The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2800) of the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions, and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4601), reports, in part, recommending passage of the accompanying bill (House, No. 4800) [Total Appropriation: $58,035,300,660.00]. July 18, 2024.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions, and certain activities of the commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to is immediately to make appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and to make certain changes in law, each of which is immediately necessary or appropriate to effectuate said appropriations or for 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:

SECTION 1. To provide for the operations of the several departments, boards, commissions and institutions of the commonwealth and other services of the commonwealth and for certain permanent improvements and to meet certain requirements of law, the sums set forth in this act, for the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified, are hereby appropriated from the General Fund unless specifically designated otherwise, subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds and the approval thereof for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. All sums appropriated under this act, including supplemental and deficiency budgets, shall be expended in a manner reflecting and encouraging a policy of nondiscrimination and equal opportunity for members of minority groups, women and persons with a disability. All
officials and employees of an agency, board, department, commission or division receiving funds under this act shall take affirmative steps to ensure equality of opportunity in the internal affairs of state government and in their relations with the public, including those persons and organizations doing business with the commonwealth. Each agency, board, department, commission and division of the commonwealth, in spending appropriated sums and discharging its statutory responsibilities, shall adopt measures to ensure equal opportunity in the areas of hiring, promotion, demotion or transfer, recruitment, layoff or termination, rates of compensation, in-service or apprenticeship training programs and all other terms and conditions of employment.

SECTION 1A. In accordance with Articles LXIII and CVII of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth and section 6D of chapter 29 of the General Laws, it is hereby declared that the amounts of revenue set forth in this section, by source, for the respective funds of the commonwealth for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 are necessary and sufficient to provide the means to defray the appropriations and expenditures from such funds for fiscal year 2025 as set forth and authorized in this act. The comptroller shall keep a distinct account of actual receipts from each such source by each such fund to furnish the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means with quarterly statements comparing those receipts with the projected receipts set forth in this section and shall include a full statement comparing the actual and projected receipts in the annual report for fiscal year 2025 pursuant to section 12 of chapter 7A of the General Laws. The quarterly and annual reports shall also include detailed statements of any other sources of revenue for the budgeted funds in addition to those specified in this section.
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SECTION 2

JUDICIARY.

Supreme Judicial Court.

0320-0003  For the operation of the supreme judicial court, including the salaries of the chief justice and the 6 associate justices .................................................$11,956,292

0320-0010  For the operation of the clerk’s office of the supreme judicial court for Suffolk county.........................................................$2,343,585

0321-0001  For the operation of the commission on judicial conduct .........................................................$1,153,309

0321-0100  For the services of the board of bar examiners .................................................................$2,226,234

Committee for Public Counsel Services.

0321-1500  For the operation of the committee for public counsel services under chapter 211D of the General Laws; provided, that the committee shall maintain a system in which not less than 20 per cent of indigent clients shall be represented by public defenders; provided further, that to the extent feasible, the committee shall assign public defenders to district and superior courts; provided further, that the committee shall approve by majority vote any increase in the base salary or rate of compensation for employees holding management positions, including, but not limited to, chiefs, deputy chiefs, directors, assistant directors and managers; provided further, that the committee shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to, the expected surplus or deficiency of items 0321-1500, 0321-1510 and 0321-1520 for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the committee shall submit an annual report to the house and senate committees on ways and means in a cumulative manner and which shall be compared with data from the current period to the previous 2 fiscal years; and provided further, that the report shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the caseload of attorneys in charge compared to the caseload of public defenders; (ii) the number of cases handled by the committee in each reporting period, delineated by public defender and private bar advocate; (iii) the average number of hours spent per case by public defenders; (iv) the number of public defenders currently employed by the committee and the total number employed by the committee at the end of each fiscal year, delineated by division; (v) the number of public defender vacancies to be filled; (vi) the average cost for public defender services rendered per case in the prior fiscal year; (vii) the number of cases assigned to private bar advocates; (viii) the average number of hours billed by private bar advocates; (ix) the average cost for private bar advocate services rendered per case in the prior fiscal year; (x) the billable hours of private counsel, delineated by travel time and time spent in court, including wait time and trial preparation time, including interview time, investigating time and research time; (xi) any changes to the private bar billing system and any billing improvements that have been made; (xii) the total number of support staff, investigators, attorneys in charge and management personnel currently employed by the committee.
and the total number employed by the committee at the end of each fiscal year for the previous 2 fiscal years; and (xiii) a summary of all spending for psychologists, psychiatrists and investigators, including the total number of hours billed, the number of unique vendors and the average number of hours billed............................................................$89,000,000

0321-1510 For compensation paid to private counsel assigned to criminal and civil cases under subsection (b) of section 6 of chapter 211D of the General Laws, under section 11 of said chapter 211D; provided, that not more than $2,000,000 from this item shall be expended for services rendered prior to fiscal year 2025.................................................................$215,000,000

0321-1520 For fees and costs as defined in section 27A of chapter 261 of the General Laws, as ordered by a justice of the appeals court or a justice of a department of the trial court on behalf of persons who are indigent as defined in said section 27A of said chapter 261; provided, that not more than $1,000,000 from this item shall be expended for services rendered prior to fiscal year 2025.................................................................$35,000,000

Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation.

0321-1600 For the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation to provide legal representation for indigent or otherwise disadvantaged residents of the commonwealth; provided, that not later than February 3, 2025, the corporation shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means using the most recent United States Census Bureau population data available that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the number of persons assisted by the programs funded by the corporation in the prior fiscal year; (ii) any proposed expansion of legal services, delineated by type of service, target population and cost; and (iii) the total number of indigent or otherwise disadvantaged residents who received services from the corporation, delineated by type of case and geographic location; provided further, that the corporation may contract with any organization to provide representation; and provided further, that notwithstanding the first paragraph of section 9 of chapter 221A of the General Laws, funds shall be expended for the Disability Benefits Project, the Medicare Advocacy Project and the Domestic Violence Legal Assistance Project.........................................................$51,000,000

0321-1800 For the implementation of an access to counsel pilot program; provided, that funds may be expended for costs associated with implementing the pilot program; and provided further, that, subject to appropriation, funds shall be distributed by the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation to designated non-profit organizations to increase access to legal representation for low-income tenants and low-income owner occupants in eviction proceedings .................................................................$2,500,000

Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee.

0321-2000 For the operation of the mental health legal advisors committee and for certain programs for the indigent mentally ill established in section 34E of chapter 221 of the General Laws; provided, that funds shall be expended for the operations of a satellite office in the western region of the commonwealth .................................................................$3,132,657
# Prisoners’ Legal Services.

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<td>0330-0300</td>
<td>For the central administration of the trial court, including costs associated with trial court non-employee services, dental and vision health plan agreements for employees who are subject to a collective bargaining agreement, jury expenses, law libraries, statewide telecommunications, private and municipal court rentals and leases, operation of courthouse facilities, rental of county court facilities, witness fees, printing expenses, equipment maintenance and repairs, the court interpreter program, insurance and chargeback costs, the Massachusetts sentencing commission, court security and judicial training; provided, that 50 per cent of all fees payable under rules 15(d) and 30(c)(8) of the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure shall be paid from this item; provided further, that funds may be expended for training on domestic violence issues, the maintenance of a domestic violence registry, evaluations of batterers’ intervention programs and the risk assessment tool for domestic violence offenders under chapter 260 of the acts of 2014; provided further, that not less than $378,000 shall be expended for the Race and Bias Initiative to expand the trial court’s Office of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion &amp; Experience and to provide additional diversity training for all court employees; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to assist in programming efforts for the Justice Bridge Program at University of Massachusetts School of Law; provided further, that in planning and implementing the policies of the Race and Bias Initiative, the trial court’s Office of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion &amp; Experience shall solicit feedback from community stakeholders in order to identify any structural, organizational or cultural barriers to ensure equity in the justice system for people of racial, linguistic, cultural or sexual minorities and shall recommend methods to remove such barriers to guarantee the provision of competent representation and inclusive practices in every courtroom in the commonwealth; provided further, that funds shall be expended for juvenile court investigators rates at an amount that at least maintains the rates established in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended to ensure the maintenance of an interactive text response system to remind litigants, including all criminal defendants</td>
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in the district, Boston municipal and superior courts, of their court dates; provided further, that not less than $1,300,000 shall be expended to hire mental health clinicians; provided further, that said mental health clinicians shall be distributed to court facilities in a geographically equitable manner; provided further, that funds may be expended to provide information and assistance to self-represented litigants; provided further, that the trial court shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means on revenues collected in the trial court; provided further, that each report shall provide for the previous quarter for each court division and courthouse: (i) the total amount ordered in fees and fines; (ii) the total amount dismissed in fees and fines; (iii) the total amount paid in fees and fines; and (iv) the total amount outstanding in fees and fines; provided further, that not later than February 3, 2025, the court administrator shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the number of court officers, per diem court officers and security personnel located in each trial court of the commonwealth; provided further, that notwithstanding section 9A of chapter 30 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the rights afforded to a veteran under said section 9A of said chapter 30, shall also be afforded to any such veteran who holds a trial court office or position in the service of the commonwealth not classified under chapter 31 of the General Laws, other than an elective office, an appointive office for a fixed term or an office or position under section 7 of said chapter 30 and who has: (a) held the office or position for not less than 1 year; and (b) completed 30 years of total creditable service to the commonwealth, as defined in chapter 32 of the General Laws; provided further, that the trial court shall submit a report to the victim and witness assistance board detailing the amount of assessments imposed within each court by a justice or clerk-magistrate during the previous calendar year under section 8 of chapter 258B of the General Laws; provided further, that the report shall include, but not be limited to, the number of cases in which the assessment was reduced or waived by a judge or clerk-magistrate within the courts; provided further, that not later than January 6, 2025, the report shall be submitted to the victim and witness assistance board; and provided further, that not less than 15 days before the transfer of funds between items within the trial court, the court administrator shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (1) the amount of funds transferred from any item of appropriation; (2) the item number of the appropriation making the transfer; (3) the item number of the appropriation receiving the transfer; and (4) the reason for the transfer.

$338,168,036

0330-0344 For the administration and transportation costs associated with a veterans court program......................................................................................................................... $246,818

0330-0410 For the implementation of alternative dispute resolution programming; provided, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for online dispute resolution................................................................................................................................. $1,332,273

0330-0441 For permanency mediation services in the probate and juvenile courts............ $500,000

0330-0500 For the use of video teleconferencing for court appearances by persons in the custody of the houses of correction......................................................................................... $247,500

0330-0599 For a probation program that administers high-intensity supervision to promote successful probation outcomes and reduce recidivism; provided,
that the office of the commissioner of probation may partner with the same external research organization in fiscal year 2025 as selected in fiscal year 2024 to: (i) monitor program fidelity and design; (ii) implement the model; and (iii) collect and analyze the outcome evaluation; provided further, that said program shall be conducted at both a district and a superior court; provided further, that the trial court shall maintain this probation program in at least the 10 court locations currently in operation; and provided further, that not later than March 14, 2025, the office of the commissioner of probation shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to, any relevant data on participants and outcomes ................................................................. $1,333,169

0330-0601 For the operation of the specialty courts; provided, that no funds shall be transferred from this item to any other item in the trial court; and provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the trial court shall, in coordination with partner departments and agencies, submit reports on interdepartmental service agreements made with the partner departments and agencies to the court administrator and the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the amount of funds transferred to each specific agency or department for use in the specialty courts; (ii) the specific intent of the transfer in relation to specialty court operations; (iii) any additional services implemented by way of the transfer; and (iv) the amount of unspent funds from the transfer at the time of reporting ................................................................. $7,738,305

0330-0612 For the administration of the Massachusetts Community Justice Project to serve individuals with mental health and substance use disorders who are involved in the criminal justice system; provided, that the trial court shall continue to fund a project coordinator to oversee coordination and administration and to provide financial oversight of the sequential intercept model; and provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the project coordinator shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) design of the sequential intercept model mappings; (ii) locations of workshops held to advocate for the model; (iii) number of cases in which the model has been utilized; (iv) impact of the model on rehabilitation and recidivism; and (v) cost savings associated with the model ................................................................. $221,472

0330-0613 For the implementation of the recommendations set forth by the Council of State Governments Justice Center - Massachusetts Criminal Justice Review including, but not limited to, the establishment of new programs and expansion of existing programs targeted at recidivism reduction; provided, that the trial court shall transfer funds to other commonwealth agencies and departments of the commonwealth as outlined in this item; provided further, that not less than 15 days before any such transfer, the trial court administrator shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that if no state agency or department is specifically designated to receive funds from this item, the trial court administrator shall distribute funding based on the recommendations of the Council of State Governments Justice Center - Massachusetts Criminal Justice Review; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, each state agency or department receiving funds from this item shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing, as applicable, participation, completion and recidivism rates, delineated by gender; provided further, that the department of correction shall expend
not less than $637,500 to expand recidivism reduction programming; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the department of correction shall submit a report to the executive office of public safety and security, the executive office for administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on the judiciary on the types of recidivism reduction programs provided, participation, completion and recidivism rates for said recidivism reduction programming; provided further, that the report shall be delineated by gender and include descriptions of new programs offered to women as a result of these funds; provided further, that not less than $345,000 shall be expended on grants administered by the executive office of public safety and security to support the expansion of evidence-based cognitive behavioral programs in county houses of correction and jails; provided further, that the secretary of public safety and security shall award grants on a competitive basis and applicants shall provide a plan for ensuring that proposed programs shall be implemented with fidelity to a research-based, evidence-based or evidence-informed program design; provided further, that if there is no existing research or evidence supporting the proposed program, applicants shall describe in detail how the program will be evaluated with sufficient rigor to add to existing research; provided further, that the sheriffs’ offices that receive grant funds shall report participation, completion and recidivism rates annually to the executive office of public safety and security; provided further, that the report shall be delineated by gender and include descriptions of new programs offered to women as a result of these funds; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, copies of the report shall be provided to the executive office for administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on the judiciary; provided further, that not less than $130,000 shall be expended to develop and implement a program to improve collaboration between the department of correction and the parole board to reduce delays in the release of incarcerated persons approved for parole; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the department of correction and the parole board shall submit a joint report to the executive office for administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on the judiciary detailing the: (i) implementation process; (ii) number of incarcerated persons who experienced delayed release in fiscal year 2025 compared to prior fiscal years; and (iii) average length of delays in fiscal year 2025 compared to prior fiscal years; provided further, that not less than $130,000 shall be expended for: (a) evaluating the caseload of parole and probation officers; (b) hiring new officers accordingly; and (c) expanding programs and services at community corrections centers; provided further, that not less than $2,300,000 shall be expended for a transitional youth early intervention probation pilot program to be administered by the office of the commissioner of probation; provided further, that not less than $45,000 shall be expended for the improvement of case management and data-tracking capacity in the office of the commissioner of probation; and provided further, that not less than $5,075,000 shall be expended in conjunction with the executive office of health and human services for the development and implementation of a behavioral health strategy, including statewide capacity to track the utilization of behavioral health care services and behavioral health outcomes for persons in the criminal justice system within the Medicaid management information system.................................................. $8,662,500

Superior Court Department.
For the operation of the superior court department; provided, that funds shall be expended for medical malpractice tribunals under section 60B of chapter 231 of the General Laws; provided further, that the clerk of the court shall be responsible for the internal administration of the clerk’s office, including personnel, staff services and record keeping; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to Bristol county for the restoration and replacement of the torch at the Bristol county superior court house in the city of Taunton; and provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to Bristol county for renewable and sustainable initiatives at the Bristol county superior courthouse in the city of Taunton .................................................................................................................. $39,732,752

**District Court Department.**

For the operation of the district court department, including a civil conciliation program; provided, that notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the district court of Chelsea shall be the permanent location for the northern trial session to handle 6-person jury cases; and provided further, that all personnel within said district court whose duties related to said northern trial session shall report to the clerk-magistrate of said district court ............................................................... $88,986,631

**Probate and Family Court Department.**

For the operation of the probate and family court department; provided, that not less than $848,014 shall be expended for the continuation of the case management triage plan .............................................................................. $46,653,986

**Land Court Department.**

For the operation of the land court department ............................................. $5,925,839

**Boston Municipal Court Department.**

For the operation of the Boston municipal court department ....................... $16,517,797

**Housing Court Department.**

For the operation of the housing court department; provided, that funds shall be expended on court interpreter services .......................................... $14,288,451

**Juvenile Court Department.**

For the operation of the juvenile court department; provided, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended on a grant to One Can Help, Inc. for the purpose of providing assistance and resources for families in juvenile courts statewide; provided further, that not less than $430,000 shall be expended for the Worcester county court-appointed special advocates program for its court-appointed special advocates program in Worcester county; provided further, that not less than $136,000 shall be expended for the Franklin and Hampshire county court-appointed special advocates program; provided further, that not less than $180,000 shall be expended for the Hampden county court-appointed special advocates program; provided further, that not less than $167,000 shall be expended for the
Essex county court-appointed special advocates program; provided further, that not less than $288,000 shall be expended for the Boston court-appointed special advocates program; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Berkshire county court-appointed special advocates program; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended for the Bristol county court-appointed special advocates program; and provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts CASA Association.

Office of the Commissioner of Probation.

0339-1001 For the office of the commissioner of probation; provided, that the office shall enter into an interagency service agreement with the department of revenue to verify income data and to use the department's wage reporting and bank match system for weekly tape-matching to determine an individual's eligibility for appointment of indigent counsel under chapter 211D of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than $2,236,000 shall be expended for the maintenance of an employment services division; provided further, that not less than $479,167 shall be expended for DNA testing; provided further, that not less than $450,000 shall be expended for expanded drug testing capacity; provided further, that not less than $2,222,000 shall be expended for increased sealing and expungement capacity; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for a caseload management software system for the juvenile and probate and family courts; provided further, that not less than $641,000 shall be expended for a pre-trial services unit; provided further, that not less than $350,000 shall be expended for increased electronic monitoring capacity; provided further, that not less than $374,667 shall be expended for a probate and family court workload reduction project; provided further, that not less than $160,000 shall be expended for the purchase of bulletproof vests for probation officers; provided further, that funds may be expended for increased lab-based testing, oral toxicology tests and new urine tests to detect additional substances; provided further, that funds shall be used for the ongoing development and implementation of the validated risk assessment tool to inform pre-adjudication decision making with regard to detention, release on personal recognizance or release under conditions of criminal defendants before the adult trial court; provided further, that not later than November 1, 2024, the office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the status of the validated risk assessment tool; (ii) efforts to implement the risk assessment tool; (iii) further goals to expand the use of the risk assessment tool; and (iv) the outcomes associated with utilization of the risk assessment tool; and provided further, that funds from this item shall be expended for the costs associated with the full implementation of chapter 303 of the acts of 2006 and chapter 418 of the acts of 2006 to ensure effective supervision of probationers who are monitored through global positioning system bracelets.

