

HOUSE No. 4132

House bill No. 4127, as changed by the House committee on Bills in the Third Reading and as amended and passed to be engrossed by the House. October 16, 2019.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2019 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which are forthwith to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2019 and to make certain changes in law, each of which is immediately necessary to carry out those appropriations or to accomplish other important public purposes, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

1 SECTION 1. To provide for supplementing certain items in the general appropriation act
2 and other appropriation acts for fiscal year 2019, the sums set forth in section 2 are hereby
3 appropriated from the General Fund unless specifically designated otherwise in this act or in
4 those appropriation acts, for the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this
5 act or in those appropriation acts, and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public
6 funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. These sums shall be in addition to any amounts
7 previously appropriated and made available for the purposes of those items. These sums shall be
8 made available until June 30, 2020.

9 SECTION 2.

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JUDICIARY

Committee for Public Counsel Services

0321-1510.....\$1,985,825

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

Northwestern District Attorney

0340-0600.....\$50,000

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

0540-1200.....\$400,000

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Commission on Women

0950-0000\$25,000

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

Commission on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

0950-0030\$40,000

EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Department of Veterans Services

1410-1616.....\$100,000

Reserves

1599-0026.....\$4,170,000

32 1599-6903.....\$20,500,000

33 1599-8910.....\$7,800,000

34 *Group Insurance Commission*

35 1108-5500.....\$100,000

36 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

37 *Department of Agricultural Resources*

38 2511-0100 \$5,000,000

39 Department of Conservation and Recreation

40 2810-0122\$300,000

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42 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

43 *Office of the Secretary*

44 1595-1070.....\$16,300,000

45 4000-0005\$250,000

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47 4000-0641.....\$9,858,217

48 4000-0700.....\$296,500,000

49 Office for Refugees and Immigrants

50 4003-0122.....\$200,000

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Department of Public Health

53 4510-0110.....\$350,000

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55 4512-0205.....\$1,050,000

56 4513-1130.....\$50,000

57 Department of Mental Health

58 5046-0000.....\$50,000

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60 4590-1504.....\$10,000,000

61 MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

62 *Department of Transportation*

63 1595-6368.....\$7,951,098

64 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

65 *Department of Housing and Community Development*

66 7004-0100.....\$71,800

67 7004-0107.....\$50,000

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69 7004-9007.....\$325,000

70 7004-9316.....\$2,274,232

71 *Division of Professional Licensure*

72 7006-0040.....\$350,000

73 *Division of Telecommunications and Cable*

74 7006-0071.....\$150,000

75 *Massachusetts Marketing Partnership*

76 7008-

77 1116.....\$2,545,000

78 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

79 *Office of the Secretary*

80 1595-1075.....\$3,372,500

81 Gaming Economic Development Fund.....100%

82 *Department of Career Services*

83 7003-0100.....\$200,000

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85 7003-0101.....\$1,948,449

86 7003-0800.....\$4,495,579

87 7003-0803.....\$1,600,000

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Office of the Secretary

1595-7066.....\$1,500,000

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

7010-1192.....\$390,000

7035-0006.....\$2,571,960

7035-0008.....\$2,000,000

7061-0012.....\$1,998,540

7061-9010 \$17,500,000

7061-9408..... \$10,000,000

Department of Higher Education

7066-0009..... \$310,000

7066-0015..... \$1,500,000

7066-0021..... \$1,221,418

7070-0065..... \$17,500,000

7070-0066 \$500,000

Worcester State University

106	7116-0100.....	\$250,000
107	Cape Cod Community College	
108	7504-0100	\$100,000
109	Mount Wachusett Community College	
110	7509-0100.....	\$100,000
111	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY	
112	Office of the Secretary	
113	8000-0313.....	\$400,000
114	Military Division	
115	8700-1150	\$8,702,548

116 SECTION 2A. To provide for certain unanticipated obligations of the commonwealth, to
117 provide for an alteration of purpose for current appropriations, and to meet certain requirements
118 of law, the sums set forth in this section are hereby appropriated from the General Fund unless
119 specifically designated otherwise in this section, for the several purposes and subject to the
120 conditions specified in this section, and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public
121 funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Except as otherwise stated, these sums shall be
122 made available until June 30, 2020.

123 SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

124	0521-0002	To implement early voting in the commonwealth for the presidential
125		primaries as required by section 46 of this act; provided, that not less than \$1,500,000 shall be
126		expended for a campaign to increase public awareness of access to early voting pursuant to said
127	section	\$2,250,000

128 0511-0272 For a statewide competitive grant program for the purpose of assisting
129 municipalities with providing a complete and accurate count in the 2020 census; provided, that
130 the grant program shall be known as the Cities Complete Count grant program; provided further,
131 that the grant program shall be administered by the secretary of the commonwealth through a
132 competitive request for proposals, which shall support outreach efforts in communities that are at
133 significant risk of being undercounted; provided further, that municipalities eligible to apply for
134 the grant shall include municipalities that are among the hardest to count, including those with a
135 2010 Census Return Rate of 75 per cent or lower, and those with at least 50 per cent of the
136 population in hard-to-count Census tracts, inclusive, as determined by the secretary; provided
137 further, that eligible outreach and education activities shall include but not be limited to: (a)
138 conducting outreach to hard-to-count populations through media, mailings, canvassing, phone
139 banking, or public forums, (b) disseminating information at key service centers and access points
140 in the community, and (c) tailored outreach and support to homeless populations, households
141 with limited English, immigrant communities and individuals with difficulty accessing the
142 internet or otherwise completing the form; provided further, that, in making awards, the secretary
143 shall ensure, to the maximum extent practicable: (1) proportionate funding based on the
144 distribution of hard-to-count communities across the commonwealth, and (2) targeted
145 investments in areas with no federal area census office; provided further, that the highest priority
146 is given to proposals which (A) identify solutions that directly address barriers to a complete
147 count on 2020, including but not limited to: usability of the digital platform, impacts of a federal
148 citizenship question, and reduced federal resources, and (B) tailor outreach efforts to engage
149 historically underserved populations; provided further, that the total grant to a single recipient
150 shall not exceed 10 per cent of the total available; provided further, that the secretary shall

151 provide technical assistance to eligible municipalities in the application process; provided
152 further, that the secretary may use not more than 5 per cent of the total appropriation for
153 necessary administrative costs reasonably related to grant administration; provided further, that
154 the secretary shall develop guidelines which outline periodic reporting requirements for grantees,
155 including semi-annual and final reports; provided further, that the secretary shall file both a
156 preliminary and a final report on the efficacy of the grant programs, which shall outline key
157 accomplishments and estimated impact of the awarded funds; and provided further, that the
158 preliminary report shall be filed with the house and senate committees on ways and means and
159 with the joint committee on election laws not later than 3 months after the awarding of the funds,
160 and the final report within 6 months of the completion of all grant activities..... \$1,000,000.

161 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

162 *Reserves*

163 1599-1214 For a reserve for expansion, upgrades, or enhancements to staffing,
164 operations, or infrastructure for new and existing facilities that treat men with an alcohol or
165 substance use disorder under section 35 of chapter 123 of the General Laws; provided, that the
166 secretary of administration and finance may transfer funds from this item to state agencies as
167 defined in section 1 of chapter 29 of the General Laws.....\$16,363,882

168 1599-2019 For a reserve to provide extraordinary relief from the impacts of the July 23,
169 2019 tornado in municipalities on Cape Cod, including but not limited to, the towns of Harwich,
170 Chatham, Yarmouth, Brewster, Dennis and the Barnstable County Sheriff's Department and
171 other affected municipalities with qualifying expenses otherwise insufficient to receive federal
172 disaster relief; provided, that the secretary of administration and finance shall file a distribution

173 plan along with a detailed description of the qualifying expenses for which municipalities will be
174 reimbursed, 15 days in advance of the distribution, with the chairs of house and senate
175 committees on ways and means.....\$3,020,000

176 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

177 *Office of the Secretary*

178 1599-0718 For a reserve to fund the costs associated with efforts to enhance safety
179 and mitigate harms stemming from the increased presence of great white sharks in the Cape Cod
180 region, including but not limited to shark tagging, monitoring and surveillance activities and staff
181 costs associated therewith.....\$195,000

182 *Department of Environmental Protection*

183 2250-2002 For the testing of potential per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)
184 contamination of water supplies and for grants to support treatment and design of affected
185 drinking water systems; provided, that nothing in this item shall preclude PFAS impacted
186 communities from seeking reimbursement for costs and expenses already incurred for testing
187 potentially contaminated water supplies and the treatment and design of affected drinking water
188 systems related to PFAS contamination; and provided further, that any unexpended funds in this
189 item shall not revert but shall be made available for the purpose of this item until June 30,
190 2021.....\$8,400,000

191 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

192 *Department of Elder Affairs*

193 9110-1635 For adjustments to rates and capitations for home and community based
194 services provided through line items 9110-1630, 9110-0600, and 4000-0601; provided further
195 that \$4,141,830 shall be provided for an adjustment to approved program rates issued under line
196 items 9110-1630 and 9110-0600 to provide a rate add-on for wages, compensation and salary
197 related costs for personnel providing homemaker and personal care homemaker services;
198 provided further that \$5,941,400 shall be provided for adjusting rates for home health aide
199 services funded through line item 4000-0601 for the purpose of providing Title XIX services;
200 provided further, that said increases shall be distributed in consultation with the members and
201 leadership of the “Enough Pay to Stay” coalition, so-called; provided further, that the secretary
202 of elder affairs, with the approval of the secretary of health and human services, and the secretary
203 of administration and finance, may transfer funds from this item to line items 9110-1630, 9110-
204 0600, and 4000-0601, or any other item necessary in order to ensure that all home health aides
205 and personnel providing homemaker and personal care homemaker services receive an
206 appropriate rate adjustment.....\$10,083,230

207 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

208 *Department of Housing and Community Development*

209 7004-1010 For the down payment assistance program administered by the
210 Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency.....\$10,000,000

