; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for monthly stipends for participants in the program; provided further, that not more than \$100,000 shall be expended for administrative costs for the program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 be expended for costs related to relocation and modernization of equipment for the automotive technology center at Mount Wachusett Community College in the city of Fitchburg; provided further, that an amount not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to implement an automotive repair technician training and job placement program established pursuant to section 57 of chapter 74 of the General Laws"

7066-0040	135,000	242,500	" ; provided further, that not less than \$135,000 shall be expended for the implementation of a gang to college pilot program to serve gang-involved youth from high-crime areas in the city of Boston enrolled in college pathway programs; provided further, that the funds shall be matched 2 to 1 by private funds"
7070-0065	254,000	95,599,324	" ; and provided further, that not less than \$254,000 shall be made available to provide financial assistance for residents of the commonwealth enrolled at public higher education institutions to participate in the Massachusetts initiative with The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars"
7100-0200	85,000	513,460,371	" ; provided further, that not less than \$85,000 shall be made available for renovations and improvements to the UMASS Marine Station Gloucester"
7505-0100	130,000	10,407,985	" ; provided, that not less than \$75,000 shall be made available for the operation of a Farm and Food Systems pilot program and Teaching Garden at Greenfield Community College"
7509-0100	150,000	14,560,111	" ; provided, that not less than \$150,000 shall be made available for advanced manufacturing and technology training programs at the Mount Wachusett Community College Devens campus"
7511-0100	50,000	21,568,575	" ; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be made available for the development and implementation of the Ability to Benefit pilot program, a career pathway program that partners Wellspring House, Inc. with

North Shore Community College to integrate adult basic education with college-level coursework"

8000-0600	1,987,000	2,428,464	"; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in Sudbury; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in Pembroke; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in Waltham; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in Watertown; provided, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for ShotSpotter technology in Pittsfield; provided further, that not less than \$68,000 shall be expended for Dispute Resolution Services, Inc. in Springfield for community mediation services in Hampden County; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in Dudley; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to police department's behavioral health unit in Lynn; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for the police department in the town of Eastham to be used in conjunction with the towns of Wellfleet, Truro and Provincetown to address the traffic safety issues on United State highway route 6 from the rotary in the town of Orleans to the town of Provincetown from May 26 to October 9; provided further, that not less than \$129,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in Needham; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the replacement of the Richardson Street Broadcast Tower for the town of Uxbridge; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the police and fire departments in Littleton; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in Grafton; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in Fitchburg; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in Southborough; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in Braintree; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for a mobile command center in Dartmouth; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Black Men of Greater Springfield, Inc. to implement the W.E.B DuBois Academy Saturday School, W.E.B DuBois Academy Summer Camping Program, and the unity grants program in Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the planning, development and design of a public safety building in the town of Ashland; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the town of Dover to modernize Emergency Operations Management established pursuant to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan"
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"; provided further, that \$100,000 shall be expended for the repair and construction of a bridge to allow handicapped access and for the installation of a fish ladder at Herring Run park in the town of Pembroke; provided further, that not less than \$27,000 shall be expended to the town of Upton for public safety improvements; provided further, that not less than \$54,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements for the Millbury public school district; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the city of Worcester for public safety operations; provided further, that not less than \$9,000 shall be expended to the town of Northbridge for public safety improvements; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of Auburn for public safety improvements; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for a feasibility and design study for a new public safety building in the town of Mendon; provided further, that not less than \$65,000 shall be expended for the police department in the town of Townsend for new radio systems; provided further, that \$60,000 shall be expended for an emergency generator in the town of Southampton; provided further, that \$100,000 shall be expended for repairs and improvements to the public works complex in the town of Tolland; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Dracut for communications tower replacement for Marsh Hill"