0339-1003 For the office of community corrections and performance-based contracts for the operation of community corrections centers; provided, that not later than March 3, 2025, the office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the performance standards used to evaluate community corrections centers; (ii) a description of how each community corrections center compares based on performance and utilization data; (iii) the
amount of each contract awarded to community corrections centers on a per-client-day basis; (iv) the standards for terminating contracts with underperforming community corrections centers; and (v) plans for increasing the use of community corrections centers by the courts, the department of correction and the county sheriffs’ offices; provided further, that the executive director of the office of community corrections may make funds available from this item for rehabilitative pilot programs that incorporate evidence-based corrections practices; provided further, that the office may provide re-entry services programs, which shall not operate as intermediate sanctions programs as defined in section 1 of chapter 211F of the General Laws, to any person released from incarceration including, but not limited to, any probationer or parolee; and provided further, that not less than $2,000,000 shall be expended for the Ralph Gants Reentry Services Program for the purpose of supporting reentry, including providing reentry services programs ...................................................... $32,687,672

0339-1005 For a competitive grant program to be administered by the office of the commissioner of probation for cities and towns, acting either individually or in concert, to pilot or expand multidisciplinary approaches to divert juveniles and young adults from the juvenile and criminal justice systems prior to arrest or arraignment through coordinated programs for prevention and intervention that serve youths and their families including, but not limited to: (i) connecting youths to mental health services; (ii) providing youth development activities and mentoring; (iii) promoting school safety, family home visits, juvenile diversion programs and restorative justice and mediation programs; and (iv) providing assistance for families and schools to navigate the legal system; provided, that eligible applicants may partner with nonprofit organizations to provide programs and services; provided further, that the office shall give preference to applications that: (a) clearly outline a comprehensive plan for municipalities to collaborate with law enforcement agencies, schools, community-based organizations and government agencies to address juvenile delinquency and young adult crime; (b) include written commitments of municipalities, law enforcement agencies, schools, community-based organizations and government agencies to collaborate; (c) make a written commitment to match grant funds with not less than a 25 per cent matching grant provided by either municipal or private contributions; and (d) identify a local governmental unit to serve as the fiscal agent for the proposed programs and services; provided further, that administrative costs for approved grant applications shall not exceed 5 per cent of the value of the grant; and provided further, that not later than March 14, 2025, the office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (1) the number of grant applications received; (2) the number of grants approved; (3) the amount of funds issued to each grantee; and (4) details regarding each grantee, including geographic location, services offered, organizations with which the grantee collaborated, matching funds provided and the number of juveniles and young adults served .......................................................................................................................... $500,000

0339-1011 For a grant program to be administered by the office of the commissioner of probation for community-based residential re-entry programs to reduce recidivism by providing transitional housing, workforce development and case management to individuals returning to the community from county correctional facilities and state prisons, including incarcerated persons under the supervision of state prisons and county correctional facilities approved under sections 49 and 86F of chapter 127 of the General Laws
and individuals on parole or on probation; provided, that no funds shall be transferred from this item to any other item in the trial court; provided further, that said programs shall provide supervision and accountability as needed; provided further, that the funds shall be awarded through a competitive process to qualified nonprofit organizations with a documented history of providing comprehensive, evidence-based or evidence-informed community residential re-entry services; provided further, that applicants shall provide a plan for ensuring that proposed programs shall be implemented with fidelity to a research-based, evidence-based or evidence-informed program design; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be spent on women and elderly persons returning from incarceration; provided further, that not less than $1,500,000 shall be awarded to the parole board for sober and transitional housing for parolees; and provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the outcomes and recidivism rates of the participants.................................................................$15,611,078

Office of Jury Commissioner.

0339-2100 For the office of jury commissioner under chapter 234A of the General Laws.................................................................................................................$3,882,175

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS.

Suffolk District Attorney.

0340-0100 For the Suffolk district attorney’s office, including the victim and witness assistance program, the child abuse and sexual assault prosecution program, the domestic violence unit and the children’s advocacy center; provided, that 50 per cent of fees payable under rules 15(d) and 30(c)(8) of the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure for appeals taken by the office shall be paid from this item; and provided further, that no assistant district attorney shall be paid an annual salary of less than $68,000 .............................................................................................................$28,231,996

0340-0198 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Suffolk district attorney’s office .................................................................................................................$452,632

Middlesex District Attorney.

0340-0200 For the Middlesex district attorney’s office, including the victim and witness assistance program, the child abuse and sexual assault prosecution program and the domestic violence unit; provided, that 50 per cent of fees payable under rules 15(d) and 30(c)(8) of the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure for appeals taken by the office shall be paid from this item; and provided further, that no assistant district attorney shall be paid an annual salary of less than $68,000 .............................................................................................................$24,027,382

0340-0298 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Middlesex district attorney’s office .................................................................................................................$670,694

Eastern District Attorney.
For the Eastern district attorney’s office, including the victim and witness assistance program, the child abuse and sexual assault prosecution program and the domestic violence unit; provided, that 50 per cent of fees payable under rules 15(d) and 30(c)(8) of the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure for appeals taken by the office shall be paid from this item; and provided further, that no assistant district attorney shall be paid an annual salary of less than $68,000

$14,565,563

For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Eastern district attorney’s office

$644,322

**Worcester District Attorney.**

For the Worcester district attorney’s office, including the victim and witness assistance program, the child abuse and sexual assault prosecution program and the domestic violence unit; provided, that 50 per cent of fees payable under rules 15(d) and 30(c)(8) of the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure for appeals taken by the office shall be paid from this item; and provided further, that no assistant district attorney shall be paid an annual salary of less than $68,000

$15,773,087

For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Worcester district attorney’s office

$544,631

**Hampden District Attorney.**

For the Hampden district attorney’s office, including the victim and witness assistance program, the child abuse and sexual assault prosecution program and the domestic violence unit; provided, that 50 per cent of fees payable under rules 15(d) and 30(c)(8) of the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure for appeals taken by the office shall be paid from this item; and provided further, that no assistant district attorney shall be paid an annual salary of less than $68,000

$16,400,171

For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Hampden district attorney’s office

$551,653

**Northwestern District Attorney.**

For the Northwestern district attorney’s office, including the victim and witness assistance program, the child abuse and sexual assault prosecution program, the domestic violence unit and the anti-crime task force; provided, that 50 per cent of fees payable under rules 15(d) and 30(c)(8) of the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure for appeals taken by the office shall be paid from this item; and provided further, that no assistant district attorney shall be paid an annual salary of less than $68,000

$9,719,103

For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Northwestern district attorney’s office

$387,560

**Norfolk District Attorney.**

For the Norfolk district attorney’s office, including the victim and witness assistance program, the child abuse and sexual assault prosecution program and the domestic violence unit; provided, that 50 per cent of fees payable under rules 15(d) and 30(c)(8) of the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure for appeals taken by the office shall be paid from this item; and provided further, that no assistant district attorney shall be paid an annual salary of less than $68,000

..........................................................$15,567,508

For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Norfolk district attorney’s office

$349,122

$17,916,630

**Worcester District Attorney:**

$644,322

**Hampden District Attorney:**

$544,631

**Northwestern District Attorney:**

$387,560

**Norfolk District Attorney:**

$349,122

$17,916,630
program and the domestic violence unit; provided, that 50 per cent of fees payable under rules 15(d) and 30(c)(8) of the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure for appeals taken by the office shall be paid from this item; and provided further, that no assistant district attorney shall be paid an annual salary of less than $68,000 ...........................................................................$14,217,326

0340-0798 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Norfolk district attorney’s office ...........................................................................................................$534,207

**Plymouth District Attorney.**

0340-0800 For the Plymouth district attorney’s office, including the victim and witness assistance program, the child abuse and sexual assault prosecution program and the domestic violence unit; provided, that 50 per cent of fees payable under rules 15(d) and 30(c)(8) of the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure for appeals taken by the office shall be paid from this item; and provided further, that no assistant district attorney shall be paid an annual salary of less than $68,000 ...........................................................................$12,558,090

0340-0898 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Plymouth district attorney’s office ...........................................................................................................$557,924

**Bristol District Attorney.**

0340-0900 For the Bristol district attorney’s office, including the victim and witness assistance program, the child abuse and sexual assault prosecution program and the domestic violence unit; provided, that 50 per cent of fees payable under rules 15(d) and 30(c)(8) of the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure for appeals taken by the office shall be paid from this item; and provided further, that no assistant district attorney shall be paid an annual salary of less than $68,000 ...........................................................................$14,287,479

0340-0998 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Bristol district attorney’s office ...........................................................................................................$666,841

**Cape and Islands District Attorney.**

0340-1000 For the Cape and Islands district attorney’s office, including the victim and witness assistance program, the child abuse and sexual assault prosecution program and the domestic violence unit; provided, that 50 per cent of fees payable under rules 15(d) and 30(c)(8) of the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure for appeals taken by the office shall be paid from this item; and provided further, that no assistant district attorney shall be paid an annual salary of less than $68,000 ...........................................................................$6,457,132

0340-1098 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Cape and Islands district attorney’s office ...........................................................................................................$368,984

**Berkshire District Attorney.**

0340-1100 For the Berkshire district attorney’s office, including the victim and witness assistance program, the child abuse and sexual assault prosecution program, the drug task force, the domestic violence unit and the Berkshire county law enforcement task force; provided, that 50 per cent of fees payable under rules 15(d) and 30(c)(8) of the Massachusetts Rules of
Criminal Procedure for appeals taken by the office shall be paid from this item; and provided further, that no assistant district attorney shall be paid an annual salary of less than $68,000.......................................................... $5,958,632

0340-1198 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Berkshire district attorney’s office .......................................................... $295,119

MASSACHUSETTS DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION.

0340-0203 For the implementation and administration of drug diversion programs for nonviolent young adult drug offenders; provided, that individuals using heroin or other opiate derivatives who are arrested for nonviolent crimes shall be eligible for such programs; provided further, that individuals charged with violent crimes shall not be eligible for participation in a drug diversion program; provided further, that a district attorney’s office may contract with any organization to administer a drug diversion program or an education program; provided further, that such programs shall be designed in consultation with the department of public health; provided further, that eligible drug diversion programs shall offer pre-arraignment or post-arraignment programs for non-violent drug offenders to provide candidates the opportunity to receive comprehensive substance use treatment services in lieu of prosecution through the traditional court process; provided further, that treatment plans may include, but shall not be limited to, inpatient, outpatient and step-down recovery services; provided further, that diversion program candidates without insurance coverage for such services shall not be denied access to the program based on the inability to pay; provided further, that not less than 60 days before the distribution of funds, the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (i) the amount to be given to each district attorney’s office; (ii) the methodology for the distribution; and (iii) the administration and cost of the program; and provided further, that no funds from this item shall be expended on the administrative costs of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association ............................................ $499,950

0340-2100 For the operation of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association, including the implementation and related expenses of the district attorneys’ offices automation, case management and tracking system; provided, that expenses associated with the system may be charged directly to this item; provided further, that the association shall work in conjunction with the disabled persons protection commission and the 11 district attorneys’ offices to prepare a report that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the number of abuse cases that are referred to each district attorney’s office for further investigation; (ii) the number of said referrals resulting in the filing of criminal charges, delineated by type of charge; (iii) the number of cases referred to each district attorney’s office that remain open as of the date for submission of the report; and (iv) the number of cases that resulted in a criminal prosecution and the disposition of each such prosecution; provided further, that not later than March 14, 2025, said report shall be submitted to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the clerks of the house of representatives and senate; provided further, that not later than January 15, 2025, the association shall work in conjunction with the 11 district attorneys’ offices to prepare and submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the clerks of the house of representatives and senate; provided
further, that the association shall provide said offices with an agreed-upon template for the report to be filled out; provided further, that said offices shall submit said report in a standard electronic format; provided further, that said template shall include, delineated by charge type: (a) the number of criminal cases initiated by arraignment in each department of the trial court; (b) the number of criminal cases disposed of in each department of the trial court; (c) the number of cases appealed to the appeals courts, or of the supreme judicial court, a single justice of the appeals court or supreme judicial court or any other appeals; (d) the number of cases reviewed but not charged; and (e) the number of cases under active management where the case includes charges for drug offenses under chapter 94C of the General Laws, motor vehicle offenses under chapter 90 of the General Laws or firearm offenses under chapter 140 of the

0340-2117 For the retention of assistant district attorneys and non-attorney staff with not less than 3 years of experience; provided, that the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association shall transfer funds to the AA object class in each of the 11 district attorneys’ offices; provided further, that the association shall develop a formula for the distribution of said funds; provided further, that funds distributed from this item to the district attorneys’ offices shall be used for retention purposes and shall not be transferred out of the AA object class; provided further, that not more than $125,000 shall be distributed to any 1 district attorney’s office for such purpose; provided further, that not less than 60 days prior to the distribution of funds, the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (i) the methodology used to determine the amount to be disbursed; (ii) the amount to be given to each district attorney’s office; (iii) the methodology for the distribution; and (iv) the number of assistant district attorneys and non-attorney staff from each office who would receive funds from this item; and provided further, that no funds from this item shall be expended for the administrative costs of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association .......................................................... $1,000,000

0340-8908 For the costs associated with maintaining the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association’s wide area network ......................................................... $3,344,464

EXECUTIVE.

0411-1000 For the offices of the governor, the lieutenant governor and the governor’s council; provided, that the amount appropriated in this item may be used at the discretion of the governor for the payment of extraordinary expenses not otherwise provided for and for transfers to appropriation items where the amounts otherwise available may be insufficient; provided further, that funds may be expended for the governor’s commission on intellectual disability; provided further, that funds may be expended for the governor’s development coordinating council; and provided further, that the advisory council on Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders, established in section 379 of chapter 194 of the acts of 1998, shall continue during fiscal year 2025................................................................. $6,173,602

0411-1020 For the operation of the office of climate innovation and resilience............................ $500,000
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<td>For the operation of the office of the secretary of the commonwealth; provided, that the secretary may transfer funds between items 0540-0900, 0540-1000, 0540-1100, 0540-1200, 0540-1300, 0540-1400, 0540-1500, 0540-1600, 0540-1700, 0540-1800, 0540-1900, 0540-2000 and 0540-2100 under an allocation schedule which shall be submitted to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days before the transfer; and provided further, that each register of deeds using electronic record books shall ensure that all methods of electronically recording instruments conform to the regulations or standards established by the secretary and the records conservation board</td>
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<td>For the operation of the corporations division; provided, that the division shall implement a corporate dissolution program; and provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the secretary of the commonwealth shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the total number of reports filed as a result of this program and the amount of revenue generated for the commonwealth</td>
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<td>For the operation of the archives division; provided, that the secretary of the commonwealth shall expend not less than the amounts expended in fiscal year 2024 for preservation matching grants for municipalities and nonprofit organizations to preserve veterans' monuments, memorials and other significant sites and historic documents; provided further, that the program shall be administered by the state historic records advisory board; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for capital improvements to Camp DiCarlo, home of the National Lancers, to bring the facility up to code; and provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for necessary upgrades to the Vietnam Veteran memorial in the city of Haverhill</td>
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<td>For the secretary of the commonwealth, who may expend not more than $500,000 in revenues collected from fees assessed upon communication technology service providers for administration and monitoring of the remote online notarization program under subsection (i) of section 28 of chapter 222 of the General Laws; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related</td>
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expenditures, the secretary may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system................................. $500,000

0511-0420 For the operation of the address confidentiality program ........................................... $273,153

0517-0000 For the printing of public documents................................................................. $571,276

0521-0000 For the operation of the elections division, including preparation, printing and distribution of ballots and for other miscellaneous expenses for primary and other elections; provided, that the secretary of the commonwealth may award grants for voter registration and education; and provided further, that the registration and education activities may be conducted by community-based voter registration and education organizations.......................................................... $24,768,806

0521-0001 For the operation of the central voter registration computer system; provided, that not later than January 31, 2025, the secretary of the commonwealth shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing voter registration activity and a breakdown, by region, of active voters in the commonwealth.......................................................... $11,414,906

0521-0002 For implementing early voting in the commonwealth under sections 6 and 7 of chapter 115 of the acts of 2020 and section 25B of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as determined through the collection and certification of accurate accounting by the state auditor and division of local mandates for distribution by the secretary of the commonwealth.......................................................... $8,000,000

0524-0000 For providing information to voters ................................................................. $2,229,036

0526-0100 For the operation of the Massachusetts historical commission; provided, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Wendell Historical Society Inc to assist in the renovation of the former Wendell depot store and post office................................................................. $1,132,223

0527-0100 For the operation of the ballot law commission ............................................ $10,384

0528-0100 For the operation of the records conservation board................................. $36,396

0540-0900 For the registry of deeds located in the city of Lawrence ......................... $1,389,389

0540-1000 For the registry of deeds located in the city of Salem................................. $3,151,656

0540-1100 For the registry of deeds located in the county of Franklin ......................... $690,709

0540-1200 For the registry of deeds located in the county of Hampden ....................... $2,165,791

0540-1300 For the registry of deeds located in the county of Hampshire ....................... $864,575

0540-1400 For the registry of deeds located in the city of Lowell.............................. $1,318,503

0540-1500 For the registry of deeds located in the city of Cambridge ......................... $4,453,525

0540-1600 For the registry of deeds located in the town of Adams............................... $461,265
0540-1700  For the registry of deeds located in the city of Pittsfield ............................ $623,818
0540-1800  For the registry of deeds located in the town of Great Barrington............... $370,163
0540-1900  For the registry of deeds located in the county of Suffolk........................ $2,607,580
0540-2000  For the registry of deeds located in the city of Fitchburg......................... $802,559
0540-2100  For the registry of deeds located in the city of Worcester....................... $2,580,969

TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL.

Office of the Treasurer and Receiver General.