211 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION

212 *Office of the Secretary*

213 7009-6800 For an infrastructure grant program to assist public schools in enhancing
214 safety and security measures; provided, that grants shall be administered by the executive office
215 of education in coordination with the executive office of public safety and security, the executive
216 office of health and human services and the Massachusetts school building authority; provided
217 further, that the grants shall be used for retrofitting and upgrading school buildings with safety
218 and security enhancements including, but not limited to, classroom door locks, security cameras
219 or active shooter detection systems; provided further, that the department shall make efforts to
220 notify all public school districts of said program; provided further, that criteria shall be
221 established to prioritize those schools most in need of infrastructure improvements related to
222 safety and security and most in need of financial assistance for implementing said improvements;
223 and provided further, that the executive office of education shall submit a report, not later than
224 March 1, 2020 to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate
225 committees on ways and means detailing the awarding of grants and the expected use of said
226 grant.....\$5,000,000

227 *Department of Elementary and Secondary Education*

228 7061-0010 For a grant program to assist public school districts in contracting with
229 licensed community-based mental and behavioral health service providers for services in public
230 schools; provided, that said program shall be administered by the department of elementary and
231 secondary education in coordination with the executive office of health and human services;
232 provided further, that the department shall make efforts to notify all public school districts of
233 said program; provided further, that the department shall prioritize grant applications submitted
234 by school districts with limited access to mental and behavioral health services and limited
235 existing financial resources; provided further, that the department shall prioritize grant

236 applications submitted by school districts that have created action plans based on the safe and
237 supportive school framework, or whose applications are consistent with infrastructure and
238 coordination efforts linking schools to community-based resources in accordance with item
239 7061-9612; provided further, that grants may be expended to assist school districts in connecting
240 students with community-based services to maximize coordination with service providers and
241 establish more comprehensive continuums of care; provided further, that grants may be
242 expended to support increased professional development opportunities for public school
243 employees to identify students in need of mental and behavioral health support; and provided
244 further, that the department shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and
245 finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than March 1, 2020 on
246 the awarding of grants and details of anticipated contracts, by school districts.....\$5,000,000

247 *Department of Higher Education*

248 7066-0115 For the purposes of continuing the implementation of section 15E of
249 chapter 15A of the General Laws to encourage private fundraising by the commonwealth's
250 public institutions of higher education for the endowments and capital outlay programs of those
251 institutions, including but not limited to, endowed scholarship funds, endowed professorships,
252 endowed STEM programming, endowed research positions, endowed programming in the arts
253 and humanities, endowed funds to increase diversity and inclusion on public higher education
254 campuses, endowed funds which increase persistence and completion rates, endowed funds
255 which encourage innovative financial aid strategies, including income share arrangements,
256 endowed early college programs, and such other purposes as the board shall determine to be
257 consistent with system-wide and campus mission statements, and with measurable goals and
258 metrics tied to those missions; provided further, that the board of higher education shall

259 implement this program in a manner which ensures that each institution shall have an equal
260 opportunity to secure matching funds from this item; provided further, that \$10,000,000 shall be
261 allocated to the university of Massachusetts; provided further, that \$5,000,000 shall be allocated
262 to state universities; provided further, that \$5,000,000 shall be allocated to community colleges;
263 provided further, that if any funds allocated herein for disbursement to community college
264 campuses shall be unused, the remaining funds shall first be made available to the state
265 university campuses; provided further that if any funds from state university campuses shall be
266 unused, the remaining funds shall be made available to the University of Massachusetts'
267 campuses; provided further, that the board shall issue a preliminary report on the initial
268 allocation of matching dollars and any guidelines adopted for distribution and use of the funding
269 not later than December 15, 2019, and a final report on the efficacy of the program in securing
270 additional donations for public higher education, along with a description of all programmatic
271 improvements made possible by the funds, not later than June 15, 2020; and provided further,
272 that the interim report and the final report shall be provided to the house and senate chairs of the
273 joint committee on higher education, and the chairs of the house and senate committees on ways
274 and means.....\$20,000,000

275 General Fund.....91.30%

276 Education Fund.....8.70%

277 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

278 *Office of the Secretary*

279 8000-1127 For a nonprofit security grant program to provide support for target
280 hardening and other security enhancements to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of

281 terrorist attack and are ineligible for the United States Department of Homeland Security’s
282 Nonprofit Security Grant Program based on their location.....\$1,000,000

283 SECTION 2B. To provide for supplementing certain intragovernmental chargeback
284 authorizations in the general appropriation act and other appropriation acts for fiscal year 2019,
285 to provide for certain unanticipated intragovernmental chargeback authorizations, to provide for
286 an alteration of purpose for current intragovernmental chargeback authorizations and to meet
287 certain requirements of law, the sums set forth in this section are hereby authorized from the
288 Intragovernmental Service Fund for the several purposes specified in this section or in the
289 appropriation acts and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds for the
290 fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. These sums shall be in addition to any amounts previously
291 authorized and made available for the purposes of those items. These sums shall be made
292 available until June 30, 2020.

293 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

294 *Reserves*

295 1599-3100.....\$4,133,802

296 SECTION 2C.I. For the purpose of making available in fiscal year 2020 balances of
297 appropriations which otherwise would revert on June 30, 2019, the unexpended balances of the
298 appropriations listed below, not to exceed the amount specified below for each item, are hereby
299 re-appropriated for the purposes of and subject to the conditions stated for the corresponding
300 item in section 2 of chapter 154 of the acts of 2018. However, for items which do not appear in
301 section 2 of the general appropriation act, the amounts in this section are re-appropriated for the
302 purposes of and subject to the conditions stated for the corresponding item in section 2 or 2A of

303 this act or in prior appropriation acts. Amounts in this section are re-appropriated from the fund
 304 or funds designated for the corresponding item in section 2 of said chapter 154; provided,
 305 however, that for items which do not appear in section 2 of said chapter 154, the amounts in this
 306 section are re-appropriated from the fund or funds designated for the corresponding item in
 307 section 2 through 2E of this act or in prior appropriation acts. The unexpended balance of each
 308 appropriation in the Massachusetts management accounting and reporting system with a
 309 secretariat code of 01 or 17 is hereby re-appropriated for the purposes of and subject to the
 310 conditions stated for the corresponding item in said section 2 of said chapter 154. The sums
 311 reappropriated in this section shall be in addition to any amounts available for said purposes.

312 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

313 Northwestern District Attorney

314 0340-0600.....\$605,000

315 SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

316 *Middlesex Registry of Deeds – Northern District*

317 0540-1400.....\$100,000

318 OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR

319 0710-0000.....\$300,000

320 OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE

321 0930-0100.....\$300,000

322	MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION	
323	0940-0100.....	\$150,000
324	CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION	
325	1070-0840.....	\$500,000
326	HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION	
327	1450-1200.....	\$550,000
328	1450-1266.....	\$110,000
329	EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE	
330	<i>Reserves</i>	
331	1599-0054.....	\$2,218,220
332	1599-2018.....	\$5,000,000
333	1599-3222.....	\$750,000
334	1599-4417.....	\$12,900
335	1599-4448.....	\$12,162,481
336	<i>Division of Administrative Law Appeals</i>	
337	1110-1000.....	\$14,400
338	<i>Human Resources Division</i>	

339	1750-0928.....	\$349,000
340	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS	
341	<i>Department of Fish and Game</i>	
342	2330-0300.....	\$750,000
343	<i>Department of Agricultural Resources</i>	
344	2511-0103.....	\$625,000
345	<i>Department of Conservation and Recreation</i>	
346	2810-0122.....	\$100,000
347	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	
348	<i>Department of Transitional Assistance</i>	
349	4401-1000.....	\$400,000
350	<i>Department of Public Health</i>	
351	4510-0810.....	\$1,000,000
352	<i>Department of Children and Families</i>	
353	4800-0041.....	\$4,500,000
354	<i>Department of Mental Health</i>	
355	5046-0000.....	\$5,800,000

356	<i>Department of Veterans Services</i>	
357	1410-0022.....	\$100,000
358	1410-1616.....	\$150,000
359	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
360	<i>Office of the Secretary</i>	
361	7002-0017.....	\$130,000
362	<i>Division of Banks</i>	
363	7006-0010.....	\$200,000
364	<i>Department of Telecommunications and Cable</i>	
365	7006-0071.....	\$113,074
366	<i>Massachusetts Marketing Partnership</i>	
367	7008-1116.....	\$400,000
368	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	
369	<i>Office of the Secretary</i>	
370	7002-1080.....	\$65,000
371	<i>Department of Family and Medical Leave</i>	
372	7003-0300.....	\$350,000

373	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION	
374	<i>Department of Early Education and Care</i>	
375	3000-3060.....	\$7,624,683
376	3000-4060.....	\$18,815,708
377	<i>Department of Higher Education</i>	
378	7066-1129.....	\$50,000
379	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY	
380	<i>Office of the Secretary</i>	
381	8000-0600	\$768,420
382	<i>Office of the Chief Medical Examiner</i>	
383	8000-0105	\$150,000
384	<i>Department of Criminal Justice Information Services</i>	
385	8000-0110	\$763,874
386	<i>Department of State Police</i>	
387	8100-1001	\$4,000,000
388	8100-1004	\$1,560,000
389	<i>Department of Fire Services</i>	

390 8324-0000 \$913,000

391 Department of Correction

392 8900-0001 \$9,110,978

393 8900-0003 \$1,013,185

394 SECTION 2C.II. For the purpose of making available in fiscal year 2020 balances of
395 retained revenue and intragovernmental chargeback authorizations which otherwise would revert
396 on June 30, 2019, the unexpended balances of the authorizations listed below, not to exceed the
397 amount specified below for each item, are hereby re-authorized for the purposes of and subject to
398 the conditions stated for the corresponding item in section 2 or 2B of chapter 154 of the acts of
399 2018. However, for items which do not appear in section 2 or 2B of said chapter 154, the
400 amounts in this section are re-authorized for the purposes of and subject to the conditions stated
401 for the corresponding item in section 2, 2A, or 2B of this act or in prior appropriation acts.
402 Amounts in this section are re-authorized from the fund or funds designated for the
403 corresponding item in section 2 or 2B of the general appropriation act; however, for items which
404 do not appear in section 2 or 2B of the general appropriation act, the amounts in this section are
405 re-authorized from the fund or funds designated for the corresponding item in section 2, 2A, or
406 2B of this act or in prior appropriation acts. The sums re-authorized in this section shall be in
407 addition to any amounts available for those purposes.