8100-1001	1,887,952	279,532,693	"; provided further, that not less than \$1,030,000 shall be expended for the payroll costs of the state police directed patrols; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for Troop A to conduct mounted, directed patrols throughout Revere Beach, the Lynn Fells and the Middlesex Fells Reservation Park among other identified areas; provided further, that subject to appropriation communities receiving funds for directed patrols in fiscal year 2008 shall receive an equal disbursement of funds in proportion to the current appropriation in fiscal year 2018; provided further, that funds shall be expended for directed patrols at Constitution Beach in East Boston; provided further, that not less than \$95,000 shall be expended for additional patrols for the summer season at Wollaston Beach and Furnace Brook Parkway in Quincy; and provided further, the department shall execute a service contract with University of Massachusetts memorial emergency medical services for not more than \$60,000 for emergency and tactical medical support services"
8200-0200	50,000	4,787,750	"; and provided further, that no less than \$50,000 be provided for to the town of Boylston for hosting a municipal police training academy"

8324-0000	2,830,000	21,711,413	"; provided further, that the amount allocated for hazardous material response teams in item 8324-0000 of section 2 of chapter 182 of the acts of 2008 shall be allocated to each program in fiscal year 2018 and shall not be reduced by more than 57 per cent"  and  "; provided further, that the amount allocated for fire department training academies in said item 8324-0000 of said section 2 of said chapter 182 shall be allocated to each program in fiscal year 2018; provided further, that the amount allocated for the Norfolk county regional fire and rescue dispatch center in item 8324-0000 of said section 2 of said chapter 182 shall be allocated in fiscal year 2018"
			and  "; provided further, that not less than \$90,000 shall be allocated to the fire department in the city of Tewksbury for municipal improvements to cover the cost of responding to Tewksbury state hospital; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Barnstable County Fire and Rescue Training Academy; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for the fire department of the city of Lynn to update the department's uniform sanitizing equipment and machinery; provided further, that \$50,000 shall be provided for the city of Quincy's fire department hazardous materials response team; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Fire Chiefs' Association of Plymouth County, Inc. to develop and upgrade the emergency radio communications system in Plymouth county; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Millis for improvements to the wiring and communications abilities of the police and fire departments of the town"
8700-0001	35,000	9,656,590	"; and provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Veterans Oral History Project to be conducted by Home of the Brave, Inc., in conjunction with the Massachusetts National Guard Museum and Archives"
8900-0001	125,000	615,329,903	"; provided further, that the department of correction shall expend \$125,000 for monitoring the efficacy of service delivery reforms at Bridgewater state hospital by the Disability Law Center, Inc.; and provided further, that the Disability Law Center, Inc. shall report on the impact of these reforms on the patients at Bridgewater state hospital to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery, the joint committee on the judiciary and the house and senate committees on ways and means not

			less than every 6 months"
8910-0107	250,000	68,025,072	"; and provided further, that the sheriff's office shall expend not less than \$250,000 for the first year of a 4-year pilot program to establish a county restoration center overseen by the Middlesex county restoration center commission to divert persons suffering from mental illness or substance use disorder who interact with law enforcement or the court system during a pre-arrest investigation or the pre-adjudication process from lock-up facilities and hospital emergency departments to appropriate treatment"
8910-0108	100,000	15,814,487	"; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for a pilot program for training active bystanders"
8910-0110	186,952	13,978,512	"; and provided further, that not less than \$186,952 shall be expended on the Bridge to the Future project"
9110-1900	12,300	7,256,375	"; and provided further, that not less than \$12,300 shall be expended for a food pantry driver in the town of Wales"
9110-9002	635,000	13,607,900	"; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended on a grant for the Quincy department of elder affairs; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended on the West Brookfield Senior Center; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the town of Norwell for the purchase of an emergency generator for the Norwell Senior Center; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended on the Seekonk Senior Center; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended on the Whipple senior center of Weymouth; provided further, that \$25,000 shall be expended on the South Boston Neighborhood House; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended on the Dedham Council on Aging; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended on the Arlington senior center; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the Pioneer Valley Project Inc. for outreach and education to the senior citizens in the North End, South End and Forest Park; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended on the Carver council on aging; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended on the Billerica Friends of the council on aging; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the expansion of the council on aging building in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be allocated for the operation of the Alzheimer's caregivers respite program at the Brookline Senior Center; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Duxbury for improvements at the Duxbury Senior Center"