0610-0000  For the office of the treasurer and receiver general; provided, that the treasurer shall provide computer services required by the teachers’ retirement board; provided further, that funds may be expended for the payment of bank fees; and provided further, that financial assistance shall be made available to injured firefighters .......................................................... $12,325,491

0610-0010  For the office of economic empowerment to promote and improve financial literacy; provided, that funds from this item may be transferred to the Economic Empowerment Trust Fund established in section 35QQ of chapter 10 of the General Laws; and provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the MIDAS Collaborative, Inc. as a fiscal intermediary for matched-savings programs, which help to close critical racial and other wealth gaps of low-to-moderate-income households, in partnership with financial institutions, community development corporations, community foundations and other community-based organizations............................................................... $1,626,700

0610-0050  For the administration of the alcoholic beverages control commission in its efforts to regulate and control the conduct and condition of traffic in alcoholic beverages; provided, that the commission shall maintain at least 1 chief investigator and other investigators as may be necessary for the regulation and control of trafficking of alcoholic beverages; provided further, that the commission shall work and cooperate with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in the United States Department of Justice and other relevant federal agencies to assist in its efforts to regulate and control trafficking of alcoholic beverages; and provided further, that the commission shall seek out matching federal funds and apply for federal grants that may be available to assist in the enforcement of laws pertaining to the trafficking of alcoholic beverages ........... $5,546,211

0610-0051  For the operation of the alcoholic beverages control commission relative to the prevention of underage drinking and related programs including, but not limited to, applying for and obtaining Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in the United States Department of Justice funds, grants and other federal appropriations; provided, that the commission may expend not more than $350,000 in revenues collected from fees generated by the commission; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the commission may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the
lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.................................................................$350,000

0610-0060  For the costs associated with the investigation and enforcement division of the alcoholic beverages control commission’s implementation of the enhanced liquor enforcement programs known as the safe campus, safe holidays, safe prom and safe summer programs; provided, that funds from this item shall not support other operating costs of item 0610-0050 ......................... $348,780

0610-2000  For payments made to veterans under section 1 of chapter 646 of the acts of 1968, section 16 of chapter 130 of the acts of 2005 and section 11 of chapter 132 of the acts of 2009; provided, that the office of the state treasurer may expend not more than $300,000 for costs incurred in the administration of these payments; and provided further, that not later than September 30, 2024, the state treasurer shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (i) the number of veterans applying for the payments, delineated by in-person and online applications; and (ii) how many payments were approved in the prior fiscal year .................................................................$2,803,626

0611-1000  For bonus payments to war veterans.......................................................... $44,500

0612-0105  For payment of the public safety employee killed in the line of duty benefit established in section 100A of chapter 32 of the General Laws; provided, that the office of the state treasurer shall provide immediate written notification to the secretary of administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means upon the expenditure of the funds appropriated in this item; and provided further, that at the written request of the state treasurer, the comptroller shall transfer uncommitted and unobligated funds from item 1599-3384 to this item.................................................................$600,000

**Lottery Commission.**

0640-0000  For the operation of the state lottery commission and arts lottery; provided, that no funds shall be expended from this item for costs associated with the promotion or advertising of lottery games; provided further, that positions funded from this item shall not be subject to chapters 30 and 31 of the General Laws; and provided further, that 25 per cent of the amount appropriated in this item shall be transferred quarterly from the State Lottery and Gaming Fund, established in section 35 of chapter 10 of the General Laws, to the General Fund.................................................................$110,276,295

0640-0005  For the costs associated with monitor games; provided, that 25 per cent of the amount appropriated in this item shall be transferred quarterly from the State Lottery and Gaming Fund, established in section 35 of chapter 10 of the General Laws, to the General Fund.................................................................$4,376,359

0640-0010  For the promotional activities associated with the state lottery program; provided, that not later than June 27, 2025, the state lottery commission shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing additional revenues generated as a result of promotional activities funded from this item; and provided further, that 25 per cent of the amount appropriated in this item shall be transferred quarterly from the State Lottery and Gaming Fund, established in section 35 of chapter 10 of the General Laws, to the General Fund.................................................................$6,000,000
For the commonwealth’s fiscal year 2025 contributions to the health and welfare fund established under the collective bargaining agreement between the state lottery commission and the Service Employees International Union, Local 888, AFL-CIO; provided, that the contributions shall be paid to the fund on such basis as the collective bargaining agreement provides; and provided further, that 25 per cent of the amount appropriated in this item shall be transferred quarterly from the State Lottery and Gaming Fund, established in section 35 of chapter 10 of the General Laws, to the General Fund................................................................. $618,509

Massachusetts Cultural Council.

For the services and operations of the Massachusetts cultural council, including grants to or contracts with public and nonpublic entities; provided, that the council may expend the amounts appropriated in this item for the council as provided in sections 52 to 58, inclusive, of chapter 10 of the General Laws; provided further, that 25 per cent of the amount appropriated in this item shall be transferred quarterly from the State Lottery and Gaming Fund, established in section 35 of chapter 10 of the General Laws, to the General Fund; provided further, that a person employed under this item shall be considered an employee within the meaning of section 1 of chapter 150E of the General Laws and shall be placed in the appropriate bargaining unit; provided further, that the council shall expend from any source an amount not less than 75 per cent of this item on grants and subsidies to further the achievement of the goals of the council’s 3-year strategic plan, including: (i) stewarding programmatic practices that advance equity, diversity and inclusion; (ii) advancing the creative and cultural sector through building partnerships, identifying recommendations and storytelling; and (iii) ensuring internal systems, structures and ways of working reflect the council’s values of creativity, public service and inclusion and advance the sector’s needs; provided further, that not later than November 1, 2024, the council shall submit its board-approved fiscal year 2025 spending plan to the office of the state treasurer, the executive office for administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on tourism, arts and cultural development including, but not limited to, the amounts to be expended on: (a) grants and subsidies; (b) personnel; (c) leases and utilities; and (d) travel, delineated by in-state and board-approved out-of-state travel; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the YOUTHArts Westford organization; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to the Longmeadow Pride Alliance, Inc. to support the Longmeadow pride festival celebrating the diverse community of LGBTQ individuals; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, Inc. for infrastructure and deferred maintenance and to enhance the ability to produce new, diverse programming and concerts and to support the Springfield symphony youth orchestra; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the Special Needs Arts Programs, Inc. of Lexington to enable it to serve existing and waitlisted clients; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Barnstable for hiring staff for the city’s diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended to Amplify POC Cape Cod, Inc. for hiring staff that can apply for grants and other long-term funding in pursuit of their mission to promote economic power, increased ownership, and wealth-building opportunities in communities of color; provided further, that not
less than $100,000 shall be expended to The Boston Ballet; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for barn and other building renovations at the Forbes House Museum in Milton; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for operations and other community programming at the Milton Art Center in Milton; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for improvements at Cogswell ArtSpace in Haverhill; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Artists Community Assistance Program to be administered by the Allston Village Main Streets of Boston; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for a mural at the Natick center Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority station and said funds must be matched by other public or private donations; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Dedham School of Music Incorporated; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival, through the cultural organizations of Lowell, to promote equity, diversity and inclusion in the cultural life of the people of greater Lowell and beyond; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Three Saints, Inc. in the city of Lawrence to support community services and promote Italian heritage; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Franklin Performing Arts Company, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Brookline Community Foundation, Inc. to support a community theatre programming grant for local nonprofit arts organizations; provide further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for The Dance Complex for the historic preservation of their facility in the city of Cambridge; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Hope for Youth and Families, Inc. to expand arts opportunities for youth and increase the capacity of existing arts organizations in the city of Springfield; and provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to Elevated Thought Inc. to create murals in the city of Lawrence .................................................................$26,850,000

Debt Service.

0699-0005 For the state treasurer, who may retain and expend not more than $20,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 from premiums paid on the sales of revenue anticipation notes and expend those premium payments to pay the principal and interest on account of the revenue anticipation notes .......... $20,000,000

0699-0014 For the payment of interest, discount and principal on certain indebtedness incurred under chapter 233 of the acts of 2008 for financing the accelerated bridge program .................................................................$280,691,541

Commonwealth Transportation Fund .................. 100%

0699-0015 For the payment of interest, discount and principal on certain bonded debt and the sale of bonds of the commonwealth; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the state treasurer may make payments under section 38C of chapter 29 of the General Laws from this item and items 0699-9100, 0699-2005 and 0699-0014; provided further, that the payments shall pertain to the bonds, notes or other obligations authorized to be paid from each item; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the comptroller may transfer the amounts that would otherwise be unexpended on June 30, 2025 from this item to items 0699-9100, 0699-2005 and 0699-0014 or from said items 0699-9100, 0699-2005 and 0699-
0014 to this item which would otherwise have insufficient amounts to meet
debt service obligations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; provided
further, that each amount transferred shall be charged to the funds as
specified in the item to which the amount is transferred; provided further,
that payments on bonds issued under section 2O of said chapter 29 shall
be paid from this item and shall be charged to the infrastructure subfund
of the Commonwealth Transportation Fund; provided further, that
notwithstanding any provision of this item or of any other general or special
law to the contrary, the comptroller may charge the payments authorized
in the item to the appropriate budgetary or other fund subject to a plan
which the comptroller shall submit to the house and senate committees on
ways and means not less than 10 days in advance of charging such
payments; and provided further, that the state treasurer may expend from
the Technology Education Fund under items 7070-6606 and 7070-6607 in
the state accounting system, payments to the University of Massachusetts
and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for interest accrued in fiscal
year 2025 and prior fiscal years on bonds held pursuant to section 4 of the
Morrill Land-Grants Act, Public Law 37-130 ...........................................$2,268,558,671

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0699-2005 For the payment of interest, discount and principal on certain indebtedness
that may be incurred for financing the central artery/third harbor tunnel
funding shortfall .................................................................................$83,480,343

Commonwealth Transportation Fund .................100%

0699-9100 For the payment of costs associated with any bonds, notes or other
obligations of the commonwealth, including issuance costs, interest on
bonds, bond and revenue anticipation notes, commercial paper and other
notes under sections 47 and 49B of chapter 29 of the General Laws and
for the payment to the United States under Internal Revenue Code, 26
U.S.C. 148, of any rebate amount or yield reduction payment owed with
respect to any bonds or notes or other obligations of the commonwealth;
provided, that the state treasurer shall certify to the comptroller a schedule
of the distribution of costs among the various funds of the commonwealth;
provided further, that not more than $400,000 shall be expended from this
item for the costs of personnel at the debt department of the office of the
state treasurer; provided further, that the comptroller shall charge costs to
the funds in accordance with the schedule; and provided further, that any
deficit in this item at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 shall
be charged to the various funds or to the General Fund or the
Commonwealth Transportation Fund debt service reserves ......................$28,681,484

OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

0710-0000 For the office of the state auditor, including the review and monitoring of
privatization contracts under sections 52 to 55, inclusive, of chapter 7 of
the General Laws .............................................................................$19,611,878

0710-0100 For the operation of the division of local mandates ................................. $431,002

0710-0200 For the operation of the bureau of special investigations; provided, that the
office of the state auditor shall submit quarterly reports to the house and
senate committees on ways and means detailing the total amount of fraudulently obtained benefits identified by the bureau, the total value of settlement restitution payments, actual monthly collections and any circumstances that produce shortfalls in collections $2,523,385

For the operation of the Medicaid audit unit within the division of audit operations to prevent and identify fraud and abuse in the MassHealth system; provided, that the federal reimbursement for any expenditure from this item shall not be less than 50 per cent; provided further, that not later than February 28, 2025, the division shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing all findings on activities and payments made through the MassHealth system; provided further, that the report shall include, to the extent available, a review of all post-audit efforts undertaken by MassHealth to recoup payments owed to the commonwealth due to identified fraud and abuse; provided further, that the report shall include the responses of MassHealth to the most recent post-audit review survey, including the status of recoupment efforts; and provided further, that the report shall include the unit’s recommendations to enhance recoupment efforts $1,440,504

For costs related to the use of data analytic techniques to identify fraud by the bureau of special investigations $541,480

For the operation of an information technology audit unit within the office of the state auditor in order to conduct audits of high risk information technology related activities including, cybersecurity, data access, systems operations, data integrity and regulatory compliance $840,310

POLICE REFORM COMMISSION.

For the operation of the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission; provided, that not later than March 14, 2025, the commission shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the commission’s current caseload for fiscal year 2025; (ii) the number of complaints concerning police officer conduct received by the commission; (iii) patterns of unprofessional police conduct identified by the commission; and (iv) the number of police officers suspended by the commission and the reason for said suspension $8,747,477

For the operation of the commission on the status of African Americans $150,000

For the operation of the commission on the status of Latinos and Latinas $150,000

For the operation of the commission on the status of persons with disabilities $150,000

For the operation of the commission on the social status of Black men and boys $150,000

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

For the office of the attorney general, including the administration of the local consumer aid fund, established in section 11G of chapter 12 of the
General Laws, the operation of the anti-trust division, all regional offices, a high-tech crime unit and the victim and witness assistance program; provided, that the victim and witness assistance program shall be administered under chapters 258B and 258C of the General Laws; provided further, that the attorney general shall submit to the general court and the secretary of administration and finance a report detailing the claims submitted to the state treasurer for payment under item 0810-0004, indicating both the number and costs for each category of claim; and provided further, that the report shall be submitted not later than January 12, 2025; and provided further, that funds shall be expended to support the services of the student loan ombudsman within the office who will serve as an independent mediator for student loan borrowers in the commonwealth ...............................................................$42,167,880

0810-0004 For compensation to victims of violent crimes; provided, that notwithstanding chapter 258C of the General Laws, if a claimant is 60 years of age or older at the time of the crime and is not employed or receiving unemployment compensation, such claimant shall be eligible for compensation under said chapter 258C even if the claimant has suffered no out-of-pocket loss; provided further, that compensation to such claimant shall be limited to a maximum of $50; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, victims of the crime of rape shall be notified of all available services designed to assist rape victims including, but not limited to, the services provided under section 5 of chapter 258B of the General Laws ...............................................................$3,426,323

0810-0013 For the office of the attorney general, which may expend for a false claims program not more than $4,129,388 in revenues collected from enforcement of sections 5A to 5O, inclusive, of chapter 12 of the General Laws; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .............................................$4,129,388

0810-0014 For the operation of the office of ratepayer advocacy within the office of the attorney general under section 11E of chapter 12 of the General Laws; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the amount assessed under said section 11E of said chapter 12 shall equal the amount expended from this item and the associated fringe benefit costs for personnel paid from this item; and provided further, that funds shall be expended for the expenses of legal and technical personnel and associated administrative and travel expenses relative to participation in regulatory proceedings at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on behalf of ratepayers in the commonwealth .............................................$2,939,320

0810-0016 For the office of the attorney general, which may expend not more than $618,199 from revenues collected from costs of litigation, including reasonable attorney and expert witness fees as awarded to the attorney general by the court or as agreed upon by the parties in settlement of any claims brought pursuant to the acts enforced in this item, for the development and prosecution of claims for enforcement by the commonwealth of the federal Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq., the federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq., the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300f et seq., the federal Comprehensive
Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq., the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, 42 U.S.C. 11001 et seq., the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq. and the federal Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq. including, but not limited to, the investigation of such claims, personnel and litigation costs, the engagement of experts, the administration of studies or related activities and the enforcement of settlements; provided, that penalties payable to the commonwealth under the General Laws that are recovered by the commonwealth in the course of prosecuting claims for enforcement of federal law shall be deposited into the General Fund; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system ................................................................. $618,199

0810-0021 For the operation of the Medicaid fraud control unit; provided, that the federal reimbursement for any expenditure from this item shall not be less than 75 per cent of the expenditure; provided further, that funds shall continue to be used specifically for the investigation and prosecution of abuse, neglect, mistreatment and misappropriation based on referrals from the department of public health under section 72H of chapter 111 of the General Laws; provided further, that the unit shall provide training for all investigators of the department of public health’s division of health care quality responsible for the investigations on a periodic basis pursuant to a comprehensive training program to be developed by the division and the unit; and provided further, that training shall include instruction on techniques for improving the efficiency and quality of investigations of abuse, neglect, mistreatment and misappropriation referred under said section 72H of said chapter 111 ........................................................................................................ $5,047,180

0810-0045 For the wage enforcement program; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a nonmanagement position funded by this item shall be considered a job title in a collective bargaining unit as prescribed by the labor relations commission and shall be subject to chapter 150E of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for the operation and administration of a specialized prevailing wage and construction investigatory and enforcement unit within the wage enforcement program; provided further, that the unit shall consist of not less than 2 investigators assigned to eastern Massachusetts, 2 investigators assigned to central Massachusetts and 2 investigators assigned to western Massachusetts; provided further, that the specialized unit shall be supervised by at least 1 supervising investigator and 1 assistant attorney general in the wage enforcement program’s Boston office with significant experience investigating violations of the commonwealth’s prevailing wage and construction laws; and provided further, that not later than February 28, 2025, the specialized unit shall submit a report on its annual enforcement actions and violation trends within the construction industry to the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives................................................................. $6,752,822

0810-0061 For the funding of existing and future litigation committed to obtaining significant recoveries for the commonwealth................................................................. $3,506,198
0810-0098  For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the office of the attorney general; provided, that other costs associated with said officers shall not be funded from this item; and provided further, that no expenditures shall be made on or after the effective date of this item that would cause the commonwealth’s obligation under this item to exceed the amount appropriated in this item..........................................................$779,625

0810-0201  For the costs incurred in administrative or judicial proceedings on insurance under section 11F of chapter 12 of the General Laws; provided, that funds made available in this item may be used to supplement the automobile insurance fraud unit and the workers’ compensation fraud unit in the office of the attorney general; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the amount assessed for these costs shall be equal to the amount expended from this item and the associated fringe benefit costs for personnel paid from this item; and provided further, that funds may be expended for costs associated with health insurance rate hearings.................................................................$1,848,211

0810-0338  For the investigation and prosecution of automobile insurance fraud; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the amount assessed for these costs shall be equal to the amount appropriated in this item and the associated fringe benefit costs for personnel paid from this item...........................................................................$564,594

0810-0399  For the investigation and prosecution of workers’ compensation fraud; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the amount assessed for these costs shall be equal to the amount appropriated in this item and the associated fringe benefit costs for personnel paid from this item; provided further, that the office of the attorney general shall investigate and prosecute, when appropriate, employers who fail to provide workers’ compensation insurance as required by law and those employers or employees who may seek to defraud the system; and provided further, that the unit shall investigate and report on all companies not in compliance with chapter 152 of the General Laws.............................................................................................................$371,216

0810-1204  For the costs of the division of gaming enforcement under section 11M of chapter 12 of the General Laws; provided, that the Massachusetts gaming commission shall reimburse the General Fund for the total amount of this appropriation and associated fringe benefit costs under said section 11M of said chapter 12......................................................................................$579,392

0810-1205  For programs devoted to combatting opioid addiction including, but not limited to, the investigation and enforcement of opioid dispensing practices and fraudulent prescribing practices; provided, that not later than January 31, 2025, the office of the attorney general shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the results of said program including, but not limited to, the effectiveness of investigations, opioid and trafficking settlements pursued and long-term plans for the program; and provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the SAFE Coalition, Incorporated to provide support, education, treatment options and coping mechanisms for those affected by substance use disorder in Franklin ..........................................................$2,659,123

0810-1206  For the office of the attorney general, which may expend for a civil penalties revolving fund an amount not to exceed $2,043,426 from
revenues collected from enforcement of civil law; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system ................................................................. $2,043,426

Victim and Witness Assistance Board.

0840-0100 For the operation of the victim and witness assistance board; provided, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the operation and administration of trainings and educational programming that advances the goals of the Massachusetts office for victim assistance .............................................. $1,455,525

0840-0101 For the salaries and administration of the SAFEPLAN advocacy program to be administered by the Massachusetts office for victim assistance; provided, that not later than January 31, 2025, the office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the effectiveness of contracting for the program including, but not limited to, the: (i) expansion of the program's services to new courthouses throughout the commonwealth; (ii) number and types of incidents to which the advocates responded; (iii) types of services and service referrals provided by the domestic violence advocates; (iv) cost of providing such services; and (v) extent of coordination with other service providers and state agencies; and provided further, that SAFEPLAN services shall be maintained at not less than the levels provided in fiscal year 2024......................... $2,445,132

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION.

0900-0100 For the operation of the state ethics commission .................................................. $3,664,121

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.

0910-0200 For the operation of the office of the inspector general ............................................ $5,584,969

0910-0210 For the office of the inspector general, which may expend revenues collected not more than $1,375,710 from the fees charged to participants in the OIG Academy, including the Massachusetts public purchasing official certification program for the operation of such programs; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system ................................................................. $1,375,710

0910-0220 For the operation of the bureau of program integrity established in section 16V of chapter 6A of the General Laws ........................................................................ $789,635

0910-0230 For the operation of the data analytics unit within the office of the inspector general ................................................................................................. $608,673
For the operation of the internal special audit unit established in section 9 of chapter 6C of the General Laws .......................................................... $1,235,004

For the operation of the division of state police oversight established in section 72 of chapter 22C of the General Laws ......................................................... $454,285

OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN AND POLITICAL FINANCE.

For the operation of the office of campaign and political finance ...................... $2,201,861

OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE.