408 OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER

409 1000-0601.....\$300,000

410 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

411 *Human Resources Division*
412 1750-0600.....\$250,000

413 *Operational Services Division*
414 1775-0800.....\$350,000

415 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

416 *Office of the Secretary*
417 4000-0250.....\$8,285,479

418 *Department of Veterans Services*
419 1410-0018 \$250,000

420 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

421 Department of Correction
422 8900-0021 \$400,000

423 SECTION 2E. The sums set forth in this section are hereby appropriated for transfer
424 from the General Fund to the trust funds named within each item unless specifically designated
425 otherwise in this section, for the purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this section
426 and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds for the fiscal year ending
427 June 30, 2019. Notwithstanding section 19A of chapter 29 of the General Laws, any transfer
428 under this section shall be made by the comptroller, effective June 30, 2019.

429 TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL

430 1595-1200 For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust to support
431 drinking water programs to remediate PFAS contamination of public water supplies, including
432 but not limited to zero percent-interest loans \$20,000,000

433 1595-1205 For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust to
434 support its purposes as set forth in chapter 29C of the General Laws, including to increase
435 project capacity..... \$35,000,000

436 **MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

437 Department of Transportation

438 1595-6386 For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund,
439 established pursuant to section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws for grants to municipalities
440 for the construction, reconstruction, maintenance, or improvement of municipal
441 ways.....\$60,000,000

442 Commonwealth Transportation Fund.....100%

443 1595-6389 For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority,
444 or any fund controlled by the authority, for additional staffing and contract costs to support
445 capital project delivery, inspection and maintenance activities, and service diversions necessary
446 to accelerate capital projects.....\$50,000,000

447 Commonwealth Transportation Fund.....100%

448 **EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

449 *Department of Housing and Community Development*

450 1595-0508 For an operating transfer to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund established in
451 section 2 of chapter 121D of the General Laws, to support the creation of units for extremely
452 low-income households.....\$10,000,000

453 General Fund.....84.03%

454 Local Capital Projects Fund.....15.97%

455 SECTION 3. Clause (2) of section 59 of chapter 23K of the General Laws, as appearing
456 in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subclause (a) and inserting in
457 place thereof the following subclause:-

458 (a) 2 per cent to the Massachusetts Cultural and Performing Arts Mitigation Trust
459 Fund established in section 2IIIII of chapter 29;.

460 SECTION 4. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
461 section 2GGGGG, inserted by section 24 of chapter 41 of the acts of 2019, the following 2
462 sections:-

463 Section 2HHHHH. (a) There shall be an Emergency Relief and Immediate
464 Commonwealth Assistance Trust Fund, which shall be administered by the Massachusetts
465 emergency management agency.

466 (b) There shall be credited to the trust fund: an amount not more than \$500,000 annually
467 in unexpended funds from item 8800-0001, which shall not revert to the General Fund but
468 instead shall be deposited in the trust fund at the end of each fiscal year; other funds appropriated
469 or transferred to the trust fund by the general court; and all interest earned on monies in the trust
470 fund.

471 (c) Expenditures from the fund shall not be subject to appropriation and balances
472 remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund; provided, that
473 expenditures from the fund shall be made for state or local response efforts to natural disasters or
474 emergency incidents determined at the discretion of the director of the agency; provided further,
475 that expenditures shall not be used to supplant recurring operational costs of the agency funded
476 through the general appropriations act; and provided further, that no expenditure shall be made
477 from the fund which shall cause the fund to be deficient at the end of the fiscal year.

478 (d) Not later than June 1 of each fiscal year, the agency shall submit a report to the
479 secretary of administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means,
480 which shall include the fund balance at the start of the current fiscal year, any transfers of funds
481 to and from the trust fund during the fiscal year, any revenue deposited into the trust fund, an
482 itemized description of expenditures by disaster or incident during the fiscal year, a projected
483 fund balance for the end of the fiscal year and any request for supplemental appropriations.

484 Section 2IIIII. (a) There shall be a Massachusetts Cultural and Performing Arts
485 Mitigation Trust Fund. All amounts credited to the fund shall be held in trust and shall be
486 available for expenditure, without further appropriation, by the Massachusetts cultural council.
487 The fund shall consist of: (i) monies transferred to the fund from the Gaming Revenue Fund
488 pursuant to subclause (a) of clause (2) of section 59 of chapter 23K; (ii) income derived from the
489 investment of amounts credited to the fund; and (iii) all other monies credited to or transferred to
490 the fund from any other fund or source. The comptroller may certify amounts for payment in
491 anticipation of expected receipts; provided, however, that no expenditure shall be made from the
492 fund that shall cause the fund to be deficient at the close of a fiscal year. Money remaining in the

493 fund at the close of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and shall be available for
494 expenditure in subsequent fiscal years.

495 (b) Expenditures from the fund shall be made in the following manner; provided,
496 however, that administrative and operational expenses shall not exceed 7 per cent of the total
497 assets of the fund in any 1 fiscal year: (i) one-quarter of all monies deposited into the fund
498 pursuant to subsection (a) shall be dedicated to the organizational support program of the
499 Massachusetts cultural council; and (ii) three-quarters of all monies deposited into the fund
500 pursuant to said subsection (a) shall be dedicated to support not-for-profit and municipally-
501 owned performing arts centers impacted as a result of the operation of gaming facilities;
502 provided, however, that funds dedicated to such performing arts centers shall be to subsidize fees
503 paid to touring shows or artists. Funding dedicated to such performing arts centers shall be
504 allocated through a competitive grant process to be developed and administered by the
505 Massachusetts cultural council.

506 (c) The Massachusetts cultural council shall report annually not later than March 1 to the
507 house and senate committees on ways and means on the fund. The report shall include, but not
508 be limited to, revenue received by the fund, revenue and expenditure projections for the
509 forthcoming fiscal year and details of all expenditures from the fund.

510 SECTION 5. The first paragraph of section 5G of said chapter 29, as so appearing, is
511 hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following
512 sentence:- If the department of revenue certifies that the amount of tax revenues estimated to
513 have been collected from capital gains income exceeds \$1,000,000,000 in a fiscal year, the
514 comptroller shall transfer quarterly any such amount that exceeds \$1,000,000,000 collected

515 during that fiscal year as follows: (i) 90 per cent shall be transferred to the Commonwealth
516 Stabilization Fund established in section 2H; (ii) 5 per cent shall be transferred to the State
517 Retiree Benefits Trust Fund established in section 24 of chapter 32A; and (iii) 5 per cent shall be
518 transferred to the Commonwealth's Pension Liability Fund established in subsection (e) of
519 subdivision 8 of section 22 of chapter 32.

520 SECTION 6. The second paragraph of said section 5G of said chapter 29, as so
521 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the
522 following sentence:- These transfers shall be made before the certification of the consolidated net
523 surplus for the previous fiscal year under section 5C.

524 SECTION 7. Said section 5G of said chapter 29, as so appearing, is hereby further
525 amended by striking out the third paragraph.

526 SECTION 8. Section 25B of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
527 amended by striking subsection (g) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

528 (g) The designation of an early voting site shall be made not less than 14 days prior to
529 the beginning of the voting period established in subsection (b). Not less than 7 days prior to the
530 beginning of the early voting period the registrars for each city or town shall post the location of
531 the early voting sites as well as the applicable dates and hours. Notice shall be conspicuously
532 posted in the office of the city or town clerk or on the principal official bulletin board of each
533 city or town, on any other public building considered necessary, on the city or town's website, if
534 any, and on the website of the state secretary.

535 SECTION 9. Section 1 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
536 amended by striking out subsection (c) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

537 (c) “Code”, the Internal Revenue Code of the United States, as amended on January 1,
538 2005 and in effect for the taxable year; but Code shall mean the Code as amended and in effect
539 for the taxable year for sections 62(a)(1), 72, 105, 106, 108(f)(5), 139C, 223, 274(m), 274(n),
540 401 through 420, inclusive, 457, 529, 529A, 530, 951, 951A, 959, 961, 3401 and 3405 but
541 excluding sections 402A and 408(q); and provided further, that for purposes of determining the
542 amount of business interest deductible under this chapter, the provisions of section 163(j) of the
543 Code shall not apply.

544 SECTION 10. Section 1 of chapter 63 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
545 amended by inserting in line 173, after the word “year” the following words:- ; provided,
546 however, that for sections 163(j), 381(c)(20), 382(d)(3) and 382(k)(1), Code shall mean the Code
547 as amended and in effect for tax years beginning before January 1, 2018.

548 SECTION 11. Paragraph 4 of section 30 of said chapter 63, as so appearing, is hereby
549 amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

550 “Net income”, gross income less the deductions, but not credits, allowable under the
551 provisions of the Code, as amended and in effect for the taxable year; provided, however, that for
552 sections 163(j), 381(c)(20), 382(d)(3) and 382(k)(1), Code shall mean the Code as amended and
553 in effect for tax years beginning before January 1, 2018; and provided further, that any deduction
554 otherwise allowable which is allocable, in whole or in part, to 1 or more classes of income not
555 included in a corporation’s taxable net income, as determined under subsection (a) of section 38,
556 shall not be allowed.

557 SECTION 12. Section 40 of chapter 82 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
558 amended by striking out, in lines 24 to 26, inclusive, the words “, excluding excavation by tools

559 manipulated only by human power for gardening purposes and use of blasting for quarrying
560 purposes”.