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

Section 2E	Reduce By	Reduce To	Wording Stricken
1595-6368	1,245,550	302,096,222	<p>"; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the intersection of Front street, Central street and Spring street in the town of Winchendon"</p> <p>and</p> <p>"; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Hudson commuter shuttle; provided further, that not less than \$28,550 shall be expended for traffic improvements in the town of Wellesley; provided further, that not less than \$22,000 shall be expended for Brook path in the town of Wellesley; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to upgrade the Newton square rotary in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$65,000 shall be expended for air and noise pollution using best practices in consultation with the department of environmental protection along the I-93 corridor in the city of Somerville; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for senior transportation in the towns of Maynard and Acton; provided, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to improve pedestrian and traffic safety on state highway route 16 at the rotary in the vicinity of Dilboy stadium in the city of Somerville; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for repairs to the state highway route 101 bridge in the town of Phillipston; provided further, that not less than \$70,000 shall be expended to the town of Marshfield for the completion of a large scale sidewalk construction project; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for construction of a pedestrian walkway with appropriate safety signage and signalization at intersection of state highway route 3A and the new Gates middle school in the town of Scituate; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Weymouth for signage improvements and sidewalk installation at the intersection of Washington street and Broad street in the city known as the town of Weymouth; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the replacement of a failing culvert in the town of Blackstone; provided, that not less than \$250,000 shall be provided to the Montachusett Regional Transit Authority for the Athol-Orange shuttle, the community transit services successor service, to maintain current transportation service in the towns of Athol and Orange; and provided further, that the Montachusett Regional Transit Authority continue the agreement executed by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation pursuant to chapter 133 of the acts of 2016"</p>

I reduce the following items in Section 2 by striking the wording as indicated and inserting in place thereof the following wording set forth below:

Section 2	Reduce By	Reduce To	
2511-0100	281,264	5,549,077	<p>Wording Stricken</p> <p>"; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be for the Greater New Bedford region food initiative"</p> <p>and</p> <p>"; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to meet the cost products, equipment, and labor associated with the eradication of the arbovirus, as well as the cost of any other type of pesticide or agent, in order to prevent the spread of Eastern Equine Encephalitis, West Nile virus and the Zika virus in Bristol and Plymouth Counties"</p> <p>and</p> <p>"; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Wrentham to construct an animal shelter; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be extended to the University of Massachusetts extension program to conduct apiary research and education relative to pollinator mortality, as well as to provide general support and make recommendations on preventing hive loss to the apiary inspection program, county beekeeping associations and statewide pollinator stewardship efforts"</p> <p>Wording Inserted</p> <p>"; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to meet the cost products, equipment, and labor associated with the eradication of the arbovirus, as well as the cost of any other type of pesticide or agent, in order to prevent the spread of Eastern Equine Encephalitis, West Nile virus and the Zika virus in Bristol and Plymouth Counties"</p>
4000-0641	7,500,000	345,100,000	<p>Wording Stricken</p> <p>"; provided, that in fiscal year 2018 the executive office of health and human services, in consultation with the center for health information and analysis, shall establish rates that cumulatively total \$317,100,000 more than the annual payment rates established under the rates in effect as of</p>

June 30, 2002"

Wording Inserted

"; provided, that in fiscal year 2018 the executive office of health and human services, in consultation with the center for health information and analysis, shall establish rates that cumulatively total \$309,600,000 more than the annual payment rates established under the rates in effect as of June 30, 2002"

4120-4000            270,000        9,353,606    Wording Stricken

"; provided, that not less than \$1,556,590 shall be expended for assistive technology services"