For the operation of the office of the child advocate; provided, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended on efforts to ensure that transition-age youth who are aging out of the care or custody of the department of children and families or the department of youth services are well-prepared for and supported in their transition into adulthood; provided further, that such services shall include, but not be limited to, staff support through case management and the provision of direct housing services; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for a hospital-based, comprehensive child protection program at University of Massachusetts Memorial Medical Center providing pediatric abusive injury care, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including: (i) medical evaluation and diagnosis services in cases of pediatric sexual abuse, sexual assault, physical abuse and neglect; (ii) timely health care evaluations and examinations for children entering foster care; and (iii) trainings of medical, educational and social service professionals regarding physical and mental health issues for victims of abuse; and provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended for Roca, Inc.’s young mothers experiencing acute trauma pilot program ........................................................................... $5,142,352

For the operation of the state center on child wellbeing and trauma ................. $3,750,000

MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION.

For the Massachusetts commission against discrimination; provided, that the commission shall pursue the highest allowable rate of federal reimbursement; provided further, that not later than March 5, 2025, the commission shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the: (i) number of currently pending cases and the number of cases under investigation and in post-probable cause, with the number of post-probable cause cases delineated by the number of cases in the conciliation, pre-public hearing and post-public hearing stages; (ii) number of cases pending before the commission in which a state agency or state authority is named as a respondent, delineating those cases by agency or authority; (iii) number of new cases filed in fiscal year 2024; (iv) number of cases closed by the commission in fiscal year 2024; and (v) average duration of cases closed by the commission in fiscal year 2024, delineated by cases that reached the conciliation, pre-public hearing and post-public hearing stages; provided further, that funds made available in this item shall be in addition to funds available in items 0940-0101 and 0940-0103; and provided further, that all non-clerical positions shall be exempt from chapter 31 of the General Laws ............................................................ $8,367,888
0940-0101 For the Massachusetts commission against discrimination, which may expend not more than $1,100,000 in revenues collected from fees and federal reimbursements received for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's fair housing programs during fiscal year 2025 and for federal reimbursements received for this and other programs in prior fiscal years; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the commission may also expend revenues generated through the collection of fees and costs so authorized; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the commission may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.................$1,100,000

0940-0102 For the Massachusetts commission against discrimination, which may expend not more than $410,000 in revenues collected from fees charged for training and monitoring programs; provided, that the commission shall work with the office of access and opportunity and the office of diversity and equal opportunity to design and deliver training to executive branch staff; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the commission may also expend revenues generated through the collection of fees and costs so authorized; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the commission may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.................$410,000

0940-0103 For the Massachusetts commission against discrimination, which may expend not more than $1,400,000 in revenues from fees and federal reimbursements received in fiscal year 2025 and prior fiscal years for the purposes of United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission fair employment programs; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the commission may also expend revenues generated through the collection of fees and costs so authorized; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the commission may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate, as reported in the state accounting system.................$1,400,000

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN.

0950-0000 For the commission on the status of women established in section 66 of chapter 3 of the General Laws.................................................................$958,785

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN.
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Marijuana Regulation Fund .................................................. 100%

EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE.

Office of the Secretary.

For the office of the secretary of administration and finance; provided, that the secretary shall provide biannual reports, the first of which shall be submitted not later than January 31, 2025 and the second of which shall be submitted not later than May 30, 2025, to the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the reports shall summarize existing and proposed collective bargaining agreements in an electronic format, which shall include for each agreement, the reports shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the session law for the previously agreed upon collective bargaining agreement; (ii) the current agreement status; (iii) the collective bargaining unit and unit number; (iv) the number of full-time equivalent employees subject to the agreement, by item; (v) a description of the membership of the unit; (vi) the total salary base of the most recent previous agreement; (vii) the start date and expiration date of the most recent agreement; (viii) the estimated total fiscal impact of the agreement compared to the previous agreement; (ix) the base salary increases required by the agreement, by effective time; and (x) the funding status of the agreement; provided further, that the reports shall detail, by bargaining unit, the costs to the commonwealth resulting from the collective bargaining agreements with various public employees’ unions, delineated by item; provided further, that the reports shall include, but not be limited to, the: (a) effective date of any new negotiations or renegotiations; (b) end date of the contract; (c) number of employees in the bargaining unit, by department; and (d) costs associated with any new negotiations or renegotiations, including salary adjustments, step increases, statutory benefits and other non-salary costs for the current and subsequent fiscal years for the life of the contract; provided further, that the executive office for administration and finance shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing federal grant applications submitted and federal grants received by executive branch agencies during the applicable reporting period; and provided further, that not later than December 2, 2024, the executive office for administration and finance shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means evaluating the stress impacts of varying economic scenarios for the next 2 fiscal years including, but not limited to, the: (1) potential effects of economic changes on tax revenue collections; and (2) sufficiency of the Commonwealth Stabilization Fund established in section 2H of chapter 29 of the General Laws and other reserve balances in offsetting potential revenue declines ........................................ $4,775,425

For supporting activities relating to accountability and transparency including, but not limited to, economic forecasting, adoption of uniform procedures across state agencies and departments and maximizing federal revenue opportunities ...................................................................... $562,304
For the provision of information technology services within the executive office for administration and finance .......................................................... $35,822,972

For the state infrastructure implementation coordinator and the operation of the federal funds and infrastructure development office; provided, that the office shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means on its activities including, but not limited to: (i) federal competitive funds awarded to the commonwealth; (ii) federal competitive funds being pursued; and (iii) the status of pending applications submitted for federal competitive funds ................................................. $1,997,515

For the caseload and economic forecasting office; provided, that the office shall forecast: (i) MassHealth enrollment by group and coverage type; (ii) participation in state-subsidized child care provided through items 3000-3060 and 3000-4060; (iii) participation in emergency assistance and housing programs provided through items 7004-0101, 7004-0102, 7004-0108 and 7004-9316; (iv) enrollment of active members and dependents in the group insurance commission; (v) recipients of direct benefits provided by the department of transitional assistance through items 4400-1004, 4403-2000, 4405-2000 and 4408-1000; (vi) participation in programs provided by the department of children and families through items 4800-0038 and 4800-0041; and (vii) other related economic forecasts; provided further, that not later than October 31, 2024, the office shall report its fiscal year 2024 actuals, fiscal year 2025 year-to-date actuals and forecasts and fiscal year 2026 forecasts to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means; and provided further, that not later than March 14, 2025, the office shall submit updated forecasts to the executive office for administration and finance and to the house and senate committees on ways and means ................................................................. $245,641

Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance.

For the operation of the office of facilities management and maintenance, including the cost of utilities and associated contracts for properties managed by the division of capital asset management and maintenance .................$31,870,886

For the division of capital asset management and maintenance, which may expend for the maintenance and operation of the Massachusetts information technology center and other state buildings not more than $11,295,016 in revenues collected from rentals, commissions, fees and any other sources pertaining to the operations of said facilities; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the division may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .........................................................$11,295,016

For the division of capital asset management and maintenance for the certification of contractors and subcontractors .......................................................... $961,324

Bureau of the State House.
For state house accessibility coordination, including communications access to public hearings and meetings; provided, that access shall include interpreter services for the deaf and hard of hearing .............................................. $157,783

For the operation of the bureau of the state house; provided, that the superintendent, director of operations and other employees of the bureau shall work in conjunction with the business manager of the house of representatives and the chief financial officer of the senate on the maintenance, repair, purchases and payments for materials and services; provided further, that funds shall be expended for personnel necessary to provide management of physical security technology at the state house; and provided further, that funds shall be expended for full-time maintenance coverage of elevators at the state house ......................................................... $4,559,731

For security operations at the bureau of the state house ........................................................................ $250,000

**Office on Disability.**

For the Massachusetts office on disability ........................................................................................................... $1,349,782

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**DISABLED PERSONS PROTECTION COMMISSION.**

For the operation of the disabled persons protection commission including, but not limited to, the costs of maintaining a computerized registry system of persons who have been substantiated for registrable abuse of a person with an intellectual or developmental disability; provided, that the commission shall facilitate compliance by the department of mental health and the department of developmental services with uniform investigative standards; provided further, that the commission shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the number of claims of abuse by caretakers made by employees or contracted service employees of the department of developmental services, the department of mental health and the Massachusetts rehabilitation commission; provided further, that the report shall include the number of: (i) substantiated claims; (ii) unsubstantiated claims; and (iii) false claims reported as a result of intentional and malicious action; and provided further, that all persons who call the commission’s 24-hour hotline shall be provided with the opportunity to elect that the call not be recorded .......................................................................................................................... $11,894,570

**Civil Service Commission.**

For the civil service commission; provided, that the General Fund shall be reimbursed for the appropriation in this item through a fee charged on a per-claim basis; provided further, that the commission shall develop and implement regulations to provide for reimbursement to the General Fund; and provided further, that the commission may assess a fee upon the appointing authority when inappropriate action has occurred ................................................................. $1,295,711

**Group Insurance Commission.**

For the operation of the group insurance commission; provided, that on a monthly basis, the commission shall provide the caseload forecasting office with enrollment data and any other information pertinent to caseload forecasting; provided further, that the information shall be provided in a
manner that meets all applicable federal and state privacy requirements; provided further, that the commission shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) any proposed plan changes accompanied by a detailed rationale for such changes; (ii) a detailed delineation of any estimated deficiencies or reversions in the current fiscal year, detailed by item; and (iii) a projection of any funding changes for the following fiscal year, detailed by item; provided further, that not later than September 27, 2024 the first such report shall be submitted; and provided further, that the commission shall provide all materials presented at any public meetings hosted by the commission to the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than 15 days after the public meeting.

$5,469,260

1108-5200  For the commonwealth’s share of the group insurance premium and plan costs incurred in fiscal year 2025; provided, that funds may be expended from this item for the commonwealth’s share of group insurance premium and plan costs provided to employees and retirees in prior fiscal years; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, funds in this item shall not be available during the accounts payable period of fiscal year 2025 and any unexpended balance in this item shall revert to the General Fund on June 30, 2025; provided further, that the secretary of administration and finance shall charge the department of unemployment assistance and other departments, authorities, agencies and divisions which have federal or other funds allocated to them for this purpose for that portion of insurance premium and plan costs as the secretary determines shall be borne by such funds and shall notify the comptroller of the amounts to be transferred, after similar determination, from the several state or other funds and amounts received in payment of all such charges or transfers shall be credited to the General Fund; provided further, that the group insurance commission shall obtain reimbursement for premium and administrative expenses from other agencies and authorities not funded by state appropriations; provided further, that the secretary of administration and finance may charge all agencies for the commonwealth’s share of the health insurance costs incurred on behalf of any employees of those agencies who are on leave of absence for a period of more than 1 year; provided further, that the amounts received in payment for the charges shall be credited to the General Fund; provided further, that notwithstanding section 26 of chapter 29 of the General Laws, the commission may negotiate, purchase and execute contracts before July 1 of each year for policies of group insurance under chapter 32A of the General Laws; provided further, that the rules for determining the commonwealth’s share of the group insurance premiums for active and retired state employees shall be the same as the standards in effect on July 1, 2012; provided further, that funds may be expended from this item for elderly retired governmental employees and retired municipal teachers; provided further, that not less than 90 days before any changes in coverage, benefits or the schedule of copayments and deductibles for plans offered by the group insurance commission; provided further, that the commission may pay premium and plan costs for municipal employees and retirees who are enrolled in the commission’s health plans under the commission’s regulations; and provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the commission shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on: (i) the average full cost premium equivalent per enrollee; (ii) the average actual cost per enrollee for enrollees from participating municipalities; (iii) the contribution ratios for each participating municipality for fiscal year 2025;
(iv) the number of members in high deductible health plans; (v) the premium reimbursement paid by each municipality per active enrollee by plan; (vi) the average employee premium contribution by plan for each municipality; (vii) estimates for the total premium per active enrollee by plan for each municipality; (viii) the average employee out-of-pocket expenditure and premium contribution by salary level of employees; (ix) a comparison of the total premium estimate with the sum total of municipality reimbursement and average employee premium contribution; (x) the total amount spent on pharmaceutical drugs; and (xi) the cost of the commonwealth’s projected share of premiums for the next fiscal year ....... $2,169,893,912

1108-5201 For the costs incurred by the group insurance commission associated with providing municipal health insurance coverage under section 19 of chapter 32B of the General Laws; provided, that the commission may expend not more than $2,196,746 from revenue received from administrative fees associated with providing municipal health insurance coverage under said section 19 of said chapter 32B; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the commission may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system............................................................................................................. $2,196,746

1108-5500 For the costs, notwithstanding chapter 32A of the General Laws, of dental and vision benefits for active state employees, not including employees of authorities or any other political subdivision, who are not otherwise provided those benefits under a separate item or by the terms of a contract or collective bargaining agreement; provided, that such employees shall pay 15 per cent of the monthly premiums established by the group insurance commission for the benefits.............................................................................................................. $12,028,142

Division of Administrative Law Appeals.

1110-1000 For the operation of the division of administrative law appeals; provided, that the division shall maintain, to the fullest extent practicable, a complete physical and technological separation from any agency, department, board, commission or program the decisions, determinations or actions of which may be appealed to it; and provided further, that a decision issued by a commissioner or other head of an agency or by such person’s designee following the issuance of a recommended decision by an administrative law judge shall be an agency decision subject to judicial review under chapter 30A of the General Laws............................................................................................................. $1,858,130

1110-1002 For the division of administrative law appeals, which may expend not more than $70,000 in revenues from fees charged to appellants upon the filing of claims, for the operation of such services provided........................................................................................................ $70,000

George Fingold Library.

1120-4005 For the administration of the George Fingold Library ................................................. $1,593,151

Department of Revenue.
For the operation of the department of revenue, including tax collection administration, audits of certain foreign corporations and the division of local services; provided, that the department may allocate funds to the office of the attorney general for the tax prosecution unit; provided further, that the department may charge the expenses for computer services, including the costs of personnel and other support costs provided to the child support enforcement unit, from this item to item 1201-0160 consistent with the costs attributable to that unit; provided further, that the department shall provide the general court with access to the municipal data bank; provided further, that notwithstanding section 1 of chapter 31 of the General Laws, seasonal positions funded by this item shall be positions requiring the services of an incumbent, on either a full-time or less than full-time basis, beginning not earlier than December 1 and ending not later than November 30; provided further, that seasonal positions funded by this item shall not be filled by an incumbent for more than 10 months within a 12-month period; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the department’s tax expenditure commission established in section 14 of chapter 14 of the General Laws; and provided further, that not less than $820,000 shall be expended to organizations providing tax assistance services to individuals and families qualifying for the volunteer income tax assistance program, in partnership with the Internal Revenue Service, for the provision of such services .......................................................... $99,013,826

For grants to qualified low-income taxpayer clinics established under section 13 of chapter 14 of the General Laws; provided, that not later than March 5, 2025, the department of revenue shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the: (i) number of grant applications; (ii) number of rejected applications; (iii) reasons for those rejections; (iv) estimated number of taxpayers served by each approved grant; (v) geographic location of the approved grant recipient clinic; and (vi) average size of approved grants .......................................................... $500,000

For the department of revenue, which may expend for the operation of the department not more than $27,938,953 from revenues collected by the additional auditors for an enhanced audit program; provided, that the auditors shall: (i) locate and identify persons who are delinquent either in the filing of a tax return or the payment of a tax due and payable to the commonwealth; (ii) obtain the delinquent returns; and (iii) collect the delinquent taxes; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .......................................................... $27,938,953

For the child support enforcement division; provided, that the department of revenue may allocate funds appropriated in this item to other state agencies for the performance of certain child support enforcement activities and those agencies may expend funds for the purposes of this item; provided further, that not later than February 28, 2025, all such allocations shall be reported to the house and senate committees on ways and means upon the allocation of the funds; provided further, that federal receipts associated with the child support computer network shall be drawn down at the highest possible rate of reimbursement and deposited into a revolving account to be expended for the network; provided further,
that federal receipts associated with child support enforcement grants shall be deposited into a revolving account to be drawn down at the highest possible rate of reimbursement and shall be expended for the grant authority; provided further, that not later than February 28, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the balance, year-to-date and projected receipts and year-to-date and projected expenditures, by subsidiary, of the child support trust fund established under section 9 of chapter 119A of the General Laws; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system for federal incentives and the network in items 1201-0165, 1201-0410 and 1201-0412.................................$45,930,045

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<td>For the costs associated with expert witnesses retained by the department of revenue to resolve tax disputes; provided, that expenditures from this item shall be the lesser of $294,030 or the amount certified by the secretary of administration and finance under section 156 of chapter 139 of the acts of 2012.................................................................................................$294,030</td>
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<td>For underground storage tank reimbursements to parties that have remediated spills of petroleum products under chapter 21J of the General Laws; provided, that priority for payment of approved claims shall be given to claimants who own or formerly owned not more than 4 dispensing facilities .............................................................................................................$8,490,000</td>
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Underground Storage Tank Petroleum Product Cleanup Fund
28, 2025, the board shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the status of the underground storage tank program including, but not limited to, the: (i) number of municipal grants made for the removal and replacement of underground storage tanks; (ii) reimbursements for remediated petroleum spills; (iii) number of backlog claims; (iv) average waiting period for claims granted in the past year; and (v) number of tanks not in compliance with said chapter 21J..............$1,860,532

Underground Storage Tank Petroleum
Product Cleanup Fund..............................................100%

1233-2000 For the tax abatement program for certain veterans, widows, blind persons and the elderly; provided, that cities and towns shall be reimbursed for the abatements granted under clauses Seventeenth, Twenty-second, Twenty-second A, Twenty-second B, Twenty-second C, Twenty-second D, Twenty-second E, Twenty-second F, Thirty-seventh, Thirty-seventh A, Forty-first, Forty-first B, Forty-first C, Forty-first C 1/2 and Fifty-second of section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws; provided further, that the commonwealth shall reimburse each city or town that accepts said clause Forty-first B or said clause Forty-first C of said section 5 of said chapter 59 for additional costs incurred in determining eligibility of applicants under said clause Forty-first B or said clause Forty-first C of said section 5 of said chapter 59 not more than $2 per exemption granted; and provided further, that funds in this item shall be available for reimbursements to cities and towns for additional exemptions granted from the motor vehicle excise under the seventh paragraph of section 1 of chapter 60A of the General Laws...............................................................$24,038,075

1233-2350 For the distribution to cities and towns of the balance of the State Lottery and Gaming Fund under clause (c) of the second paragraph of section 35 of chapter 10 of the General Laws and additional aid to municipalities as provided for in section 3...............................................................................................................$1,308,713,668

General Fund......................................................... 80.32%
Gaming Local Aid Fund........................................... 19.68%

1233-2400 For reimbursements to cities and towns in lieu of taxes on state-owned land under sections 13 to 17, inclusive, of chapter 58 of the General Laws.................................................................$53,000,000

1233-2401 For reimbursements to qualifying cities and towns for additional educational costs under chapter 40S of the General Laws.................................................$750,000

Appellate Tax Board.