561 SECTION 13. Subsection (a) of section 63 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so
562 appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “Assessment” the following
563 definition:-

564 “Licensee”, any person holding a license to operate a nursing home. In the case of a
565 licensee that is not a natural person, licensee shall also mean any shareholder owning 5 per cent
566 or more, any officer and any director of any corporate licensee; any limited partner owning 5 per
567 cent or more and any general partner of a partnership licensee; any trustee of any trust licensee;
568 any sole proprietor of any licensee which is a sole proprietorship; any mortgagee in possession
569 and any executor or administrator of any licensee which is an estate.

570 SECTION 14. Subsection (f) of said section 63 of said chapter 118E, as so appearing, is
571 hereby amended by adding the following words:- , or impose a limitation on new admissions for
572 any nursing home that fails to remit delinquent fees, as directed by the executive office. The
573 secretary of the executive office may also enforce this section: (i) by offsetting payments from
574 the office of Medicaid on the claims of the nursing home, those of a nursing home with a
575 common licensee, or those of any successor in interest to the nursing home, in the amount of the
576 delinquent fees owed, including any interest and penalties, and transferring such funds into the
577 General Fund; (ii) by imposing, after demand, a lien in an amount not to exceed the amount of
578 the delinquent fees owed, including any interest and penalties, in favor of the commonwealth
579 upon any and all property of the nursing home or its licensee; or (iii) by such other appropriate
580 mechanism as the executive office may establish by regulation under subsection (g).

581 SECTION 15. Section 226 of chapter 139 of the acts of 2012, as most recently amended
582 by section 1 of chapter 363 of the acts of 2018, is hereby amended by striking out the words
583 “January 1, 2020”, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- July 31, 2021.

584 SECTION 16. Item 1000-0008 of section 2 of chapter 154 of the acts of 2018 is hereby
585 amended by striking out the words “5 per cent” and inserting in place thereof the following
586 words:- 16 per cent.

587 SECTION 17. Item 1599-0026 of said section 2 of said chapter 154 is hereby amended
588 by inserting after the words “provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for
589 the costs of the restoration and repair of Holyoke City Hall;” the following words:- provided
590 further, that the funds for the repair of Holyoke City Hall shall be made available until June 30,
591 2020;.

592 SECTION 18. Said item 1599-0026 of said section 2 of said chapter 154 is hereby further
593 amended by inserting after the words “provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be
594 expended for the town of Worthington to conduct a comprehensive capital needs study for town-
595 owned buildings;” the following words:- provided further, that the funds for the Worthington
596 capital needs study shall be made available until June 30, 2020;.

597 SECTION 19. Item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 154 is hereby amended
598 by inserting after the words “provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for
599 improvements to the Americal civic center in Wakefield;” the following words:- provided
600 further, that the funds for improvements to the Americal civic center shall be made available
601 until June 30, 2020;.

602 SECTION 20. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 154 is hereby further
603 amended by inserting after the words “provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be
604 expended for the construction of bathroom facilities at Frasca field in Tewksbury;” the following
605 words:- provided further, that funds for the Frasca Field facilities construction shall be made
606 available until June 30, 2020;.

607 SECTION 21. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 154 is hereby further
608 amended by inserting after the words “provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be
609 expended for site improvements at the Mildred C. Hailey Apartments in Boston;” the following
610 words:- provided further, that the funds for improvements at the Mildred C. Hailey Apartments
611 shall be made available until June 30, 2020;.

612 SECTION 21A. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 154 is hereby
613 further amended by inserting after the words “Roslindale Community Center” the following
614 words:- ; provided further, that the funds for the Roslindale Community Center shall be made
615 available until June 30, 2020.

616 SECTION 22. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 154 is hereby further
617 amended by inserting after the words “provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be
618 expended for the restoration of Memorial Hall in the city of Melrose;” the following words:-
619 provided further, that said restoration funds shall be made available until June 30, 2020;.

620 SECTION 23. Item 8324-0000 of said section 2 of said chapter 154 is hereby amended
621 by inserting after the words “provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for a
622 fire safety grant in the city of Attleboro;” the following words:- provided further, that said fire
623 safety grant funds shall be made available until June 30, 2020;.

624 SECTION 24. Said item 8324-0000 of said section 2 of said chapter 154 is hereby further
625 amended by inserting after the words “provided further, that \$100,000 shall be allocated to the
626 fire department in the town of Scituate for structural improvements to the Scituate Fire Station 4
627 in the Humarock section of the town of Scituate;” the following words:- provided further, that
628 the funds for said fire station structural improvements shall be made available until June 30,
629 2020;.

630 SECTION 25. Section 98 of said chapter 154 is hereby further amended by striking out
631 subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

632 (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the unexpended balances
633 in items 0699-0015 and 0699-9100 shall be deposited into the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund
634 established pursuant to section 24 of chapter 32A of the General Laws before the certification of
635 the fiscal year 2019 consolidated net surplus pursuant to section 5C of chapter 29 of the General
636 Laws. The amount deposited shall be an amount equal to 30 per cent of all payments received by
637 the commonwealth in fiscal year 2019 under the master settlement agreement in Commonwealth
638 of Massachusetts v. Philip Morris, Inc. et al., Middlesex Superior Court, No. 95-7378; provided,
639 however, that if in fiscal year 2019 the unexpended balances of said items 0699-0015 and 0699-
640 9100 are less than 30 per cent of all payments received by the commonwealth in fiscal year 2019
641 under the master settlement agreement payments, an amount equal to the difference shall be
642 transferred to the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund from payments received by the
643 commonwealth under the master settlement agreement.

644 SECTION 26. Item 4590-1504 of section 2A of chapter 273 of the acts of 2018 is hereby
645 amended by inserting after the words “funded through items 4000-0005, 7061-0010 and 7061-

646 9612;” the following words:- provided further, that preference in funding shall be given to
647 applications serving municipalities with a population of more than 50,000 with a violent crime
648 rate of more than 500 incidents per 100,000 residents in 2018; provided further, that each eligible
649 organization serving said municipalities, whose application is approved by the department, shall
650 receive not less than \$500,000; provided further, that the department shall ensure a
651 geographically equitable distribution of these funds;.

652 SECTION 27. Item 8100-1014 of section 2A of chapter 5 of the acts of 2019 is hereby
653 amended by inserting after the figure “2018” the following words:- , or the collection, testing or
654 tracking of sexual assault evidence kits.

655 SECTION 27A. Section 44 of chapter 5 of the acts of 2019 is hereby amended by striking out,
656 each time they appear, the words “December 31, 2019”, and inserting in place thereof the
657 following:- July 31, 2020.

658 SECTION 28. Item 1599-0010 of section 2A of chapter 6 of the acts of 2019 is hereby
659 amended by inserting after the words “current level of funding” the following words:- and
660 services.

661 SECTION 28A. Item 0950-0000 of section 2 of chapter 41 of the acts of 2019 is hereby
662 amended by adding the following words:- ; provided, that not less than \$25,000 shall be
663 expended for the purpose of holding 11 regional statewide hearings in partnership with
664 organizations serving or advocating on behalf of the needs of girls in middle school through
665 high school; and provided further funding shall also be used to host a statewide conference.

666 SECTION 28B. Item 1410-0010 of section 2 of said chapter 41 of the acts of 2019 is
667 hereby amended by inserting after the words “Duxbury American Legion Post 223” the

668 following words:- ; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 be allocated for Heidrea for
669 Heroes.

670 SECTION 28C. Item 1410-1616 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is amended by
671 inserting after the words “town of North Reading” the following words:- ; provided further, that
672 not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city of Haverhill for the purpose of constructing a
673 Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Mill Brook Park; provided that not less than \$50,000 shall be
674 expended for the sculpting and erecting of the Justice Edward O. Gourdin Veterans War
675 Memorial Park.

676 SECTION 29. Section 2 of chapter 41 of the acts of 2019 is hereby amended by striking
677 out item 1595-1068 and inserting in place thereof the following item:-

678 1595-1068 For an operating transfer to the MassHealth provider payment account in
679 the Medical Assistance Trust Fund established under section 2QQQ of chapter 29 of the General
680 Laws; provided, that these funds shall be expended for services provided during state or federal
681 fiscal year 2019 or 2020 or for public hospital transformation and incentive initiative payments
682 for state fiscal year 2019 or 2020 or for Medicaid care organization payments under 42 CFR
683 438.6(c) for rate year 2018, 2019 or 2020; provided further, that all payments from the Medical
684 Assistance Trust Fund shall be: (i) subject to the availability of federal financial participation; (ii)
685 made only under federally-approved payment methods; (iii) consistent with federal funding
686 requirements and all federal payment limits as determined by the secretary of health and human
687 services; and (iv) subject to the terms and conditions of an agreement with the executive office of
688 health and human services; provided further, that the secretary of health and human services
689 shall notify, in writing, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint
690 committee on health care financing of increases or decreases in any payments made within the

691 term of the current 1115 waiver or other state plan amendments within 15 days; and provided
692 further, that the secretary of health and human services shall utilize funds from the Medical
693 Assistance Trust Fund to make payments of up to \$413,550,000 to the Cambridge public health
694 commission or to Medicaid care organizations for payment to the Cambridge public health
695 commission if the Cambridge public health commission, in anticipation of receiving such
696 payments, first voluntarily transfers an amount equal to the nonfederal share of the payments to
697 the Medical Assistance Trust Fund using a federally-permissible source of funds...\$505,785,000

698 SECTION 29A. Item 1599-0026 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is amended by
699 inserting after the words “Camp Kiwanee in the town of Hanson” the following words:- ;
700 provided further, that not less than \$170,000 be provided to the town of Heath to reimburse for
701 damages related to Tropical Storm Irene.