Wording Inserted

"; provided, that not less than \$1,286,590 shall be expended for assistive technology services"

4403-2000            6,613,292    156,237,920    Wording Stricken

"; provided further, that a nonrecurring children's clothing allowance of \$300 shall be provided to each child eligible under this program in September 2017"

and

"; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of transitional assistance shall calculate benefits provided under item 4403-2000, in the same manner as the previous fiscal year; provided further, that the department's calculation of benefits shall not preclude the department from making eligibility or benefit changes that lead to an increase in eligibility or benefits; provided further, that the department shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities and the clerks of the house of representatives and senate 75 days before adopting eligibility or benefit changes; and provided further, that the report shall include the text of, basis and reasons for the proposed changes"

Wording Inserted

"; provided further, that a nonrecurring children's clothing allowance of \$250 shall be provided to each child eligible under this program in September 2017"

4512-0500            150,000        1,872,353    Wording Stricken

"; provided further, that \$300,000 shall be expended for the Forsyth Institute's Center for Children's Oral Health to expand its ForsythKids programming focused on children and adolescents and to explore the emerging association between oral health status and academic performance"

Wording Inserted

"; provided further, that \$150,000 shall be expended for the Forsyth Institute's Center for Children's Oral Health to expand its ForsythKids programming focused on children and adolescents and to explore the emerging association between oral health status and academic performance"

4800-0038            403,000    289,561,283    Wording Stricken

"; provided further, that programs in substantial regulatory and contractual compliance shall receive no less than the same level of funding in fiscal year 2018 as received in fiscal year 2017; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended on the Weymouth Teen Center; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Rick's Place of Wilbraham; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended on the Methuen Athletic Improvement Committee's Methuen Youth Center Committee; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended on the North Andover Youth Center; provided further, that not less than \$3,000 shall be expended on Groundwork Lawrence"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$400,000 shall be expended for the Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol County, Inc."

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to South Boston en Acción, Inc. for leadership development training, English for speakers of other languages, science, technology, engineering and mathematics and basic computer skills instruction; English-Spanish immersion training and Spanish-English immersion training"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for The Treehouse Foundation, Inc. of the city of Easthampton for planning to replicate the Intergenerational Treehouse Community model in the MetroWest region"

Wording Inserted

"; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for the Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol County, Inc."

7006-0011            800,000            1,550,000    Wording Stricken

"; provided, that the division may expend revenues of not more than \$2,350,000 from the revenue received from

administrative fees associated with the licensure fees and from civil administrative penalties collected under said chapter 255F"

and

"; provided further, that not less than \$800,000 shall be expended for housing services and counseling provided by regional housing consumer education centers operated by the regional nonprofit housing authorities"

Wording Inserted

"; provided, that the division may expend revenues of not more than \$1,550,000 from the revenue received from administrative fees associated with the licensure fees and from civil administrative penalties collected under said chapter 255F"

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

Section 2	Wording Stricken
1102-3199	"; provided, that the office shall continue to provide funding for all janitorial services at the same level provided in fiscal year 2017 for all buildings under the jurisdiction of the office"
4400-1020	"; provided further, that the department of housing and community development shall make available rental assistance pursuant to item 7004-9024 to ensure effective participation in this program"
7004-0108	"; provided further, that a family shall not be deemed ineligible as a result of any single violation of a self-sufficiency plan"

I return for amendment, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Article 56, as amended by Article 90, Section 3, of the Amendments to the Constitution, Sections 5, 8, 13, 16, 17, 30, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 87, 93, 109, 110, 111, 122, 125, 138, 146, 147, and 150. The text of my recommended amendments is set forth in separate letters of this date to the Senate and House of Representatives.

The remainder of this bill I approve.

Approved, July 17, 2017

at                      o'clock and                      minutes,                      .M.

Charles D. Baker

Governor