1310-1000 For the operation of the appellate tax board.........................................................$2,562,613

1310-1001 For the appellate tax board, which may expend not more than $400,000 in revenues from fees collected; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the board may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system..........................................................$400,000
For the operation of the executive office of veterans’ services; provided, that the secretary of veterans’ services may transfer funds between 1410-0010, 1410-0012, 1410-0015, 1410-0018, 1410-0024, 1410-0075, 1410-0251, 1410-0400, 1410-0630, 1410-1616 and 1410-1700; provided further, that funds may be transferred from said items to items 4180-0100, and 4190-0100; provided further, that the secretary shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days in advance of any such transfer; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Military Support Foundation, Inc. to support the distribution of food to veterans in need in the counties of Barnstable and Bristol; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Fidelity Post 1011 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S., Inc. in the city of Peabody for repairs; provided further, that not less than $914,000 shall be expended to the Disabled American Veterans Department of Massachusetts Service Fund, Inc. to combat veterans homelessness by maintaining and operating 3 veterans homes and to provide counseling and benefits, including wraparound assistance, to disabled veterans and their families; and provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Ludlow department of veterans’ services for services including, but not limited to, monthly veterans’ lunches, food pantry supports and outreach programming. $12,393,113

For services to veterans, including the maintenance and operation of outreach centers; provided, that said outreach centers shall provide counseling to incarcerated veterans and to Vietnam war era veterans who may have been exposed to agent orange and the families of such veterans; provided further, that said outreach centers shall provide services to veterans who were discharged after September 11, 2001 and the families of those veterans; provided further, that the executive office of veterans’ services shall make a payment of not less than the amount appropriated for each outreach center funded by this item in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the Berkshire County Gold Star Family Memorial in Lenox; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for the Veterans Oral History Project in Natick; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for Veterans, Inc. to expand its behavioral health programming and create low-barrier access to treatment for persons at the Worcester housing programs, and that these funds shall be in addition to funds available for its outreach center; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Freetown VFW to conduct roof repairs and address facility needs; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for a city of Pittsfield caseworker through the Bilingual Veterans Outreach Centers of Massachusetts, Inc. in Springfield; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for the purpose of free lunches and wrap-around services that Community Roots Neighborhood Services, Inc. provides to veterans; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended for women's supportive housing programs and services at the Montachusett Veterans’ Outreach Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Abraham Lincoln Post in the Charlestown neighborhood of the city of Boston, for historic preservation; provided further, that not less than
$25,000 shall be expended to Hidden Battles Foundation, Inc. for the care and services of disabled veterans; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing for each outreach center receiving funds under this item: (i) the number of veterans served annually; (ii) the cost and types of programs, including evidence-based or evidence-informed programs, offered to veterans; and (iii) a 5-year spending plan or outline that shall include a summary of the implementation or further development of evidence-based programs and program evaluation; provided further, that not less than $2,500,000 shall be expended for clinical care, education and training in veterans’ mental and behavioral health issues, including post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, substance use disorder and suicide prevention administered by the Massachusetts General Hospital Home Base Program; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended as a grant to the Veterans’ Association of Bristol County, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $53,000 shall be expended to the Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Center, Inc. for veterans’ housing and homelessness prevention, food security and transportation services, including a contract for services with the Cape Cod & Islands regional group of the Blinded Veterans Association; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for Vietnam Veterans of Massachusetts, Inc. to aid veterans in filing claims for medical and financial benefits; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the city of Easthampton for a pilot program to improve overall veteran wellness and quality of life; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 207, Westport, Massachusetts, Inc. for transportation improvements and upgrades necessary to support and service veterans in Bristol county; and provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the Falmouth Community Veterans Center to support its continued operations and improvements.

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homelessness services receiving funds through this account in the current fiscal year; (ii) the amount of funding received by each veterans’ homelessness service; (iii) the number of veterans served annually by each veterans’ homelessness service; and (iv) the estimated percentage of homeless veterans receiving homelessness services per county in the current year..........................................................$3,992,315

1410-0251  For the maintenance and operation of homeless shelters and transitional housing for veterans at the New England Center and Home for Veterans located in the city of Boston..........................................................$3,750,000

1410-0400  For reimbursements to cities and towns for money expended for veterans’ benefits and for payments to certain veterans under section 6 of chapter 115 of the General Laws and for the payment of annuities to certain disabled veterans and the parents and un-remarried spouses of certain deceased veterans, including deceased veterans who were residents of the Soldiers’ Home in Massachusetts, located in the city of Chelsea, and the Soldiers’ Home in Holyoke whose death occurred due to the 2019 novel coronavirus; provided, that annuity payments made under this item shall be made under sections 6A, 6B and 6C of said chapter 115; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, 100 per cent of the amounts of veterans’ benefits paid by cities and towns to residents of a soldiers’ home, homeless shelter or transitional housing facility shall be paid by the commonwealth to said cities and towns; provided further, that under section 9 of said chapter 115, the executive office of veterans’ services shall reimburse cities and towns for the cost of United States flags placed on the graves of veterans on Memorial Day; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive office of veterans’ services shall continue a training program for veterans’ agents and directors of veterans’ services in cities and towns; provided further, that the executive office of veterans’ services shall provide such training in several locations across the commonwealth; provided further, that such training shall be provided annually and on an as needed basis to veterans’ service organizations to provide information and education regarding the benefits available under said chapter 115 and all other benefits to which a veteran or a veteran’s dependents may be entitled; provided further, that any person applying for veterans’ benefits to pay for services available under chapter 118E of the General Laws shall also apply for medical assistance under said chapter 118E to minimize costs to the commonwealth and its municipalities; provided further, that veterans’ agents shall complete applications authorized by the executive office of veterans’ services under said chapter 118E for a veteran, surviving spouse or dependent applying for medical assistance under said chapter 115; provided further, that the veterans’ agent shall file the application for the veteran, surviving spouse or dependent for assistance under said chapter 118E; provided further, that the executive office of health and human services shall act on all chapter 118E applications and advise the applicant and the veterans’ agent of the applicant’s eligibility for said chapter 118E healthcare; provided further, that the veterans’ agent shall advise the applicant of the right to assistance for medical benefits under said chapter 115 pending approval of the application for assistance under said chapter 118E by the executive office of health and human services; provided further, that the secretary of veterans’ services may supplement health care under said chapter 118E with health care coverage under said chapter 115 if the secretary determines that supplemental coverage is necessary to afford the veteran, surviving
spouse or dependent sufficient relief and support; provided further, that payments to, or on behalf of, a veteran, surviving spouse or dependent under said chapter 115 shall not be considered income for determining eligibility under said chapter 118E; and provided further, that benefits awarded under said section 6B of said chapter 115 shall be considered countable income.............................................................................................................$68,209,878

1410-0630 For the administration of the veterans' cemeteries in the town of Winchendon and in the city known as the town of Agawam..............................................$1,437,876

1410-1616 For war memorials; provided, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the city of Melrose for critical improvements to the historic Wyoming cemetery; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the preservation of the West Burying Ground and the Old Burying Ground in Lynnfield; provided further, that not less than $3,000 shall be expended to the South Attleboro Lions Club, Inc. for costs associated with parts needed to repair or replace wheelchair ramps for veterans and those in need as part of their handicap ramp project; provided further, that not less than $85,000 shall be expended for the purpose of carrying out the maintenance and care of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended to Operation Service, Inc. to host the 9/11 mobile exhibit and support for active duty service members; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to the Friends of Granby Veterans Inc for construction and landscaping purposes for the Granby Veterans memorial; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the refurbishment and maintenance of the Braintree town hall green military veteran and war memorials located in the city known as the town of Braintree; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for maintenance services for the Korean War memorial located in the Charlestown Navy Yard; and provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended for the East Longmeadow Veterans Memorial Committee for the construction of a veterans memorial in the town of East Longmeadow..............................................................................$633,000

1410-1700 For the provision of information technology services within the executive office of veterans' services..............................................................................$3,813,492

Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts.

4180-0100 For the maintenance and operation of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts, located in the city of Chelsea, including a specialized unit for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease patients; provided, that no fee, assessment or other charge shall be imposed upon or required of any person for any admission or hospitalization that exceeds the amount of fees charged in fiscal year 2024 ..............................................................................................................$53,086,687

Soldiers' Home in Holyoke.

4190-0100 For the maintenance and operation of the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke; provided, that no fee, assessment or other charge shall be imposed upon or required of any person for any outpatient treatment, admission or hospitalization that exceeds the amount of fees charged in fiscal year 2024; and provided further, that funds shall be expended for the operation of an
ombudsman’s office at the Soldiers’ Home in Holyoke to act as an independent, impartial and confidential resource for the community .................. $33,437,909

4190-0103 For the Soldiers’ Home in Holyoke, which may expend not more than $50,000 for its operation from the sale of goods to residents and visitors of the home .......................................................... $50,000

4190-0300 For the Soldiers’ Home in Holyoke, which may expend not more than $824,197 for the operation of 12 long-term care beds from revenue generated through the occupancy of these beds; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the Soldiers’ Home may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system, prior appropriation continued ........ $824,197

Health Policy Commission.

1450-1200 For the operation of the health policy commission; provided, that the commission shall provide all materials presented at any public meetings hosted by the committee to the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than 15 days after the public meeting ......................... $12,028,078

Reserves.

1599-0026 For a reserve to support municipal improvements; provided, that not less than $3,000,000 shall be expended for the District Local Technical Assistance Fund established under section 2XXX of chapter 29 of the General Laws, for initiatives, including projects that encourage regionalization, to be administered by the division of local services within the department of revenue and distributed through the District Local Technical Assistance Fund; provided further, that not less than $2,000,000 shall be provided to regional planning agencies to assist municipalities with identifying and applying for federal and state grant opportunities; provided further, that not less than $6,000,000 shall be transferred to the executive office of public safety and security for a competitive grant program for public safety and emergency staffing to be administered by the executive office; provided further, that the grants shall be awarded to communities using the same methodology and criteria used in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that grant funds under this item shall only be provided to communities that submitted qualifying applications that were approved by the executive office in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that not more than 4 per cent of funds appropriated for the grant program shall be expended for the administrative costs of the program; provided further, that not later than February 14, 2025, each state entity administering grant funds through this item shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing grants awarded through this item and the criteria used for distribution; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended for the survey, analysis and design plans for drainage improvements on Robin road in the town of Sharon; provided further, that not less than $90,000 shall be expended to the town of Danvers for wayfinding signage improvements; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for paving needs in the town of Phillipston; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for town hall upgrades in the town of Hardwick; provided further, that not...
less than $85,000 shall be expended to refurbish and maintain the old
town hall in the town of Walpole; provided further, that not less than
$200,000 shall be expended for capital improvements to municipally-
owned buildings in the town of Westwood; provided further, that not less
than $75,000 shall be expended to the town of Palmer for the animal
center program to purchase a specialized vehicle; provided further, that
not less than $100,000 shall be expended for capital assessment and
planning in the town of Dedham; provided further, that not less than
$35,000 shall be expended for handicap accessibility improvements at
Silver Lake park in the town of Bellingham; provided further, that not less
than $20,000 shall be expended for the design and permitting of the
Claybrook road culvert at Trout brook in the town of Dover; provided
further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for upgrades to the
sprinkler system at the town hall in the town of Milford; provided further,
that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the digitization of
municipal files in the town of Millis; provided further, that not less than
$50,000 shall be expended for the repair and expansion of the council on
aging parking lot in the town of Norfolk; provided further, that not less than
$50,000 shall be expended for the installation of upgraded water meters
in the town of Plainville; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall
be expended for water quality and infrastructure improvements in the town
of Sherborn; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be
expended to Montague for infrastructure improvements at the Gill
Montague council on aging; provided further, that not less than $50,000
shall be expended for a public works utility vehicle for the maintenance of
the Nahant Greenlawn cemetery and public park land in Nahant; provided
further, that not less than $65,000 shall be expended to Responsible
Urbanities For Fido, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $100,000
shall be expended to Needham to implement stormwater best
management practices; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall
be expended for an outreach vehicle for Marlborough to be used as a
mobile town hall; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be
expended for the procurement of temporary speed bumps and
coordinating signage for designated areas within Marlborough; provided
further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended for the installation of
a pavilion in Ghiloni park in Marlborough; provided further, that not less
than $30,000 shall be expended for the procurement and installation of
security cameras for the Marlborough housing authority; provided further,
that not less than $35,000 shall be expended for the construction of a dog
park in Marlborough; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be
expended for the replacement of the boiler at Marlborough city hall;
provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to Friends
of Reggie Wong park; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be
expended to Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. North End;
provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the
Marlborough economic development council’s commuter shuttle service;
provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Newton
for landscaping improvements along Washington Street between West
Newton square and Newtonville to help provide a buffer to the
Massachusetts turnpike as part of the city’s Washington street pilot
program of roadway changes, pedestrian and bikeway improvements and
provisions for business parking and MBTA bus stop areas; provided
further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Melrose for LED
lighting upgrades to amplify the city’s efforts to qualify for National Grid
incentives; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended
for the Fore river trail in the city known as the town of Weymouth; provided
further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Andover to improve ADA access in town buildings to better serve its residents; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Mendon for engineering and planning services related to road improvements; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to Andover for technological improvements for public meeting spaces; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended to North Andover for pedestrian safety measures; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Tewksbury for drainage improvements; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended for the digitization of municipal records in Wellesley; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the repair, restoration, maintenance, improvement, and construction of respective storm and waste water systems in Wilmington; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for safety improvements for pedestrian access at Walpole high school; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Belchertown for a feasibility study to ascertain estimated costs for building upgrades and potential uses of the municipally owned Franklin school building; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the rehabilitation of the Veterans parking lot located between Central street, South Street, Wall Street, and Cohasset Street in the center of Foxborough; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Friends of Faxon park in the city of Quincy; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended for the continued remediation of per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances in Princeton; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements to Millbury avenue in Millbury; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to Swansea to be applied toward the upgrades and repairs of the crossing at Sharps Lot road and Lewin brook; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for improvements to Dean park in Shrewsbury to bring the main bathrooms into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Malden for flood mitigation including, but not limited to, the cleaning and maintenance of the Town Line brook and Linden brook culverts; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Plymouth for floor repair and upgrades at its Manomet youth center; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Berkley for a sidewalk that would connect the middle school to the town common; provided further, that not less than $5,000 shall be expended for the purpose of municipal technology upgrades to accommodate remote work in Blackstone; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for sidewalk infrastructure in Abington; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for the purpose of improving pedestrian access to the high school in Walpole; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Lynnfield public library renovation project expenses for design and development costs; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for restoring the Bare Meadow conservation area in Reading; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for a first responder wellness program in North Reading; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for infrastructure design of the middle square in Middleton; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Bay Village Neighborhood Association, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for Brighton Main Streets, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for a needs assessment at the UMass Amherst Marine Station
Gloucester; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for a study on the feasibility of a by-catch recovery donation program for commercial fisheries in the towns of Essex, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Rockport, and the city of Gloucester; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for Pathways for Children in the city of Gloucester for an imagination library program; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the town of Manchester-by-the-Sea for the planning and design of a senior and general municipal use center, or both; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for the Gloucester Fund/Community Impact Division; provided further, that not less than $37,500 shall be expended for a police firearms training simulator in the city of Gloucester; provided further, that not less than $37,500 shall be expended for the modernization of the dock square sewer pump in the town of Rockport; provided further, that not less than $37,500 shall be expended for the rehabilitation of the recreation area known as the Centennial Grove in the town of Essex; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the purpose of the Swansea sewer infrastructure project; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Somerset water treatment plant for the repair and replacement of water treatment pumps; and provided further, that $600,000 shall be expended for a multi-year competitive grant program to provide financial support for 1-time or transition costs related to regionalization and other efficiency initiatives, with allowable applicants to include municipalities, regional school districts, school districts considering forming a regional school district or regionalizing services, regional planning agencies and councils of governments ..............................................$19,442,500

1599-0093 For contract assistance to the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust including, but not limited to, the debt service obligations of the trust, principal forgiveness, interest rate reduction and other subsidies or financial assistance under sections 6 and 18 of chapter 29C of the General Laws .............$63,383,680

1599-0105 For a reserve for costs associated with the delivery of medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorder at county correctional facilities under section 98 of chapter 208 of the acts of 2018; provided, that the secretary of administration and finance, in consultation with the commissioner of public health, may transfer funds from this item to commonwealth agencies as defined under section 1 of chapter 29 of the General Laws; and provided further, that not less than 30 days before any such transfer, the secretary shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the amount to be given to each state agency, delineated by item ..........................................................$18,500,000

1599-0107 For a reserve for expenses associated with the implementation of a program at the department of correction and county correctional facilities to treat persons suffering from serious mental illness with clinically-appropriate long-acting injectable medications; provided, that not later than March 11, 2025, the office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the total number of individuals receiving treatment; (ii) the number of individuals requesting treatment who were not approved for said treatment; (iii) the reason for said denial of treatment; and (iv) initiatives in place to expand and improve access to medication-assisted treatment for incarcerated individuals within county correctional facilities ...........$2,500,000
1599-1211 For a reserve to meet the expenses associated with the implementation of chapter 253 of the acts of 2020, including the shared administrative costs of the permanent commissions established in sections 72 to 75, inclusive, of chapter 3 of the General Laws; provided, that the secretary of administration and finance may transfer funds from this item to state agencies as defined in section 1 of chapter 29 of the General Laws; and provided further, that the secretary shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on any such transfer.................................................. $200,000

1599-1970 For a reserve for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to defray the costs of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, or its successor, incurred in fiscal year 2025 under section 138 of chapter 27 of the acts of 2009 ........................................................................................................ $125,000,000

Commonwealth Transportation Fund......................... 100%

1599-1977 For contract assistance and other payments to the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency for payment of debt service and related obligations in connection with bonds issued by the agency under chapter 293 of the acts of 2006, as amended by chapter 129 of the acts of 2008, chapter 238 of the acts of 2012, chapter 287 of the acts of 2014 and chapter 219 of the acts of 2016; provided, that not later than January 31, 2025, the secretary of administration and finance shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the estimated contract assistance and other payments to be required under said chapter 293 of the acts of 2006, said chapter 219 of the acts of 2016, said chapter 238 of the acts of 2012 and said chapter 287 of the acts of 2014 for obligations existing not later than July 1, 2024, in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 and an estimate of anticipated contract assistance and other payments arising out of potential agreements reasonably expected to be entered into after July 1, 2024, in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 ......................... $13,000,000

1599-2003 For the Uniform Law Commission; provided, that prior fiscal year payments may be payable from this item ......................................................... $66,780

1599-3234 For the South Essex sewerage district debt service assessment ......................... $33,914

1599-3384 For a reserve for the payment on behalf of a state agency as defined under section 1 of chapter 29 of the General Laws under regulations promulgated by the comptroller, of certain court judgments, settlements and legal fees that were ordered to be paid in the current fiscal year or a prior fiscal year; provided, that the office of the comptroller shall not pay attorneys’ fees to outside counsel representing a state agency, including a state official or employee who is sued for actions undertaken within that individual’s scope of employment for the commonwealth, in litigation before a court until the office of the attorney general has reviewed and provided written approval for the outside counsel's bills, which may be reviewed in redacted form if warranted because of a conflict of interest; provided further, that the office of the comptroller shall not pay attorneys’ fees for outside counsel representing a state agency in such litigation that exceeds a cumulative amount of $250,000 until the secretary of administration and finance or a designee has reviewed and provided written approval for such attorneys’ fees for outside counsel; provided further, that before a state official or employee who is sued for actions undertaken within that individual’s scope of employment for the commonwealth may seek reimbursement from this item, that individual
shall obtain written approval from the office of the attorney general in a form to be approved by the office of the comptroller; provided further, that the office of the comptroller shall not pay a settlement of litigation before a court on behalf of a state agency that is not within an executive office identified under section 2 of chapter 6A of the General Laws, including any state official or employee who is sued for actions undertaken within that individual’s scope of employment for the commonwealth, until the office of the attorney general has reviewed and provided written approval for such a settlement; provided further, that the office of the comptroller shall not pay a settlement of litigation before a court that exceeds $250,000 on behalf of a state agency that is not within an executive office identified under said section 2 of said chapter 6A, including a state official or employee who is sued for actions undertaken within that individual’s scope of employment for the commonwealth, until the secretary of administration and finance or a designee has reviewed and provided written approval for such a settlement; provided further, that the office of the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the 5-year historical expenditure average as certified by the secretary of administration and finance or the current appropriation, whichever is greater; provided further, that the comptroller shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the amounts expended from this item, delineated by item; and provided further, that upon written notification to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means, uncommitted and unobligated funds from this item may be transferred to item 0612-0105 upon the request of the state treasurer...