702 SECTION 29B. Item 2810-0122 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is amended by
703 inserting after the words “Blue Hills trailside museum” the following words:- ; provided further,
704 that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for open space improvements in the Centralville
705 and Pawtucketville neighborhoods in the city of Lowell; provided that not less than \$100,000
706 shall be expended to the Allston Brighton Community Development Corporation for open space
707 enhancement and beautification of the Brighton section of the city of Boston; provided further,
708 that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Falmouth for the planning and
709 construction of the Shivericks Pond project.

710 SECTION 29C. Item 4000-0005 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is amended by
711 inserting after the words “youth center in the city of Lawrence” the following words:- ; provided
712 further, that \$100,000 be expended for the Merrimack Valley Public Safety Youth Center
713 operated by Lawrence Family Development, Inc. in the city of Lawrence to further their

714 programs to combat the large uptick in juvenile gun violence in the city; provided further, that
715 \$150,000 be expended for the city of Lawrence to establish a pilot program to combat the large
716 uptick in juvenile gang gun violence in the city.

717 SECTION 29D. Item 4003-0122 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended
718 by inserting after the words “city of New Bedford” the following words:- ; provided further, that
719 not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee
720 Advocacy Coalition’s Welcome Spaces for All training program.

721 SECTION 29E. Item 4510-0110 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended
722 by inserting after the words “vital care to patients” the following words:- ; provided further, that
723 not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, Inc. for
724 programs to increase access to health care for the medically underserved in the city of Haverhill;
725 provided further, that such programs shall include the development of a full-service community
726 health center in the city of Haverhill with collaborative, graduate degree-level programs to train
727 advanced practice nurses by Regis College; provided further, that the expenditure of such funds
728 shall be contingent on the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, Inc. providing a matching
729 amount of not less than \$100,000 in private funding; provided further, that not less than
730 \$250,000 shall be expended for a federally qualified community health center with a 24/7
731 satellite emergency facility licensed under 105 C.M.R. 1304 for the purpose of public safety
732 improvements.

733 SECTION 30. Item 4512-0205 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended by
734 inserting after the words “town of Hopkinton;” the following words:- provided further, that not
735 less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston for public health and homelessness
736 initiatives; provided further, that such funds shall include, but not be limited to: (a) the use of

737 street teams to increase mobile services to people on the street and provide rapid response to
738 newly homeless individuals in order to connect them with community providers; (b) expanding
739 the existing STEP Pilot to provide a seamless treatment path, intensive case management and
740 economic supports such as job training and subsidized employment that address the complex
741 issues of participating individuals; (c) the exploration of sober shelter capacity to meet the
742 increased need for shelter for individuals in early recovery when they are in between levels of
743 treatment; and (d) the expansion of women’s drop-in centers to reduce sexual exploitation and
744 victimization among opioid users and the lack of low-threshold programming that addresses the
745 unique needs of women; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 be expended to Troubled
746 Waters, Inc. of Dracut and Lowell, MA.

747 SECTION 30A. Item 4513-1130 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended
748 by inserting after the words “town of Salisbury” the following words:- ; provided further, that not
749 less than \$50,000 for the New England Learning Center for Women in Transition in the city of
750 Greenfield.

751 SECTION 30B. Item 5046-0000 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended
752 by inserting after the words “immigrants and refugees” the following words:- ; provided further,
753 that the department shall expend not less than \$50,000 for The Children’s Room located in the
754 town of Arlington.

755 SECTION 31. Item 7000-9501 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended by
756 striking the following words:- ; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 be expended to the
757 Friends of the South End Library, Incorporated.

758 SECTION 31A. Item 7003-0100 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended
759 by striking the words “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the
760 town of Chelmsford for the continued implementation of a business grant program” and inserting
761 in place thereof the following words:- ; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be
762 expended for the town of Chelmsford for the continued implementation of a business grant
763 program; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for STRIVE
764 FORWARD, a job-readiness program to be coordinated by the Justice Resource Institute to
765 connect chronically unemployed adults with training, case management and job placement.

766 SECTION 31B. Item 7004-0107 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended
767 by inserting after the words “in the city of Leominster for kitchen renovations” the following
768 words:- ; provided that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Westford Housing
769 Authority to purchase, remove, replace and install new stoves and cooking equipment in the
770 public housing of the town of Westford.

771 SECTION 32. Item 7004-9316 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended by
772 inserting after the words “established under section 60 of chapter 121B of the General Laws shall
773 be made available to this item” the following words:- ; provided further, that not less than
774 \$7,000,000 shall be expended from this Trust Fund and other sources to fund a rental and
775 mortgage arrearage assistance pilot program for households whose incomes are at or below 50
776 per cent of the area median income and who are at risk of eviction or foreclosure within the next
777 12 months; provided further, that for the purposes of this program, to receive cash benefits or
778 other services, it is not necessary for a household to be subject to summary process under chapter
779 239, and risk of eviction or foreclosure may be determined by certified statements from the
780 landlord or mortgage holder, and the applicant household verifying outstanding rent or mortgage

781 and the household's current inability to pay said fees; provided further, that the department shall
782 ensure that not less than 50 per cent of the funds be provided to households with incomes not
783 greater than 30 per cent of area median income; provided further, that eligible households shall
784 include, but not be limited to, families with children under the age of 21, elders, persons with
785 disabilities and unaccompanied youth; provided further, that services and cash benefits under the
786 arrearage program shall be made available to households for the prevention of the loss of
787 subsidized or unsubsidized housing; provided further, that cash benefits shall not exceed the
788 actual liability or four times the monthly rental or mortgage liability, whichever is less; provided
789 further, that such benefits shall be paid directly to the landlord or mortgage holder; provided
790 further, that in administering the program, the department shall coordinate with the department
791 of transitional assistance, member agencies and offices of the Massachusetts interagency council
792 on housing and homelessness and the agencies contracted to administer the residential assistance
793 for families in transition program on behalf of eligible households served by those agencies and
794 offices so as streamline the application process, provide additional support services and better
795 promote upstream homelessness prevention and housing stability; provided further, that the
796 department shall by June 15, 2020 issue a report on the rental and mortgage arrearage assistance
797 pilot program funded by this item; provided further, that the report shall be submitted to the
798 chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and means, the house and senate chairs of the
799 joint committee on housing and the house and senate clerks; provided further, that the report
800 shall include but not be limited to the following information: (i) the referral source for each
801 household and number of households referred by said source; (ii) the number of applications
802 requested, the number of applications completed, the number of applications approved; (iii) the
803 number of applications rejected and the reasons for denial; (iv) the household income and

804 demographic information for each qualifying household and its members; provided further, that
805 this information shall be provided by zip code and cumulatively; (v) the monthly rent or
806 mortgage liability for each qualifying household and the amount of each arrearage payment; and
807 (vi) the housing status of each qualifying household at 6, 12, and 24 months after receipt of
808 services or cash benefits.

809 SECTION 33. Item 7006-0142 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended by
810 striking out, in both places it appears, the figure “\$15,034,593” and inserting in place thereof the
811 following figure:- \$16,034,593.

812 SECTION 34. Item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended by
813 inserting after the words “the town of Hatfield” the following words:- provided further, that not
814 less than \$25,000 be expended to the Friends of the South End Library, Incorporated; provided
815 further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Hispanic American Library in
816 Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the continued
817 operation of MassChallenge; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for a
818 visitor center at Salisbury Beach in the town of Salisbury; provided further, that not less than
819 \$250,000 shall be expended for the 11 Massachusetts visitor information centers; provided
820 further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Cabo Verdean Cultural Center
821 Feasibility Commission established in section 136 of chapter 47 of the acts of 2017; provided
822 further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to assist the Worcester Department of
823 Public Work’s completion of the construction of the Francis R. Carroll Plaza; provided further,
824 that not less than \$30,000 be expended to the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Memorial
825 Foundation for the maintenance and upkeep of the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Memorial;
826 provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for ABCD North End/West End

827 elderly program; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for a transfer to
828 the Garden of Peace Trust Fund as set forth in Section 35LLL of Chapter 10 of the General Laws
829 for the feasibility study, design, and construction to expand the Garden; provided further, that not
830 less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the planning and development of a women’s rights
831 history trail in the commonwealth, including, but not limited to, permanent educational trail
832 markers and a permanent women’s rights memorial; provided further, that not less than \$100,000
833 shall be expended for promotional materials created by the Massachusetts office of travel and
834 tourism for the women’s rights history trail.

835 SECTION 34A. Item 7010-1192 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended
836 by inserting after the words “Northbridge public schools” the following words:- ; provided
837 further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for improvements to the former Thompson
838 Street School in New Bedford; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be appropriated
839 to the town of Millis to fund an engineering study to determine what the needs are to replace the
840 electrical and mechanical systems in the Millis Middle/High School; provided further, that not
841 less than \$40,000 shall be expended for the town of Belmont for school safety technology.

842 SECTION 35. Item 7070-0065 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended by
843 striking out the words “provided further, that funds from this item shall be made available for
844 early educator scholarships, paraprofessional grants and One Family, Inc. in amounts not less
845 than the amounts made available in fiscal year 2019”, and inserting in place thereof the following
846 words:- provided further, that funds from this item shall be made available for paraprofessional
847 grants in amounts not less than the amounts made available in fiscal year 2019; provided further,
848 that not less than \$3,000,000 more than fiscal year 2019 shall be expended on early educator

849 scholarships; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 more than fiscal year 2019 shall be
850 expended on One Family, Inc.

851 SECTION 35A. Item 7116-0100 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended
852 by adding the following words:- ; provided, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to
853 assist in pre-construction enabling work at the new University May Street academic building.

854 SECTION 35B. Item 7509-0100 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended
855 by inserting after the words “CAD/COMSOL at Mount Wachusett Community College” the
856 following words:- ; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Mount
857 Wachusett Community College for IT backup infrastructure.

858 SECTION 35C. Item 8000-0313 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended
859 by inserting after the words “low-income and downtown neighborhoods” the following words:- ;
860 provided further, not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts College of
861 Liberal Arts in North Adams to enhance campus security through the purchase and updating of
862 necessary public safety equipment; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be
863 expended for fire protection upgrades at Bridgewater State University; provided further, that not
864 less than \$50,000 shall be expended on the Hampshire Hills Emergency Communication System
865 Project to provide the critical emergency infrastructure improvements necessary to serve the
866 needs of emergency responders in Hampshire, Hampden and Franklin counties.

867 SECTION 36. Item 8700-1140 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended by
868 striking out, in both places it appears, the figure “\$400,000” and inserting in place thereof the
869 following figure:- \$1,900,000.

870 SECTION 37. Item 1595-6368 of section 2E of said chapter 41 is hereby amended by
871 inserting after the words “Lawrence Municipal Airport” the following words:- ; provided further,
872 that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the purpose of performing all necessary and
873 immediate repairs required to rehabilitate the portion of Briarwood road in the town of Bourne
874 which traverses the Commonwealth’s Rail & Transit Division Right of Way; provided further,
875 that no permit shall be required from any state or local agency or body for such necessary and
876 immediate repairs; provided further, that \$125,000 shall be allocated to the town of Winchester
877 for the repair and reconstruction of the Waterfield Road Bridge; provided further, that not less
878 than \$100,000 shall be expended for a pilot program for the purpose of enabling at-risk youth to
879 assist in state highway cleanup projects in the city of Lowell; provided further, that not less than
880 \$60,000 shall be expended for a consultant to review necessary emergency repairs of Route 116
881 in the town of Cheshire; provided further that \$50,000 shall be allocated to the Massachusetts
882 Department of Transportation to conduct a feasibility study relative to rail service throughout the
883 Roxbury section of the city of Boston; provided that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for
884 the Beacon street bridle path feasibility study in the town of Brookline; provided further, that not
885 less than \$250,000 shall be expended on the design, survey and construction costs associated
886 with the repair of certain bridges in the city of Lowell; provided further, that \$200,000 be
887 expended for traffic mitigation in the town of Braintree.

888 SECTION 38. Section 71 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended by striking out the figure
889 “2019” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2020.

890 SECTION 39. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 31 of the General Laws, any
891 pre-employment medical examination administered by a federal agency or contractor to any
892 person serving in the title of firefighter or crash crew member of the Joint Base Cape Cod,

893 formerly known as Massachusetts Military Reservation Fire Department, or the 104th Fighter
894 Wing Fire Department, who transferred from federal employee or other non-state employment
895 status, shall be deemed sufficient to fulfill any pre-employment medical examination
896 requirement for firefighters in state or municipal service in the commonwealth under chapters 48
897 and 31 of the General Laws. Any pre-employment medical examination referenced in this
898 section or any physical examination taken subsequent to employment must meet the criteria
899 provided in sections 94, 94A and 94B of chapter 32 of the General Laws.

900 (b) The provisions of this section shall only apply to Joint Base Cape Cod, formerly
901 Massachusetts Military Reservation, firefighters who are employed as of the effective date of this
902 act as a firefighter or crash crew member of the Joint Base Cape Cod Fire Department or as a
903 firefighter with the 104th Fighter Wing Fire Department, and who entered state service pursuant
904 to chapter 308 of the acts of 2008 and 104th Fighter Wing Firefighters who entered state service
905 by an executive action of October 2010.

906 SECTION 40. Notwithstanding section 28 of chapter 53 of the General Laws or any other
907 general or special law to the contrary, the state primary in 2020 shall be held on Tuesday,
908 September 1, 2020.

909 SECTION 41. Notwithstanding section 3 of chapter 53 of the General Laws or any other
910 general or special law to the contrary, a person whose name is not printed on the September 1,
911 2020 state primary ballot as a candidate for an office, but who receives sufficient votes to
912 nominate the person for the office, shall file in the office of the state secretary a written
913 acceptance of the nomination and a receipt from the state ethics commission verifying that a

914 statement of financial interest has been filed pursuant to chapter 268B of the General Laws not
915 later than 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 3, 2020.

916 SECTION 42. Notwithstanding sections 11, 13 and 53A of chapter 53 of the General
917 Laws and section 5 of chapter 55B of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the
918 contrary, objections to and withdrawals from nominations made at the September 1, 2020 state
919 primary shall be filed with the state secretary not later than 12:00 P.M. on Friday, September 4,
920 2020.

921 SECTION 43. Notwithstanding section 14 of chapter 53 of the General Laws or any other
922 general or special law to the contrary, any vacancies from the September 1, 2020 state primary
923 caused by death, withdrawal or ineligibility under section 42 shall be filled by an executive
924 committee, determined by the state party committee of the same political party who made the
925 original nomination.

926 SECTION 44. Notwithstanding section 15 of chapter 53 of the General Laws or any other
927 general or special law to the contrary, when a nomination is made to fill a vacancy caused by the
928 death, withdrawal or ineligibility of a candidate from the September 1, 2020 state primary, the
929 certificate of nomination shall be on a form prescribed by the state secretary, signed by the
930 executive committee appointed by the state committee of the same political party as provided for
931 in section 43 and filed with the state secretary not later than 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 8,
932 2020.

933 SECTION 45. Notwithstanding section 135 of chapter 54 of the General Laws or any
934 other general or special law to the contrary, a petition for a recount of the September 1, 2020
935 state primary shall be filed with the appropriate local election officials not later than 5:00 P.M.

936 on Friday, September 4, 2020 and all recounts shall be completed and notice of the results shall
937 be sent to the state secretary not later than 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 12, 2020.

938 Petitions for districtwide and statewide recounts of the September 1, 2020 state primary shall be
939 submitted to the appropriate local election officials for certification not later than 12:00 P.M. on
940 Friday, September 4, 2020 and local election officials shall complete certification not later than
941 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Thereafter, certified petitions shall be filed with the
942 secretary of state not later than 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. If the state secretary
943 determines that the contest is eligible for a statewide or districtwide recount, the state secretary
944 shall notify the local election officials who shall complete the recount and shall notify the state
945 secretary of the results of the recount not later than 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 12, 2020.

946 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 135 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, a board of
947 registrars must only provide 2 days' notice of the date, time and location of the recount to each
948 candidate for the office for which the recount has been petitioned. Electronic notice shall be
949 sufficient.

950 SECTION 46. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 25B of chapter 54 of the
951 General Laws or any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be early voting for the
952 2020 presidential primary. The election officers and registrars of every city or town shall allow
953 any qualified voter, as defined in section 1 of chapter 51 of the General Laws, to cast a ballot for
954 the 2020 presidential primary during the early voting period, which shall begin on Monday,
955 February 24, 2020 and end on Friday, February 28, 2020. Early voting shall also apply to any
956 city or town election held at the same time as the presidential primary.

957 (b) Any qualified voter wanting to early vote by mail may file with his or her local
958 election official an application for an early voting ballot for the 2020 presidential primary. Any
959 form of written communication evidencing a desire to have an early voting ballot be sent for use
960 for voting at an election shall be given the same effect as an application made in the form
961 prescribed by the state secretary. No application for an early voting ballot for the 2020
962 presidential primary shall be deemed to be seasonably filed unless it is received in the office of
963 the city or town clerk or registrars of voters before 12:00PM on February 28, 2020. If the voter is
964 registered as unenrolled or in a political designation, the applicant must include the name of the
965 party whose primary ballot the voter is requesting.

966 (c) Early voting for the 2020 presidential primary shall be conducted during the usual
967 business hours of each city or town clerk. A city or town may, in its discretion, provide for
968 additional early voting hours beyond the hours required by this subsection during the early
969 voting period.

970 (d) All early voting ballots voted by mail for the 2020 presidential primary shall be
971 received by the city or town clerk before the hour fixed for closing the polls.

972 (e) Each city and town shall establish an early voting site for the 2020 presidential
973 primary that shall include the election office for the city or town; provided, however, that if the
974 city or town determines that the office is unavailable or unsuitable for early voting, the registrars
975 of each such city or town shall identify and provide for an alternative centrally-located, suitable
976 and convenient public building within each such city or town as an early voting site. A city or
977 town may also provide for additional early voting sites at the discretion of the registrars for that
978 city or town. Each early voting site shall be accessible to persons with disabilities.

979 (f) The designation of an early voting site for the 2020 presidential primary shall be made
980 no later than February 10, 2020. No later than February 12, 2020, the registrars for each city or
981 town shall post the location of the early voting sites as well as the applicable dates and hours.
982 Notice shall be conspicuously posted in the office of the city clerk or on the principal official
983 bulletin board of each city or town, on any other public building considered necessary, on the
984 city or town's website, if any, and on the website of the state secretary.

985 (g) No later than February 10, 2020, the state secretary shall deliver to each city or town,
986 in quantities as the state secretary determines necessary, the following papers: (1) official early
987 voting ballots for the 2020 presidential primaries, similar to the official ballot to be used at the
988 primaries; and (2) envelopes of sufficient size to contain the ballots specified in clause (1)
989 bearing on their reverse the voter's affidavit in compliance with the requirements of subsection
990 (i).

991 (h) An early voting ballot along with an envelope shall be provided to each qualified
992 voter who participates in early voting for the 2020 presidential primary.

993 (i) A qualified voter casting a ballot at an early voting site shall complete an affidavit
994 under the regulations promulgated pursuant to chapter 54 of the General Laws, which shall
995 include a notice of penalties under section 26 of chapter 56 of the General Laws.

996 (j) Prior to the beginning of early voting for the 2020 presidential primary, the registrars
997 for each city or town shall prepare a list for the early voting sites, containing the names and
998 residences of all persons qualified to vote at each voting site, as the names and residences appear
999 upon the annual register, and shall reasonably transmit the applicable list to the election officers
1000 at each early voting site designated by the registrars.

1001 (k) The registrar or presiding official at the early voting site shall cause to be placed on
1002 the voting lists opposite the name of a qualified voter who participates in early voting the letters
1003 “EV” designating an early voter.