1599-3856 For rent and associated costs at the Massachusetts information technology center in the city of Chelsea ........................................................................................................... $500,000

1599-4417 For the Edward J. Collins Jr. Center for Public Management in the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies at the University of Massachusetts at Boston ........................................................................................................... $250,000

1599-6903 For the fiscal year 2025 costs of rate implementations under chapter 257 of the acts of 2008; provided, that rate implementations under said chapter 257 may include, but shall not be limited to, costs associated with any court order or settlement between providers of services and the commonwealth related to the rate implementation process; provided further, that preference in distributing funds from this item shall be given to personnel earning wages less than $20 per hour; provided further, that home care workers shall be eligible for funding from this item; provided further, that workers from shelters and programs that serve homeless individuals and families that were previously contracted through the department of transitional assistance and the department of public health who are currently contracted with the executive office of housing and livable communities and direct care workers that serve homeless veterans through the executive office of veterans’ services shall be eligible for funding from this item; provided further, that no funds from this item shall be allocated to special education programs under chapter 71B of the General Laws, contracts for early education and care services or programs for which payment rates are negotiated and paid as class rates as established by the executive office of health and human services; provided further, that no funds shall be allocated from this item to contracts funded exclusively by federal grants as delineated in section 2D of this act; provided further, that the secretary of administration and finance may
transfer from the sum appropriated in this item to other items of appropriation and allocations thereof for fiscal year 2025, amounts that are necessary to meet these costs where the amounts otherwise available are insufficient for the purpose of rate implementations; provided further, that the executive office for administration and finance shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means on transfers made from this item; provided further, that the report shall identify, by line item and service class, all transfers made from this item as of the date of the report and all transfers expected to be made before the end of the fiscal year; provided further, that not later than February 3, 2025, the executive office of health and human services shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means on the implementation of rates under chapter 257 of the acts of 2008, including, the: (i) state costs for rates promulgated as of July 1, 2024, by regulation, department and program; (ii) state costs for rates promulgated as of January 1, 2025, by regulation, department and program; (iii) per cent of increase in state funding for rates to be reviewed between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025, by regulation, department and program; and (iv) fiscal impact for increases in state funding versus prior fiscal year actual costs for rates to be reviewed between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025, by regulation, department and program; provided further, that contracts between providers and the departments within the executive office of health and human services and the executive office of elder affairs shall require providers to report on the impact of the rate implementations on employee salaries, employee-related costs and operations; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the executive office of health and human services shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means on the implementation of ongoing and proposed initiatives to promote equitable salaries for human services workers, direct care workers, nurses, clinicians or other comparable employees employed by state-operated human services providers and equitable rates paid to human service provider employees in community-based human services organizations funded by the executive office of health and human services, the executive office of elder affairs or the executive office of housing and livable communities; provided further, that said report shall include, but not be limited to: (a) average uniform financial report provider data on employee tax and fringe benefit information of the preceding 2 state fiscal years, as validated with information from the uniform financial report or a method determined by the executive office; (b) median salary and compensation information of the preceding 2 state fiscal years classified by direct care and front-line staff, medical and clinical staff and management staff, as validated with information from the uniform financial report or a method determined by the executive office; (c) a comparison of the median salary for each classification of staff position with the fiftieth percentile wage estimate for that position as determined by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics for the commonwealth using the available data for that rate review; provided further, that not later than March 4, 2025, the executive office health and human services shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means a comparison of the median salary for each classification of staff position with the seventy-fifth percentile wage estimate for that position as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for Massachusetts in the most recent available data; provided further, that not later than December 30, 2024, the executive office of health and human services shall report to the house and senate
committees on ways and means the methodology used to develop service rates for home health aides, personal care aides and homemakers; and provided further, that any human service provider receiving revenue under said chapter 257 shall use not less than 75 per cent of received funds for compensation for their direct care, front-line and medical and clinical staff, which may include, but shall not be limited to, hourly rate increases, wraparound benefits, shift differentials, overtime, hiring and retention bonuses or recruitment, as defined by the executive office..............................................$390,000,000

1599-7106 For the Warren Conference Center and Inn to support academic and professional training opportunities in the fields of hospitality and tourism management.................................................................$1,500,000

1599-7114 For a reserve for the costs associated with the UMass Center at Springfield..........................................................$300,000

**Human Resources Division.**

1750-0100 For the operation of the human resources division and the costs of administration, training and customer support related to the commonwealth’s human resources and compensation management system and the human resource modernization initiative; provided, that any employee of the commonwealth who chooses to participate in a bone marrow donor program shall be granted a leave of absence without loss or reduction in pay to undergo the medical procedure and for associated physical recovery time, but such leave shall not exceed 5 days; provided further, that notwithstanding clause (n) of section 5 of chapter 31 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the secretary of administration and finance shall charge a fee of not less than $50 to be collected from each applicant for a civil service examination; provided further, that the division shall administer a program of state employee unemployment management including, but not limited to, agency training and assistance; provided further, that funds may be expended to revalidate civil service exams, including police and fire medical standards; provided further, that the division shall be responsible for the administration of examinations for state and municipal civil service titles, establishment of eligible lists, certification of eligible candidates to state and municipal appointing authorities and technical assistance in selection and appointment to state and municipal appointing authorities; and provided further, that the division shall administer the statewide classification system including, but not limited to, maintaining a classification pay plan for civil service titles in accordance with generally accepted compensation standards and reviewing appeals for reclassification.................................................................$12,370,033

1750-0103 For the operation of the training and career ladder program..............................$783,956

1750-0104 For the human resources division, which may expend for the administration of the civil service examination program, examinations for non-civil service positions and implementation of the medical and physical fitness standards program .................................................................$5,923,156

1750-0119 For payment of workers’ compensation benefits to certain former employees of Middlesex and Worcester counties and the Hampshire council of government; provided, that the human resources division shall
routinely recertify the former employees under current workers’ compensation procedures ................................................................. $54,666

1750-0300 For the commonwealth’s contributions in fiscal year 2025 to health and welfare funds established under certain collective bargaining agreements; provided, that the contributions shall be calculated as provided under the applicable collective bargaining agreements and shall be paid to the health and welfare trust funds on a monthly basis or on such other basis as the applicable collective bargaining agreement shall provide ........................................ $37,102,410

1750-0928 For the cost to lease or rent space to administer the civil service physical abilities tests and to revalidate civil service exams, including police and fire medical standards .............................................................................. $774,722

Operational Services Division.

1775-0115 For the operational services division, which may expend not more than $16,361,499 from revenues collected from the statewide contract administrative fee to procure, manage and administer statewide contracts; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the division may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .............................................. $16,361,499

1775-0124 For the operational services division, which may expend not more than $122,249 from revenues collected in the recovery of cost reimbursement and non-reimbursable overbilling and recoupment for health and human service agencies and as a result of administrative reviews as determined during the division’s audits and reviews of providers under section 22N of chapter 7 of the General Laws; provided, that the division may only retain revenues collected in excess of $100,000; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the division may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .................................................................................. $122,249

1775-0600 For the operational services division, which may expend not more than $463,572 from revenues collected from the sale of state surplus personal property and the disposal of surplus motor vehicles including, but not limited to, state police vehicles from vehicle accident and damage claims and from manufacturer warranties, rebates and settlements for the payment, expenses and liabilities for the acquisition, warehousing, allocation and distribution of surplus property and the purchase of motor vehicles; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the division may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system, including the costs of personnel ................................................................................................................. $463,572
For the operational services division, which may expend not more than $1,000,000 from revenues collected in addition to the amount authorized in item 1775-1000 of section 2B for printing, photocopying, mailing, related graphic art or design work and other reprographic goods and services provided to the general public, including all necessary or incidental expenses; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the division may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system. $1,000,000

For the operational services division, which may expend not more than $22,000 from revenues collected under chapter 449 of the acts of 1984 and section 4L of chapter 7 of the General Laws, including the costs of personnel, from the sale of federal surplus property, including the payment, expenses and liabilities for the acquisition, warehousing, allocation and distribution of federal surplus property; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the division may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system. $22,000

Supplier Diversity Office.

For the operation and administration of the supplier diversity office; provided, that the office shall provide training and other services to diverse businesses, as defined in section 58 of chapter 7 of the General Laws, certified by the office that allow those businesses to better compete for state contracts and ensure that equitable practices and policies in the public marketplace are maintained; provided further, that the office shall administer an electronic business certification application which shall be accessible to business applicants through the internet; provided further, that the office shall ensure the integrity and security of personal and financial information transmitted by electronic application; and provided further, that the office shall, using all existing available resources, provide certification services to all supplier diversity office qualified applicants within or outside of the commonwealth, as applicable. $4,537,917

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND SECURITY.

For the operation of the executive office of technology services and security; provided, that the executive office shall continue a chargeback system for its information technology services; provided further, that the state comptroller shall establish accounts and procedures as the comptroller deems appropriate and necessary to assist in accomplishing the purposes of this item; provided further, that the executive office may establish rules and procedures necessary to implement this item; provided further, that the chief information officer shall review and approve any planned information technology development project or purchase by any agency under the authority of the governor for which the total projected cost exceeds $200,000, including the cost of any related hardware, software or consulting fees and regardless of fiscal year or source of
funds, before the agency may obligate funds for the project or purchase; provided further, that not later than June 30, 2025, the secretary of technology services and security shall submit to the state auditor, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on state administration and regulatory oversight a complete accounting of and justification for all project-related expenditures totaling $250,000 or more over the previous 12-month period regardless of source of funds or authorization for such expenditure; and provided further, that not later than February 17, 2025, the executive office shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance, the state auditor and the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) financial statements detailing savings and, where applicable, additional expenses realized from the consolidation of information technology services within each executive office and other initiatives; (ii) efforts being taken to ensure the compatibility and interoperability of agency systems and to consolidate relevant data between agencies; (iii) the number of personnel assigned to information technology services within each executive office; (iv) efficiencies that have been achieved from the sharing of resources; (v) the status of the centralization of the commonwealth's information technology staffing, infrastructure and network and cloud hosting; (vi) the status of the commonwealth's cybersecurity; and (vii) strategies and initiatives to further improve the: (a) efficiency and security of the commonwealth's information technology; and (b) transparency of the executive office of technology services and security with the general court, other executive branch agencies and the general public $3,518,050

1790-0300 For the executive office of technology services and security, which may expend not more than $2,733,931 in revenues collected from the provision of computer resources and services to the general public for the costs of the bureau of computer services, including the purchase, lease or rental of telecommunications lines, services and equipment; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the executive office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system $2,733,931

1790-1700 For core technology services and security, including those previously funded through item 1790-0200 in prior fiscal years $95,545,717

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less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Boston Harbor Now, Inc. for climate research, planning, programming and community science education related to climate resiliency work with the Stone Living Lab partnership; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Groundworks Southcoast to support tree and community garden expansion in the city of New Bedford; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen’s Alliance, Inc. for the modernization and maintenance of sustainable fishing; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Charles River Watershed Association for a regional approach to reducing combined sewer overflows in the Charles river; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for upgrades to the Mary Dennison park to provide inclusive and low-threshold access to exercise equipment to the surrounding environmental justice community; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for a coastal water quality and natural resource monitoring program in Buzzards Bay and Vineyard Sound administered by Buzzards Bay Coalition, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $750,000 shall be expended to the town of Belmont for environmental remediation and environmental compliance costs, including the cost of natural refrigerants and related capital project expenses; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to enter into an agreement with the metropolitan area planning district established in section 26 of chapter 40B of the General Laws to support the development of regional drought management and drinking supply resilience plans in Essex county; and provided further, that funds may be used for administrative costs but such costs shall not exceed 10 per cent of the value of the agreement .......................................................... $20,698,482

2000-0101 For the executive office of energy and environmental affairs to coordinate and implement strategies for climate change adaptation and preparedness including, but not limited to: (i) the resiliency of the commonwealth’s transportation, energy and public health infrastructures; (ii) built environments; (iii) municipal assistance; (iv) improved data collection and analysis; (v) enhanced planning; and (vi) improved resiliency through the strengthening and revitalization of natural resources, including marshes and other wetlands; provided, that the executive office may enter into interagency service agreements to facilitate and accomplish these efforts; provided further, that not later than February 5, 2025 the executive office of energy and environmental affairs shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (a) the commonwealth’s multi-year plan for developing a climate change resiliency plan and response strategy; (b) plans to support local partners in climate change adaptation and resiliency; (c) an analysis of the differing effects of climate change in different geographic, ecological, and coastal regions of the state, including urban, suburban and rural homes; (d) a review of the environmental justice impacts of climate change on communities of color; and (e) a detailed breakdown of all expenditures made under this item; and provided further, that not later than December 30, 2024 the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the house and senate committees on global warming and climate change, the joint committee on transportation and the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy that shall include the status of its efforts to enhance port infrastructure for the development of offshore wind.......................................................... $9,982,295
For the executive office of energy and environmental affairs to implement an environmental justice strategy and promote and secure environmental justice; provided, that funds shall be expended on language translation services to ensure adequate access during public comment periods; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the number of full-time equivalent positions assigned to the executive office’s environmental justice staff; (ii) the responsibilities held by the executive office’s environmental justice staff; (iii) the status of environmental justice policies, strategies and initiatives being pursued for both the current and coming fiscal years; (iv) efforts to expand language access through verbal and written materials, including the languages in which policy and materials have been translated; and (v) impact of language access initiatives on participation in public hearings and public comment periods; provided further, that funds shall be expended on mapping technology to overlay environmental and public health data. $8,752,655

For obligations of the commonwealth to neighboring states incurred pursuant to interstate compacts for flood control. $506,140

For the purposes of dam safety technical assistance program for public and private dam owners; provided, that the program will support compliance with existing dam safety requirements. $1,000,000

For the office of environmental law enforcement, which may expend not more than $40,000 from the administrative handling charge revenues received from electronic transactions processed through its online licensing and registration systems; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system. $40,000

For the operation of information technology services within the executive office of energy and environmental affairs. $21,664,402

For the operation of the office of environmental law enforcement; provided, that environmental police officers shall provide monitoring under the National Shellfish Sanitation Program; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the office to increase its patrols in and around the Flint pond area of Lake Quinsigamond to improve public safety and reduce public nuisance; provided further, that the office, at its discretion, may distribute such funds to the Worcester police department or the Shrewsbury police department to conduct such patrols in place of the office; and provided further, that not less than $350,000 shall be expended for the protection of right whales by increasing the patrols of the office and its officers’ ability to identify and remove abandoned fishing gear and enforce speed restrictions through the use of drone technologies to minimize potentially harmful interactions between vessels and right whales. $16,447,641

For environmental police private details; provided, that the office of environmental law enforcement may expend not more than $530,000 from
 revenues collected from the fees charged for private details; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .................................................. $530,000

Department of Public Utilities.

2100-0012 For the operation of the department of public utilities; provided, that notwithstanding the second sentence of the first paragraph of section 18 of chapter 25 of the General Laws, the assessments levied for fiscal year 2025 under said first paragraph of said section 18 of said chapter 25 shall be made at a rate sufficient to produce the amount expended from this item and the associated fringe benefit costs for personnel paid from this item .......................................................... $20,534,183

2100-0013 For the operation of the transportation oversight division ............................................. $1,034,707

2100-0016 For the department of public utilities to regulate steam distribution companies; provided, that notwithstanding section 18A of chapter 25 of the General Laws, the assessments levied for fiscal year 2025 shall be made at a rate sufficient to produce the amount expended from this item and the associated fringe benefit costs for personnel paid from this item .......... $440,175

2100-0017 For the operation of the division of transportation network services; provided, that the amount assessed under section 23 of chapter 25 of the General Laws shall be made at a rate sufficient to produce the amount expended from this item and the associated fringe benefit costs for personnel paid from this item .......................................................... $4,159,463

Department of Environmental Protection.

2200-0100 For the operation of the department of environmental protection, including the environmental strike force, the bureau of planning and evaluation, the bureau of resource protection, the bureau of waste prevention, the Senator William X. Wall Experiment Station and a contract with the University of Massachusetts for environmental research; provided, that section 3B of chapter 7 of the General Laws shall not apply to fees established in section 18 of chapter 21A of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended to enter into an agreement with OARS, Inc. for the operation of a water quality monitoring program in the Sudbury, Assabet and Concord rivers; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the department of environmental protection to conduct a study related to the creation of a statewide program to ensure safe drinking water for residents relying on private wells; provided further, that not later than January 1, 2025, the department shall submit report to the joint committee on environment and natural resources and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the findings of the safe drinking water study; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the department of environmental protection to conduct a study to evaluate the impacts of transmission lines and substations on groundwater and to identify specific actions needed to protect affected communities, including environmental justice communities; provided further, that not later than May 5, 2025, the
department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on public health, the joint committee on environment and natural resources and the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy detailing the results of said study; and provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Merrimack River Watershed Council, Inc. for a regional approach to reducing combined sewer overflows in the Merrimack river ........................................ $54,359,482

For the department of environmental protection, which may expend not more than $650,150 in revenues collected from fees for wetland permits; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system........................................ $650,150

For technical assistance, grants and support of efforts consistent with the Massachusetts Recycling and Solid Waste Master Plan and the Massachusetts Climate Protection Plan; provided, that funds may be expended for a recycling industries reimbursement program under section 241 of chapter 43 of the acts of 1997; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the purchase and installation of dishwashers at Harrington elementary school and Fiske elementary school in the town of Lexington; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the purchase, operation and maintenance of solid waste management equipment and practices in the town of Winchester; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the department of environmental protection to develop and administer a grant program for small businesses to support alternatives to single-use plastics; provided further, that grants may be used by grantees to purchase biodegradable, compostable or reusable food service ware, water bottles, bags, packaging or other similar single-use plastics reduction efforts or activities; provided further, that small businesses located in low-income communities shall be prioritized in the grant application review process; provided further, that not later than June 30, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the senate and house committees on ways and means and the joint committee on environment and natural resources on the implementation of the grant program which shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the names and locations of the grantees; (ii) the grant amounts distributed; (iii) the implemented plastic reduction efforts through utilization of grant funds; and (iv) if possible, the estimated amount of single-use plastics reduced; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the department of conservation and recreation for a study on improving public and emergency access to the Elm Bank reservation, which shall include, but not be limited to the: (i) potential purchase of private land; (ii) maintenance, construction and rehabilitation of current state-owned land; and (iii) long-term expansion and rehabilitation of the current Elm Bank reservation to maximize public use; provided further, that not later than June 30, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the joint committee on the environment and natural resources, the house and senate committee on ways and means and the clerks of the house and senate detailing the results of the study; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the city of Salem, in consultation with the Friends of The Salem Common, Inc., for improvements to the main entrance of the Salem common; provided
further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for the department of environmental protection to develop an employment social enterprise impact pilot program to provide funding for at least 1 nonprofit entity to provide recycling services with the overall goal of fostering job security for individuals facing barriers to employment through the provision of mattress recycling work opportunities; provided further, that eligible applicants shall have a demonstrated history of providing mattress recycling services in the commonwealth as an approved vendor to the department for not less than 5 years; provided further, that contracts through the program may be awarded for periods of not more than 5 years with options for renewal; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the town of Rochester for improvements to the town’s transfer station; and provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the town of Westport for improvements to the town’s transfer station.