1004 (l) The registrars shall prepare lists of all voters casting ballots during the early voting
1005 period and update the voter list in a manner prescribed by the state secretary.

1006 (m) The provisions of sections 37 and 38 of chapter 53 of the General Laws shall apply to
1007 unenrolled voters and voters enrolled in political designations. The registrar or presiding official
1008 at the early voting site shall cause the name of the party of the ballot being voted to be recorded
1009 on the voting list.

1010 (n) The counting of early voting ballots including, but not limited to, informing election
1011 officers and any challengers present under section 85A shall be set by 950 C.M.R. § 47.00 so far
1012 as applicable. All envelopes referred to in this section shall be retained with the ballots cast at the
1013 2020 presidential primary and shall be preserved and destroyed in the manner provided by law
1014 for the retention, preservation or destruction of official ballots.

1015 (o) The provisions of 950 C.M.R. § 47.00 shall apply to early voting at the 2020
1016 presidential primary to the extent feasible, but the secretary shall update the rules to
1017 accommodate the dates set forth herein.

1018 (p) A city or town may opt to detail a sufficient number of police officers or constables
1019 for each early voting site for the 2020 presidential primary at the expense of the city or town to
1020 preserve order, protect the election officers and supervisors from any interference with their
1021 duties and aid in enforcing the laws relating to elections.

1022 (q) No early voting ballot cast under this section shall be counted if the officer charged
1023 with the duty of counting the ballot is cognizant of the fact that the voter has died prior to the
1024 opening of the polls on the day of the 2020 presidential primary.

1025 SECTION 47. Notwithstanding sections 8 to 10, inclusive, of chapter 55B of the General
1026 Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the state ballot law commission shall
1027 notify candidates of any objections filed to nominations at the September 1, 2020 state primary
1028 not later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday, September 4, 2020. Notice of the commission hearings shall
1029 be given by telephone and electronic mail. Hearings on objections shall be held on Wednesday,
1030 September 9, 2020 and decisions shall be rendered not later than 5:00 P.M. on Monday,
1031 September 14, 2020.

1032 SECTION 48. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, local election
1033 officials shall transmit absentee ballots to voters covered under the federal Uniformed and
1034 Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. section 20302 et seq., whose applications
1035 were received at least 45 days before the November 3, 2020 state election, not later than
1036 Saturday, September 19, 2020.

1037 SECTION 49. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the state
1038 secretary may add or change any dates relating to the nominations made at the September 1,
1039 2020 state primary that the state secretary considers necessary for the orderly administration of
1040 the November 3, 2020 state election by providing notice of the change to the state parties and
1041 any affected person, by filing notice with the rules and regulations division, by posting on the
1042 state secretary's website and by whatever other means the state secretary considers appropriate.

1043 SECTION 50. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, prior to
1044 calculating the fiscal year 2019 consolidated net surplus in accordance with section 5C of chapter
1045 29 of the General Laws, and upon the recommendation of the secretary of administration and
1046 finance or his designee, the comptroller shall adjust any fiscal year 2019 appropriation fund split
1047 against the following funds to expend available revenue and to prevent deficiencies in those
1048 funds; provided that, changes to fund splits under this section shall not result in any of the
1049 following funds ending fiscal year 2019 in deficit:

1050 (a) Gaming Local Aid Fund established in section 63 of chapter 23K of the General
1051 Laws;

1052 (b) the Education Fund established in section 64 of said chapter 23K;

1053 (c) the Local Capital Projects Fund established in section 2EEEE of chapter 29 of the
1054 General Laws;

1055 (d) the Public Safety Training Fund established in section 2JJJJ of said chapter 29.

1056 SECTION 51. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, not more than
1057 \$5,000,000 of funds deposited pursuant to chapter 273 of the acts of 2018 into the Water
1058 Pollution Abatement Revolving Fund, established in section 2L of chapter 29 of the General
1059 Laws, may be used for deleading projects, including grants, at early education facilities,
1060 childcare centers and public schools, prioritizing elementary schools.

1061 SECTION 52. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the board and
1062 department of early education and care shall ensure that, in fiscal year 2020, the following
1063 initiatives are fully funded: (a) not less than \$20,000,000 shall be expended on an across-the-

1064 board rate increase for center-based programs, including family child care system administrative
1065 rates, (b) the daily add-on rate that is paid on supportive, homeless and teen parent contracts is
1066 increased by \$0.78 from \$18.22 to \$19 per day for supportive, teen parent and homeless add-on
1067 rates only and (c) all center-based rates shall be increased to the 30th percentile in those regions
1068 and program types where the reimbursement rates are below the 30th percentile of the market
1069 rate as determined by the 2018 Market Rate Survey that was prepared on behalf of the
1070 Commonwealth of Massachusetts by Public Consulting Group, Inc. and presented to the Board
1071 on June 12, 2018. In funding these initiatives, the department is authorized to transfer funds
1072 between items 3000-1042, 3000-3060 and 3000-4060, as necessary, under an allocation plan
1073 which shall detail by object class the distribution of the funds to be transferred. This plan shall be
1074 included in a report which shall also update the legislature on the progress made in implementing
1075 the department of children and families short term child care program implemented by the
1076 department beginning in March 2019, and the department of transitional assistance relative
1077 caregiver program implemented by the department in May 2019, along with any updated budgets
1078 for these 2 initiatives. The report shall further detail all steps taken by the board and department
1079 to ensure that funds provided through items 3000-3060 and 3000-4060 are fully utilized for the
1080 benefit of children in need, without cost overruns, and that any fiscal year 2020 surplus is not
1081 greater than 5 per cent of the items' total appropriation. This report shall be delivered to the
1082 house and senate chairs of the joint committee on education, and the chairs of the house and
1083 senate ways and means committees not later than December 1, 2019. Further, the board of early
1084 education and care shall give notice of the commencement of public comment on any new or
1085 revised proposal or motion seeking to distribute funds in a manner that is inconsistent with or a
1086 departure from prior distribution of funds not less than 30 days before the board's adoption of the

1087 motion, except in cases of special emergency; provided further the public may review and
1088 provide comment on any new or revised proposal or motion during that time period; provided
1089 further the department shall provide said notice with the joint committee on education and the
1090 house and senate committees on ways and means.

1091 SECTION 53. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the
1092 contrary, in setting standard payments to nursing facilities for the period of October 1, 2019
1093 through September 30, 2020, capital standard payments made to said nursing facilities pursuant
1094 to 101 C.M.R. § 206 shall provide: (i) that a facility's upward adjustment to its capital payment
1095 shall be calculated as the difference between the standard capital payment listed in 101 C.M.R. §
1096 206.05(1) and its rebased capital payment that it would have received based on the capital
1097 standard payment calculation methodology in effect prior to October 1, 2019; and (ii) that a
1098 nursing facility that becomes operational on or after November 1, 2019, an existing nursing
1099 facility that completely renovates or reconstructs its current building on or after November 1,
1100 2019 or an existing nursing facility that fully relocates to a newly constructed location on or after
1101 November 1, 2019, shall be eligible for a capital standard payment in the amount of no less than
1102 \$37.60.

1103 (b) A nursing facility shall be eligible for an adjustment to its capital standard payment
1104 pursuant to 101 C.M.R. § 206.05(2) after October 1, 2019, if, prior to March 31, 2020, the
1105 facility provides the executive office of health and human services with documentation of 1 of
1106 the following: (i) department of public health plan review approval pursuant to an approved
1107 determination of need dated prior to January 1, 2020; (ii) detailed architectural or engineering
1108 plans developed in response to an approved determination of need and submitted to the
1109 department of public of health prior to January 1, 2020; (iii) evidence of funding received, or a

1110 firm commitment to fund, from an outside lender dated prior to January 1, 2020, in an amount
1111 equal to or in excess of 50 per cent of the maximum capital expenditure as specified in an
1112 approved determination of need; (iv) evidence of applications made on or before January 1,
1113 2020, to local government agencies for planning, zoning or building permits or other regulatory
1114 approvals required in connection with the implementation of an approved determination of need;
1115 or (v) evidence of the acquisition of land required for development of the project authorized by
1116 the an approved determination of need.

1117 SECTION 54. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department
1118 of energy resources shall expend amounts from the RGGI Auction Trust Fund established in
1119 section 35II of chapter 10 of the General Laws to fund the electric vehicle incentive program
1120 through December 31, 2021; provided, however, that the department of energy resources shall
1121 offer rebates of not less than \$2,500 and not more than \$5,000 for the purchase or lease of battery
1122 electric vehicles, fuel cell electric vehicles and zero-emissions vehicles for sale or lease with a
1123 retail price of not more than \$40,000. All payments made from the fund before December 31,
1124 2021 shall be prioritized so that the initial payments from the fund shall be made to the electric
1125 vehicle incentive program and shall not exceed \$32,000,000 per fiscal year; provided, that the
1126 department of energy resources shall examine said program, including but not limited to the cost-
1127 effectiveness of said programs in greenhouse gas emissions reductions, and report its findings to
1128 the chairs of the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy on or before
1129 January 1, 2022.

1130 SECTION 55. There shall be an interagency task force to review and investigate water
1131 and ground contamination of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances across the commonwealth. The
1132 task force shall consist of 19 members: 2 members who shall be appointed by the senate

1133 president, 1 of whom shall serve as co-chair; 1 member who shall be appointed by the minority
1134 leader of the senate; 2 members who shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of
1135 representatives, 1 of whom shall serve as co-chair; 1 member who shall be appointed by the
1136 minority leader of the house of representatives; the attorney general or their designee; the
1137 secretary of the executive office of energy and environmental affairs or their designee; the
1138 secretary of the executive office of public safety and security or their designee; the commissioner
1139 of the department of environmental protection or their designee; the commissioner of the
1140 department of public health or their designee; the commissioner of the department of agricultural
1141 resources or their designee; the director of the Massachusetts emergency management agency or
1142 their designee; the fire marshal of the department of fire services or their designee; the executive
1143 director of the Massachusetts municipal association or their designee; the executive director of
1144 the Massachusetts water resources authority or their designee; the executive director of the
1145 Massachusetts water works association or their designee; and 2 members to be appointed by the
1146 governor, 1 of whom shall be a scientist with expertise in per- and polyfluoroalkyl substance-
1147 contaminated water and 1 of whom shall be a physician trained in environmental medicine.