2200-0109 For the department of environmental protection for the sole purpose of ensuring sufficient staff for timely permit decisions and compliance assurance............................ $1,424,997

2200-0112 For the department of environmental protection, which may expend not more than $2,500,000 in revenues collected from permit and compliance fees for the sole purpose of ensuring sufficient staff for timely permit decisions and compliance assurance; provided, that if this item is eliminated or reduced in fiscal year 2025 or operational funding for the department falls below the level authorized in the general appropriations act for fiscal year 2015, excluding appropriations for earmarks and nonrecurring operating costs, the fee increase supporting this item shall terminate; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .......................................................................................................................................$2,500,000

2210-0106 For the department of environmental protection, which may expend for the administration and implementation of the Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Act, under chapter 21I of the General Laws, not more than $2,888,473 in revenues collected from fees, penalties, grants and tuition under said chapter 21I; provided, that not later than February 3, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the status of the department’s progress in meeting the statutory and regulatory deadlines associated with said chapter 21I and detailing the number of full-time equivalent positions assigned to various implementation requirements of said chapter 21I; provided further, that not less than $1,629,860 from this item shall be made available for the operation of the Toxics Use Reduction Institute program at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell; provided further, that the department shall enter into an interagency service agreement with the University of Massachusetts to make such funding available for this purpose; provided further, that not less than $644,096 from this item shall be made available for toxics use reduction technical assistance and technology under said chapter 21I; provided further, that the department shall enter into an interagency service agreement with the executive office of energy and environmental affairs to make such funding available for this purpose; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special
law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .................................................. $2,888,473

2220-2220  For the administration and implementation of the Clean Air Act under 42 U.S.C. section 7401 et seq., including the operating permit program, the emissions banking program, the auto-related state implementation program, the low emission vehicle program, the non-auto-related state implementation program and the commonwealth's commitments under the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers Regional Climate Change Action Plan for reducing acid rain deposition and mercury emissions .................................................. $961,618

2220-2221  For the administration and implementation of the operating permit and compliance program required under the Clean Air Act under 42 U.S.C. section 7401 et seq. ........................................................................ $1,760,327

2250-2000  For the administration and implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 under section 18A of chapter 21A of the General Laws; provided, that the department of environmental protection may expend funds for the study and remediation of lead in public school drinking water ........................................ $2,417,753

2260-8870  For the expenses of the hazardous waste cleanup and underground storage tank programs including, but not limited to, monitoring unlined landfills, notwithstanding section 4 of chapter 21J of the General Laws; provided, that the department of environmental protection shall provide the department of revenue with information necessary for the completion of the report required in item 1232-0200 including, but not limited to, the number of tanks out of compliance with said chapter 21J ........................................ $16,088,565

2260-8872  For the brownfields site audit program ........................................................................................................ $1,419,764

2260-8881  For the operation of the board of registration of hazardous waste site cleanup professionals, notwithstanding section 19A of chapter 21A of the General Laws ........................................................................................................ $432,899

Department of Fish and Game.

2300-0100  For the office of the commissioner of fish and game; provided, that the commissioner’s office shall assess and receive payments from the division of marine fisheries, the division of fisheries and wildlife, the office of fishing and boating access, the division of ecological restoration, the riverways program and all other programs under the control of the department of fish and game; provided further, that those assessments shall be used to cover appropriate administrative costs of the department including, but not limited to, payroll, personnel, legal and budgetary costs; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the New England Wildlife Center, Inc. in the city of Weymouth for costs associated with the care, treatment and maintenance of wildlife; provided further, that the amount and contribution from each division or program shall be determined by the commissioner; provided further, that the George L. Darey Inland Fisheries and Game Fund shall be reimbursed annually from the General Fund for all lost revenue attributed to the issuance of
discounted and free hunting and fishing licenses; and provided further, that funds shall be expended for efforts to increase biodiversity and to protect and prepare vulnerable maritime ecosystems from climate impacts and unlock their potential for carbon sequestration .................................................. $2,077,659

2300-0101 For the division of ecological restoration and the riverways program and for the promotion of public access to rivers and wetland restoration, including grants to public and nonpublic entities; provided, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the South river dredging project in the town of Marshfield; provided further, that not less than 200,000 shall be expended as a grant to the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District to support the management of the Assawompset pond complex and contributing and interconnected watersheds within the region including, but not limited to, sedimentation, mitigation, design, permitting, water supply preservation and flood management efforts; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended as a grant to the Long Pond Association, Inc. in the town of Lakeville for the management and eradication of invasive weeds in Long Pond; and provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, Inc. for the implementation of environmental preservation programs .............................................................. $5,506,476

2300-0102 For a culverts and small bridges technical assistance program; provided, that the program will support improvements to culverts and small bridges for the purpose of public safety, climate change resilience, and ecosystem restoration; and provided further, that not less than $70,000 shall be expended for preliminary design and engineering work for the replacement of the Pine Island brook culvert on Pine Island road in the town of Mattapoisett................................................................. $2,842,000

2310-0200 For the administration of the division of fisheries and wildlife, including expenses of the fisheries and wildlife board, the administration of game farms and wildlife restoration projects, wildlife research and management, the administration of fish hatcheries, the improvement and management of lakes, ponds and rivers, fish and wildlife restoration projects, the commonwealth’s share of certain cooperative fisheries and wildlife programs and for certain programs reimbursable under the Aid to Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act; provided, that the division may expend the amount necessary to restore anadromous fish in the Connecticut and Merrimack river systems; and provided further, that no funds shall be spent on restoration of catadromous fish in the Connecticut and Merrimack river systems unless considered necessary by the division ........................................ $17,465,233

George L. Darey Inland Fisheries and Game Fund. 100%

2310-0300 For the operation of the natural heritage and endangered species program; provided, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Fishing Academy of Boston .......................................................................................... $1,601,192

2310-0306 For the hunter safety training program ......................................................... $540,861

George L. Darey Inland Fisheries and Game Fund. 100%

2310-0316 For the purchase of land containing wildlife habitats and for the costs of the division of fisheries and wildlife directly related to the administration of
the wildlands stamp program under sections 2A and 2C of chapter 131 of the General Laws .............................................................................................................. $1,500,000

Geoffrey L. Darey Inland Fisheries and Game Fund. 100%

2310-0317 For the waterfowl management program established in section 11 of chapter 131 of the General Laws .............................................................................................................. $65,000

Geoffrey L. Darey Inland Fisheries and Game Fund. 100%

2320-0100 For the administration of the office of fishing and boating access, including the maintenance, operation and improvement of public access land and water areas; provided, that positions funded by this item shall not be subject to chapter 31 of the General Laws .............................................................................................................. $894,003

2330-0100 For the operation of the division of marine fisheries; provided, that the division may expend funds for the Annisquam river marine research laboratory, marine research programs, a commercial fisheries program, a shellfish management program, including coastal area classification, mapping and technical assistance, the operation of the Newburyport shellfish purification plant and a shellfish classification program; provided further, that funds shall be expended on a recreational fisheries program to be reimbursed by federal funds; provided further, that the division shall continue to develop strategies to improve federal regulations governing the commercial fishing industry and to promote sustainable fisheries; provided further, that the division shall expend an amount not less than the amount expended in the prior fiscal year for the operation of the Newburyport shellfish purification plant; provided further, that the division shall offer wet storage and de-sanding services at the Newburyport shellfish purification plant as laid out in the report dated March 1, 2012; provided further, that for functions not being performed by the plant prior to July 1, 2012, the division may solicit competitive proposals for the utilization of excess processing capacity at the Newburyport shellfish purification plant, which may include proposals to offer wet storage and de-sanding services at the plant as described in the shellfish purification plant management plan dated March 1, 2012; provided further, that the division shall be under no obligation to consider or implement any proposal that the division determines would displace, impede or otherwise hinder the existing functions of the plant; provided further, that the division may enter into contracts based on proposals received; provided further, that not less than 60 days before entering into contracts, the division shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for shellfish propagation in Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket counties to be administered jointly by the director of marine fisheries and the aforementioned counties; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Gloucester Marine Genomics Institute, Inc. for a research project utilizing environmental DNA; provided further, that not less than $575,000 shall be expended for a program of collaborative research by the division of marine fisheries through the Marine Fisheries Institute, in collaboration with the School for Marine Science and Technology at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, that applies innovative technology to assess the biomass of fish in the region managed by the New England Fishery Management Council and hydrodynamic modeling of coastal waters to accurately assess delineation of shellfish growing area classifications and other applications to improve
management of marine fisheries resources, and whelk fishery research to evaluate alternative management strategies; and provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for marsh restoration and revitalization including, but not limited to: (i) a green crab trapping program for applied research and product development; (ii) high-resolution drone mapping of the great marsh deterioration; (iii) the continuation of microplastic and macroplastics sampling; and (iv) academic study and processing for water column, beach environment, marsh peat and eel grass .................................................................$9,723,785

2330-0120 For the division of marine fisheries for a program to enhance and develop marine recreational fishing and related programs and activities, including the cost of equipment, maintenance and staff and the maintenance and updating of data........................................................................................................... $981,753

2330-0121 For the division of marine fisheries to utilize reimbursable federal sportfish restoration funds to further develop marine recreational fishing and related programs, including the costs of activities that increase public access for marine recreational fishing, support research on artificial reefs and otherwise provide for the development of marine recreational fishing; provided, that the division may expend not more than $217,989 in revenues collected from Sport Fish Restoration Program funds and from the sale of materials which promote marine recreational fishing; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the division may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.................................................... $217,989

2330-0150 For the operation and maintenance of the Newburyport shellfish purification plant, which may expend not more than $75,000 from revenues collected from fees generated by operations; provided, that not later than January 13, 2025 the division of marine fisheries shall submit a report detailing the revenues collected and expended and the shellfish volume increase realized from the implementation of wet storage and desanding services and the shellfish purification plant management plan dated March 1, 2012 to the executive office of environmental affairs, the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the division of marine fisheries may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.................................................................$75,000

2330-0199 For conducting surveys to monitor and forecast the number of commercially important invertebrate species in commonwealth waters, including ventless lobster traps employing the services of contracted commercial lobster fishing vessels in the commonwealth; provided, that the division of marine fisheries may expend not more than $250,000 in revenues collected from fees generated by the sale of lobster permits; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the division may
incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.$250,000

2330-0300 For the administration and operation of the recreational saltwater fishing permit program under section 17C of chapter 130 of the General Laws.............$2,182,018

Marine Recreational Fisheries
Development Fund..................................................100%

Department of Agricultural Resources.

2511-0100 For the operation of the department of agricultural resources, including the division of administration, the integrated pest management program, the board of agriculture, the division of agricultural markets, the division of animal health, the division of agricultural conservation and technical assistance, the division of crop and pest services, including a program of laboratory services at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, the expenses of the pesticide board and agency costs associated with the administration of other boards, commissions and committees chaired by the department; provided, that not less than $120,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Farm to School Project, LLC; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Food Trust Program established in section 65 of chapter 23A of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended for Greenagers, Inc. teen and young adult environmental programming; provided further, that not less than $175,000 shall be expended for the apiary inspection program; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Invasive Insects Program; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Land’s Sake, Inc. in the town of Weston to support infrastructure and capital improvements to support the sale and donation of fresh produce; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be allocated for a grant program to be administered by the department in consultation with the Massachusetts food policy council to support local food policy councils; provided further, that not less than $570,000 shall be expended to support the department’s agricultural marketing division; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for the Boston Public Market Association, Inc. for the operation and programming at the Boston Public Market; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for a grant program administered by the Center for Agriculture, Food, and the Environment; provided further, that not less than $800,000 shall be expended to enhance the Buy Local effort in western, central, northeastern and southeastern Massachusetts; provided further, that any buy local effort included in this item shall include locally-harvested seafood including, but not limited to, fish and shellfish; and provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Homeless Animal Prevention and Care Fund established in section 35WW of chapter 10 of the General Laws.................................$12,701,244

2511-0103 For the costs associated with agricultural oversight of hemp and cannabis...........................................................$1,075,496

Marijuana Regulation Fund .................................100%

2511-0105 For the purchase of supplemental foods for the emergency food assistance program within the Feeding America nationally-certified food
bank system; provided, that funds appropriated in this item shall reflect the Feeding America allocation formula in order to benefit the commonwealth’s 4 regional food banks; provided further, that the department of agricultural resources may assess an administrative charge not to exceed 2 per cent of the total appropriation in this item; provided further, that $1,250,000 shall be expended to the commonwealth’s 4 regional food banks for operating funds to distribute food for the Massachusetts emergency food assistance program; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to the Women’s Lunch Place, Inc. to provide nutritious food and individualized services for women who are experiencing homelessness or poverty; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Heart Healthy food pantry at the Natick service council; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Rachel’s Table of Western Massachusetts, Inc. to continue the mission of the next three years to provide food to more than 53 organizations not being served by the Western Mass Food Bank; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Al Nelson Friendship Center food pantry; provided further, that not less than $110,000 shall be expended for the operation of the Food for Free Committee, Inc. school markets program; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for Manna Community Kitchen; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to Project Just Because, Inc.; and provided further, that the department of agricultural resources may assess an administrative charge not to exceed 2 per cent of the total appropriation in this item ........................................................................ $42,360,000

2511-0107 For the advancement of community food security and the protection of public access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food; provided, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Our Neighbor’s Table, Inc. in the city of Amesbury to provide free groceries to those who are food insecure across the Merrimack valley; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the purchase of kitchen equipment for the emergency shelter in the town of Sudbury; provided further, that not less than $62,000 shall be expended for Rose’s Bounty food pantry to help fulfill food insecurity needs for residents of the southwest neighborhood of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Franklin Food Pantry, Incorporated building project; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Medway Village Food Pantry, Inc. building project; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Medway Community Farm, Inc. in the town of Medway; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the coastal foodshed initiative in the greater New Bedford region to promote and grow the local food access economy and distribution channels for locally grown food; provided further, that not less than $90,000 shall be expended for Greater Lynn Senior Services, Inc. for programming related to the Phoenix Food Hub in the city of Lynn; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for Healthy Waltham, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Fenway Civic Association, Inc. for the Fenway Cares mutual aid initiative, including administrative costs, to distribute fresh food and supplies to food-insecure Fenway residents; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for Growing Places for the operation of the north central food processing center; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Martha’s Vineyard Fishermen’s Preservation Trust for the operation and expansion of the seafood donation program, and for otherwise supporting the fishing industry on
Martha’s Vineyard; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen, Inc. to provide food aid and additional services; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Braintree Holidays – Friends, Inc. located at the Margin Crispin center in the city known as the town of Braintree; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the purchase of a trailer to house the Chelmsford food pantry; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended for Acton Community Supper and Food Pantry, Inc. to make improvements to its facility; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for World Farmers, Inc. to improve its agricultural production; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Centro Las Americas Inc. for the operation of its food pantry program; provided further, that not less than $85,000 shall be expended to the Charles River Regional Chamber, Inc. to provide grants, in coordination with the Brookline Chamber of Commerce, Inc., to independent restaurants located in the city of Newton and the town of Brookline to supply prepared meals and other food products to food banks serving the city of Newton and the town of Brookline and to senior and other programs addressing food insecurity needs of individuals in the city of Newton and the town of Brookline; provided further, that not less than $50,000 of such funds shall be allocated for grants to independent restaurants in the city of Newton; provided further, that not less than $35,000 of such funds shall be allocated for grants to independent restaurants in the town of Brookline; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Wellesley Food Pantry, Inc. for programming and supports for food insecure families and individuals in the town of Wellesley; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Somebody Cares New England, Inc. in the city of Haverhill for the operation of its food pantry and to combat food insecurity in the community; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Regional Environmental Council, Inc. to support programs and operations; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for food services at the Veterans Food Bank in the city known as the town of Winthrop; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for food services at the Grace Church Federated in the East Boston section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for food services at the Friday Night Supper Program, Inc. in the Back Bay section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for food services at the Women's Lunch Place, Inc. in the Back Bay section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for the food pantry at the First Congregational Church of Revere in the city of Revere; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Lower Cape Outreach Council, Inc. for food pantry renovations and improvements; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Harvest on Vine's food pantry in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston to provide food resources and services; provided further, that not less than $45,000 shall be expended for the food pantry run by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul located behind Saint Joseph church in the town of Lincoln; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for capital equipment to facilitate the acquisition and distribution of locally sourced agricultural and fish products by the Open Door food pantry serving the cities of Gloucester and Lynn and the towns of Rockport, Essex, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Ipswich, Rowley, Topsfield, Boxford, Hamilton and Wenham and by Our Neighbors’ Table, Inc. serving the cities of Amesbury and Newburyport,
the town of Salisbury and other communities in northeastern Essex county; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended to Ginny's Helping Hand, Inc. for infrastructure upgrades; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Lunenburg Community Food Pantry, Inc. for infrastructure upgrades; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the operation of the Catholic Charities food pantry in the city of Lynn; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for Food Link, Inc. to address food insecurity in the city of Woburn and the towns of Arlington, Billerica, Burlington and Lexington; and provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the West Bridgewater food pantry..................................................$2,275,000

2511-0111 For the food security infrastructure grant program, to support equitable access to healthy, local food and to strengthen food supply and distribution systems; provided, that not later than February 18, 2025, the department of agricultural resources shall submit a report to the joint committee on agriculture and the house and senate committees on ways and means including, but not limited to: (i) established grant criteria for the program; (ii) the number of grant applicants; and (iii) a list of successful grant applicants, including summaries of the projects being funded and the grant amounts; and provided further, that in the distribution of grants, the department shall prioritize geographic equity .................................................................$15,000,000

2511-3002 For the integrated pest management program .................................................................$80,614

Department of Conservation and Recreation.