1148 The task force shall: (i) gather and review information regarding known locations of per-
1149 and polyfluoroalkyl substances detection and create response plan strategies; (ii) identify
1150 significant data gaps in the knowledge of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances and develop
1151 recommendations to address the gaps; (iii) identify opportunities for public education regarding
1152 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances contamination and the effects of its exposure on public
1153 health and the environment; (iv) identify the sources of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances
1154 contamination and exposure pathways that pose the greatest risk to public health and the
1155 environment; (v) examine the benefits and burdens of various treatment and disposal options for

1156 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances contaminated media; (vi) assess how state agencies can most
1157 effectively use their existing authority and resources to reduce or eliminate priority risks from
1158 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances contamination; (vii) determine the inventory and use of
1159 fluorinated aqueous forming form in firefighting and fire training activities and evaluate effective
1160 non-fluorinated alternatives; (viii) examine data regarding per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances
1161 contamination in freshwater fish and marine organisms and determine whether further
1162 examination is warranted; and (ix) examine and estimate the cost to mitigate per- and
1163 polyfluoroalkyl substances contamination in known locations across the commonwealth.

1164 The task force shall file a report of its findings and recommendations, together with drafts
1165 of legislation necessary to carry those recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the
1166 clerks of the senate and the house of representatives, the chairs of the senate and house
1167 committees on ways and means, the senate and house chairs of the joint committee on
1168 environment, natural resources and agriculture, the senate and house chairs of the joint
1169 committee on public health, the senate and house chairs of the joint committee on the judiciary,
1170 the senate and house chairs of the joint committee on public safety and homeland security not
1171 later than December 31, 2020.

1172 SECTION 56. The salary adjustments and other economic benefits authorized by the
1173 following collective bargaining agreements shall be effective for the purposes of section 7 of
1174 chapter 150E of the General Laws:

1175 (1) between the Middlesex Sheriff's Office and the Teamsters, Local 122, Unit SM2;

1176 (2) between the Essex North registries of deeds and American Federation of State,
1177 County, and Municipal Employees, Local 653;

1178 (3) between the Essex South registry of deeds and American Federation of State, County,
1179 and Municipal Employees, Local 653;

1180 (4) between the Board of Higher Education and the Massachusetts Community College
1181 Council;

1182 (5) between the Massachusetts department of transportation and DOT Unit C, National
1183 Association of Government Employees, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local
1184 103, Teamsters Local 127, and Teamsters Local 25;

1185 (6) between the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and DOT Unit D, National
1186 Association of Government Employees, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local
1187 103, Teamsters Local 127, Clerical, Audit and Support Employees and United Steelworkers
1188 Local 5696;

1189 (7) between the treasurer and receiver-general and the Coalition of Public Safety, Unit 5;
1190 and

1191 (8) between the Middlesex Sheriff's Office and New England Police Benevolent
1192 Association, Inc., Local 525, Unit SM1.

1193 SECTION 57. Sections 9, 10 and 11 shall be effective for taxable years beginning after
1194 December 31, 2017.

1195 SECTION 58. Except as otherwise specified, this act shall take effect upon enactment.

1196 SECTION 59. Section 76 of chapter 154 of the acts of 2018 is hereby amended by striking out
1197 the words "June 30, 2019" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "April 1, 2020"

1198 SECTION 60. Item 7008-1024 of section 2 of said chapter 41 of the Acts of 2019 is
1199 hereby amended by striking out the following date "March 16, 2020" and inserting in place
1200 thereof the date "April 30, 2020".

1201 SECTION 61. Chapter 49 of the Acts of 2019 is hereby amended by striking out the
1202 following date "January 31, 2020" and inserting in place thereof the date "March 16, 2020".

1203 SECTION 62. Section 8D of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
1204 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words "organ procurement
1205 organizations serving the commonwealth" the following words:- The registrar shall make
1206 available in all registry branches registration stands provided by the Be the Match organization.

1207 SECTION 63. Grants from the amounts collected pursuant to subsection (b) of section
1208 13T of chapter 23A of the General Laws allocated to regional tourism councils for fiscal year
1209 2019 shall be distributed not later than November 15, 2019 according to the current allocation
1210 formula.

1211 SECTION 64. There shall be within the Commissioner's office of the Department of Fish
1212 and Game an office of Renewable Energy Fishery Impacts, which shall be under the supervision
1213 and control of the Commissioner. The office of Renewable Energy Fishery Impacts shall: (i)
1214 conduct and foster research concerning the impacts of offshore wind energy infrastructure on
1215 marine fisheries including effects of such installations and connections on the health and
1216 behavior of marine mammals; (ii) accept and review commentary from representatives of
1217 impacted fishing fleets and renewable energy operators or providers; and (iii) educate and inform
1218 citizens on matters related to offshore wind energy and associated impacts on marine life. The
1219 office of Renewable Energy Fishery Impacts shall advise all other branches of state and local

1220 government concerning the health and behavior of fisheries relative to the operation and
1221 management of offshore wind installations. The office of Renewable Energy Fishery Impacts
1222 shall maintain a liaison with federal and state agencies and other academic institutions.

1223 SECTION 65. Clause (iii) of subsection (c) of section 42G½ of chapter 51 of the General
1224 Laws, inserted by section 4 of chapter 205 of the acts of 2018, is hereby amended by striking out
1225 subclause (A) and inserting in place thereof the following subclause:- "(A) explaining that the
1226 agency application shall serve as an attestation to eligibility and an application to register to vote
1227 unless the person declines to register to vote under subsection (d) of section 65;"

1228 SECTION 66. Said section 42G½ of said chapter 51 of the General Laws, as so inserted,
1229 is hereby amended by striking out subsection (d) and inserting in place thereof the following
1230 subsection:-

1231 (d) In accordance with the memorandum of understanding required by subsection (b), each
1232 eligible applicant for services at an automatic voter registration agency who meets the
1233 qualifications to register to vote and does not decline to register to vote under subsection (d) of
1234 section 65 shall be registered as a voter under said section 65 as of the date the registrars add the
1235 person's name and address to the register of voters, pursuant to paragraph (4) of said subsection
1236 (d) of said section 65; provided, however, that an applicant who meets the qualifications to
1237 register to vote, does not decline to register to vote under said subsection (d) of said section 65,
1238 and completes a qualifying transaction with an automatic voter registration agency not less than
1239 21 days prior to an election, shall be entitled to vote in that election. If necessary to comply with
1240 federal law, the division of medical assistance and the commonwealth health insurance connector
1241 authority may allow an applicant to decline to register to vote at the time of application.

1242 Otherwise, all automatic voter registration agencies, including the registry of motor vehicles,
1243 shall transmit records of all eligible applicants as provided in subsection (e), and these applicants
1244 may decline to register to vote only after receiving notice from the registrars of voters under
1245 paragraph (3) of subsection (d) of section 65.

1246 SECTION 67. Sections 65 and 66 shall take effect on January 1, 2020.

1247 SECTION 68. Section 34A of chapter 94C is hereby amended by adding, after subsection
1248 (e), the following subsection:-

1249 “(f) A person acting in good faith may provide, administer or utilize testing equipment to assist
1250 another person in identifying or in analyzing the strength, effectiveness or purity of a controlled
1251 substance. A person who, in good faith, provides, administers or utilizes testing equipment to
1252 assist another person in identifying or in analyzing the strength, effectiveness or purity of a
1253 controlled substance shall not be charged or prosecuted for possession of drug paraphernalia
1254 under section 32I. Testing equipment shall include, but not be limited to, fentanyl test strips,
1255 colorimetric reagents, high-performance liquid chromatography, gas chromatography and mass
1256 spectrometry.”

1257 SECTION 69. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary there shall
1258 be established a special legislative commission pursuant to section 2A of chapter 4 of the
1259 General Laws to investigate and study the administration and management of the committee for
1260 public counsel services established pursuant to chapter 211D of the General Laws, hereinafter
1261 the committee. The special legislative commission shall consist of 9 members: 2 of whom shall
1262 be appointed by the president of the senate, not more than 1 of whom shall be a current or former
1263 member of the committee or a current or former senior manager of the committee; 2 of whom

1264 shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, not more than 1 of whom shall
1265 be a current or former member of the committee or a current or former senior manager of the
1266 committee; 2 of whom shall be appointed by the governor, not more than 1 of whom shall be a
1267 current or former member of the committee or a current or former senior manager of the
1268 committee; and 3 of whom shall be appointed by the chief justice of the supreme judicial court,
1269 none of whom shall be a current or former members of the committee or current or former senior
1270 managers of the committee. The special legislative commission shall elect a chair, vice-chair and
1271 secretary.

1272 (b) The special legislative commission shall conduct an investigation and study of the legal,
1273 regulatory and fiscal issues related to ensuring high quality cost effective legal representation for
1274 indigent criminal defendants in the Commonwealth. Said investigation and study shall include,
1275 without limitation, a review of: (i) the administration, management and operations of the
1276 committee; (ii) the advisability of providing collective bargaining rights to full time employees
1277 of the committee; (iii) caseloads of full-time attorneys employed in the private counsel divisions;
1278 and (iv) the assignment, utilization and compensation of private bar advocates in the private
1279 counsel division.

1280 (c) The special legislative commission shall file a report with the governor, the president of the
1281 senate and the speaker of the house of representatives regarding the results of its investigation
1282 and study and its recommendations together with legislation, if any, required to implement the
1283 recommendations of the special legislative commission on or before March 31, 2020.