2800-0100 For the operation of the department of conservation and recreation; provided, that notwithstanding section 3B of chapter 7 of the General Laws, the department shall establish or renegotiate fees, licenses, permits, rents and leases and adjust or develop other revenue sources to fund the maintenance, operation and administration of the department; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended for the refurbishment of public parks and playgrounds in the city of Attleboro and to supply said public parks and playgrounds with picnic tables and benches; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for aquatic invasive species control for the Charles river and Mystic river; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for outdoor recreation infrastructure improvements in the city of Greenfield; and provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the restoration and improvement to the Tewksbury youth baseball fields in the town of Tewksbury .................................................................$7,096,755

2800-0101 For the watershed management program to operate and maintain reservoirs, watershed lands and related infrastructure of the department of conservation and recreation and the office of water resources in the department; provided, that the amount of the payment shall be charged to the General Fund and shall not be included in the amount of the annual determination of fiscal year charges to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority assessed to the authority under the General Laws; provided further, that the department shall continue to make payments under chapter 616 of the acts of 1957, as amended by section 89 of chapter 801 of the acts of 1963; and provided further, that the department shall continue to make payments under chapter 307 of the acts of 1987 for the use of certain land..................................................................................$1,623,450
For a program to provide stormwater management for all properties and roadways under the care, custody and control of the department of conservation and recreation; provided, that the department shall implement a stormwater management program in compliance with federal and state stormwater management requirements; provided further, that the department shall inventory all stormwater infrastructure, assess its stormwater practices, analyze long-term capital and operational needs and develop a stormwater management plan to comply with federal and state regulatory requirements; and provided further, that in order to protect public safety and to protect water resources for water supply, recreational and ecosystem uses, the department shall immediately implement interim stormwater management practices including, but not limited to, street sweeping, inspection and cleaning of catch basins and emergency repairs to roadway drainage ................................................................. $3,334,317

For the existing maintenance, operational and infrastructure needs of the metropolitan beaches as determined by the commission established under section 70 of chapter 3 of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than $900,000 shall be expended for the metropolitan beaches in the cities of Lynn, Revere and Quincy, the towns of Nahant and Hull, the city known as the town of Winthrop and the East Boston, South Boston and Dorchester sections of the city of Boston to be fully maintained and seasonally staffed as recommended by the metropolitan beaches commission in coordination with the department of conservation and recreation; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for Save the Harbor, Save the Bay, Inc.'s staff time, consultants and direct expenses to support the ongoing work of the commission on the future of metropolitan beaches; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the cleanup of Pilayella algae; provided further, that not less than $290,000 shall be expended for matching grants to public and nonpublic entities to support free public events and programs on the metropolitan beaches as part of Save the Harbor, Save the Bay, Inc.'s Better Beaches Grants Program as recommended by the metropolitan beaches commission; and provided further, that not less than $55,000 shall be expended for the maintenance of Red Rock park on Lynn Shore drive in the city of Lynn ........................................................................... $1,460,231

For the operation of the beaches, pools and spray pools under the control of the department of conservation and recreation; provided, that the seasonal hires of the department's parks, beaches, pools and spray pools shall be paid from this item; provided further, that said beaches, pools and spray pools shall remain open and staffed from Memorial Day to Labor Day, inclusive; provided further, that said beaches, pools and spray pools shall be fully maintained; provided further, that seasonal employees who are hired before the second Sunday preceding Memorial Day, whose employment continues beyond the Saturday following Labor Day and who received health insurance benefits in fiscal year 2024, shall continue to receive such benefits in fiscal year 2025 during the period of said employees' seasonal employment; provided further, that notwithstanding section 1 of chapter 31 of the General Laws, seasonal positions funded by this item shall be positions requiring the services of an incumbent, on either a full-time or less than full-time basis, beginning not earlier than April 1 and ending not later than November 30 or beginning not earlier than September 1 and ending not later than April 30; provided further, that notwithstanding said section 1 of said chapter 31, seasonal positions funded by this item shall not be filled by an incumbent for more than 8
months within a 12-month period; and provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for equipment upgrades to support beach operations at Horseneck beach state reservation ........................................ $28,545,635

2800-0700 For the office of dam safety; provided, that the office shall, in collaboration with the department of environmental protection and the department of fish and game, establish and maintain a comprehensive inventory of all dams and develop a coordinated permitting and regulatory approach to dam removal for stream restoration and public safety.............................. $709,179

2810-0100 For the operation of the division of state parks and recreation; provided, that funds appropriated in this item shall be used to: (i) operate all of the division's parks, parkways, boulevards, roadways, bridges and related appurtenances under the care, custody and control of the division, flood control activities of the division, reservations, campgrounds, beaches and pools; (ii) oversee skating rinks; and (iii) protect and manage the division's lands and natural resources, including the forest and parks conservation services and the bureau of forestry development; provided further, that all properties that were open in fiscal year 2024 shall be open in fiscal year 2025; provided further, that the crossing guards located at department of conservation and recreation intersections shall continue to perform the duties where state police previously performed such duties; provided further, that the division may issue grants to public and nonpublic entities from this item; provided further, that up to $3,000,000 may be used to support the costs of snow and ice removal; provided further, that the rinks under the control of the department shall remain open and staffed for the full rink season and that ice skating shall be available from September 1 through April 15 of the following year; provided further, that local youth programs and nonprofits get first preference in scheduling on all playfields and hockey rinks operated by the department; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for rail trail improvements in the town of Wayland; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Brockton public schools for the renovation of tennis courts into basketball courts at the Davis elementary school park area; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Parallel park in the town of Arlington; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for the Burlington Community Orchard; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for renovations of open spaces and parks and playgrounds in the Highlands and Acre area of the city of Lowell to equitably contribute to the health, well-being and inclusivity of residents; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Blue Hills Trailside Museum in the town of Milton; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for Patton park playground and accessibility improvements in the town of Hamilton; provided further, that additional funds shall be expended to address the needs of state parks in all regions of the commonwealth; provided further, that the department shall take steps to address personnel needs in a manner that is geographically equitable; provided further, that not later than January 13, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the hires made for division personnel in fiscal year 2025; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law, rule, regulation, or administrative directive to the contrary, the commissioner of conservation and recreation may fill not more than 1,300 full-time positions; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for the purpose of planting new trees and beautifying the Jamaicaway from the intersection of Jamaicaway and
Pond street in the Jamaica Plain section of the city of Boston to the intersection of Jamaicaway and state highway route 9 in the Jamaica Plain section of the city of Boston; and provided further, that local youth programs and nonprofit organizations shall get first preference in scheduling on all playing fields and hockey rinks operated by the department .................................................................$110,044,560

2810-0122 For special projects relating to the commonwealth’s state parks and recreational areas; provided, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the renovations of the Berkeley Community Garden to preserve green space in the community; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for a performance platform to be used for cultural events in the town of Bedford; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the installation and upgrade of fitness equipment at Coolidge park in the city of Fitchburg; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended for a new multipurpose scoreboard and sign at Nikitas field in the city of Fitchburg; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the renovation of Gage field, located on Beacon street in the Centralville section of the city of Lowell; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the beautification and redevelopment of the Swift park in the town of Easton; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for improvements, preparedness and operations for ferry service at Squantum Point park in the city of Quincy; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the renovation of Gillis park in the city of Beverly; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Department of Parks, Recreation and culture in the city of Newton for the construction of the Crystal lake stormwater filtration basin to intercept drainage and ensure the water quality; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for parks and recreation improvements in the town of Dedham; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture in the city of Newton for the design of improved athletic fields, accessibility and environmental improvements of Officer Bobby Braceland playground; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the maintenance and operation of Ledges golf club in the town of South Hadley; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the parks and recreation department of the city of Haverhill to support local shovel ready projects; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the North Shore Maritime Center, Inc. for the youth rowing program; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Salem public schools to upgrade the Bentley Academy Early Childhood Center playground; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to for the treatment of Flax pond in the city of Lynn; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for the Boston 4 Celebrations Foundation, Inc. for the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular for the fourth of July celebrations on the Charles river; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Everett youth development and enrichment department to expand the availability of sensory and adaptive youth and recreational programming in the city of Everett; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for improvements to Elm park in the city of Worcester; provided
further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the design, renovation and maintenance of recreational parks and facilities in the town of Winchester; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for baseball field improvements at the Gilmore school in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than $18,756 shall be expended for upgrades to the public restroom facilities at Morton park in the town of Plymouth; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended for costs related to the hockey program in town of Belmont; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for the Blue Hills Trailside Museum in the town of Milton; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for tree replanting in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Worcester Regional Strategic Opportunities Foundation, Inc. for the operation of the Worcester Green Corps program; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Grafton for the removal of invasive plants; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Roslindale Gateway Path project located in the Roslindale section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the Waltham Land Trust, Inc. for climate resilience projects and trail improvements; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the testing and treatment of cyanobacteria and related contaminants in Monponsett pond in the town of Halifax; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Central Plymouth County Water District commission annual budget for the improvement and management of lakes and ponds in the Central Plymouth County Water District; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended to the town of Andover for improvements to the bandstand and gazebo at The Park on the corner of Chestnut street and Bartlet street; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the city of Haverhill for infrastructure, landscaping and security improvements at Winnekenni park conservation area; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended to the town of Merrimac for drainage improvements; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of North Andover for accessibility improvements at public playgrounds; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended to the city of Lynn for park repairs and maintenance; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the city of Malden for Bike to the Sea, Inc. to construct a shelter near the bike kitchen on the Northern Strand trail in the city of Malden; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended to the town of Mendon for sports field upgrades and maintenance; provided further, that not less than $95,000 shall be expended to the city of Peabody for the purchase of automated external defibrillators for use in parks within the city; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust, Inc. in the city of Lowell for accessible trails, habitat restoration and parking at Pawtucket farm; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for the study and implementation of environmental restoration efforts to the Chebacco lake watershed in the town of Essex; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for roof replacement at the historic Lower Green house in the town of Newbury; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended to the town of Shirley to conduct an engineering study to determine the compliance of the Fredonian park pond walkway with the Americans with Disabilities Act; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for maintenance and improvements for Torbert Macdonald state park in the city of Medford; provided further,
that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to Southampton Youth Athletic Association, Inc. for facility improvements; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to West Springfield high school to support the school's unified sports teams programs; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Somerville Homeless Coalition Incorporated to provide for a basic needs closet program at Project SOUP in the city of Somerville; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Big Hope Project Inc. to reduce recidivism through record expungement and workforce education and to conduct outreach for the Massachusetts Social Equity Program to increase opportunities for social equity in the cannabis industry for underrepresented communities in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for Community Against Substance Abuse, Inc. (CASA) to support substance use treatment programs in the city known as the town of Winthrop; provided further, that not less than $61,500 shall be expended for restorations and improvements to the public baseball fields in the town of Rockland; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the planning, designing and permitting of youth outdoor recreational areas in the town of Abington; and provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Webster Lake Association Inc. for costs associated with infrastructure projects and maintenance at Webster lake in the town of Webster...

2820-0101 For the costs associated with the department of conservation and recreation’s park rangers specific to the security of the state house; provided, that funds appropriated in this item shall only be expended for the costs of security and park rangers at the state house...

For the operation of street lighting and the expenses of maintaining the parkways of the department of conservation and recreation...

Department of Energy Resources.

7006-1001 For the Massachusetts residential conservation service program under chapter 465 of the acts of 1980 and the Massachusetts commercial and apartment conservation service program under section 11A of chapter 25A of the General Laws; provided, that the assessments levied for fiscal year 2025 under said chapter 465 shall be made at a rate sufficient to produce the amount expended from this item and the associated fringe benefit costs for personnel paid from this item...

7006-1003 For the operation of the department of energy resources; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the amount assessed under section 11H of chapter 25A of the General Laws shall be made at a rate sufficient to produce the amount expended from this item and the associated fringe benefit costs for personnel paid from this item...

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION.

Department of Early Education and Care.

3000-1000 For the administration of the department of early education and care; provided, that the department shall report on the first business day of each month to the joint committee on education, the joint committee on children,
families and persons with disabilities, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the executive office for administration and finance on the unduplicated number of children on waiting lists for state-subsidized early education and care programs and services, including supportive child care services; provided further, that notwithstanding chapter 66A of the General Laws, the department of early education and care, the child care resource and referral agencies, the department of elementary and secondary education, the department of transitional assistance, the department of children and families, the executive office of housing and livable communities, the Children’s Trust Fund, established in section 50 of chapter 10 of the General Laws, the disabled persons protection commission, the district attorneys’ offices and the early intervention program within the department of public health may share with each other personal data regarding the parents and children who receive services provided under early education and care programs administered by the commonwealth for investigations, waitlist management, program implementation and evaluation, reporting and policy development purposes; provided further, that not less than $7,500,000 shall be expended for an early education and care educator scholarship program established in section 19F of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as inserted by section 17; provided further, that not less than $7,500,000 shall be expended for an early education and care educator loan forgiveness program established in section 19G of said chapter 15A, as inserted by section 17; provided further, that the department shall issue monthly reports detailing the number and average cost of voucher and contracted slots funded by the department for items 3000-3060 and 3000-4060 delineated by age category; provided further, that said reports shall include the number of recipients subject to subsection (f) of section 110 of chapter 5 of the acts of 1995; provided further, that the department of early education and care shall provide the caseload forecasting office and the house and senate committees on ways and means with enrollment data and any other information pertinent to caseload forecasting that is requested by the office on a monthly basis; provided further, that not less $100,000 shall be expended for the young parents program at More Than Words, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Associates for Human Services, Inc. early intervention program in the city of Taunton; provided further, that the information shall be provided in a manner that meets all applicable federal and state privacy and security requirements; provided further, that the commissioner of early education and care may transfer funds between items 3000-3060 and 3000-4060, as necessary, for this purpose, under an allocation plan that shall detail, by object class, the distribution of the funds to be transferred and which shall be submitted to the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days before any such transfer; and provided further, that not less than $450,000 shall be expended to Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc. to support evidence-based early childhood education programs that promote language, literacy and social emotional skill development for preschool children from underserved communities and the expanded scope of work provided by Jumpstart to address the early education workforce shortage. $27,668,027
student success; provided further, that such partnerships funding shall be administered in coordination with the department of elementary and secondary education, and preference shall be given to partnerships serving high percentages of high-needs students; provided further, that supports funded through this item shall include, but not be limited to, program quality improvements related to meeting the Massachusetts Quality Rating and Improvement System standards; provided further, that costs related to department of early education and care personnel who support quality improvement may be funded from this item, including the department’s licensing staff and other personnel who ensure compliance with state and federal requirements for inspections, monitoring and training; provided further, that funds from this item may support the Massachusetts universal pre-kindergarten program, inclusive learning environment grants and early childhood mental health consultation services; provided further, that supports funded through this item may include, but shall not be limited to: (i) the development and purchase of curricula; (ii) the development and implementation of early childhood assessment systems; (iii) incentives for programs to recruit, develop and retain highly qualified educators; (iv) activities that encourage providers to obtain associate and bachelor’s degrees; (v) payment of fees; (vi) direct assistance to programs seeking accreditation by agencies approved by the board of early education and care; and (vii) professional development courses; provided further, that not withstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any payment made under any such grant to a school district shall be deposited with the treasurer of the city, town or regional school district and held as a separate account and, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, shall be expended by the school committee of such city, town or regional school district without municipal appropriation; and provided further, that funds may be expended for Summer Step Up to support children entering kindergarten and elementary school with academic and enrichment activities during the summer .......................................................... $52,603,764

For operational grants to child care providers; provided, that for fiscal year 2025 funds shall be distributed in accordance with the formula established in section 189 of this act; provided further, that funds from this line item shall be expended in coordination with funds from line item 1596-2410; provided further, that the department shall collect data from participating programs, including, but not limited to: (i) the number of enrolled children; (ii) the number of educators employed; (iii) efforts to recruit and retain employees; (iv) any available demographic data of the families served by participating providers; (v) to the extent feasible, the income level of the families served by participating providers; (vi) the amount awarded to each provider; and (vii) the amount of operational grants spent by provider, delineated by category of spending including, but not limited to: (a) salaries; (b) other compensation; (c) workforce training; and (d) facilities improvements; provided further, that programs shall respond to all data collection requests and surveys from the department to be eligible for said grants; provided further, that funds may be expended for departmental technical assistance related to the administration and distribution of said grants; and provided further, that administrative costs for the program shall not exceed 2 per cent of the total appropriation for said program .................. $300,000,000

High-Quality EEC Affordability Fund .................. 66.67%
Early Education and Care Operational Grant Fund .................. 33.33%
For the department of early education and care, in consultation with the executive office of economic development, to establish a competitive matching grant pilot program to increase access to high quality and affordable child care by incentivizing employer investments; provided, that said program shall be open to applications from a Massachusetts employer, a group of Massachusetts employers or an early education and care provider partnering with a Massachusetts employer or group of Massachusetts employers; provided further, that said program shall fund investments in infrastructure, startup, employment, and other related costs to establish new early education and care slots or increase the number of children that can be served by at least one provider; provided further, that an applicant shall: (i) commit to investing not less than 50 per cent of the expected cost of infrastructure, startup, employment, or other costs related to creating new early education and care slots; (ii) certify that early educators who serve children in slots funded by this program are paid pursuant to salary and compensation guidelines established by the department; and (iii) ensure that early education and care providers funded through this program enroll or commit to enrolling children receiving child care financial assistance; provided further, that the department shall seek to maximize equity when reviewing and selecting grant applicants, including prioritizing applications that: (1) support higher numbers of children from low-income families; (2) present a plan for maintaining affordable tuition prices for families; (3) are from applicants located in rural areas or in areas with a short of early education and care slots; (4) support historically underserved populations, infants, toddlers, families with nontraditional work hours, and families with children with high needs; (5) promote equity in other ways as deemed appropriate by the department; and (6) support high-demand and low wage industries; provided further, that an early education and care provider shall not be eligible to participate in the pilot program unless the provider is a non-profit organization, an organization in which a non-profit organization has a controlling financial or managerial interest or a licensed family home-based early education and care provider; provided further, that, not later than December 2, 2024, the department of early education and care shall file a report on the pilot program with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the senate and house committees on ways and means, and the joint committee on education; and provided further, the report shall include, but not be limited to: (a) number of program participants; (b) number of early education and care slots support by this line item; (c) percentage of slots filled by children receiving child care financial assistance; and (d) guidelines for a potential permanent program................. $2,500,000

For the regional administration and coordination of services provided by child care resource and referral agencies.................................................................$20,000,000

For the administration of the Children’s Trust Fund established in section 50 of chapter 10 of the General Laws; provided, that the department of early education and care shall not exercise any supervision or control with respect to the board of the trust fund; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for a Stop Abuse For Every (SAFE) Child community program to provide, coordinate and expand core services for families; provided further, that core services shall include, but not be limited to, home visiting, social and behavioral health services, substance use treatment and parental resiliency programs; provided further, that the pilot program shall support the coordination of services and referrals using
existing resources; and provided further, that not later than December 30, 2024, the Children’s Trust Fund shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities on the progress of the pilot program and the mobilization of services at the family centers ........................................ $2,391,367

3000-2060 For evidence-based, adult-focused child sexual abuse prevention initiatives that provide technical assistance to communities, youth-serving organizations and schools to: (i) organize local coalitions dedicated to preventing child sexual abuse; (ii) recruit, train and certify local volunteers to provide free prevention education for parents, students and professionals; and (iii) strengthen the core standards around the screening of prospective employees, the development of codes of conduct, the assessment and modification of physical spaces to reduce opportunities for sexual abuse, the responding to and reporting of boundary-violating behaviors and suspected acts of sexual abuse and the training of staff and volunteers on ways to prevent adult perpetration and child-on-child sexual abuse; provided further, that initiatives supported through this item shall be administered by the Children’s Trust Fund established in section 50 of chapter 10 of the General Laws and the office of the child advocate; and provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for Massachusetts Citizens for Children, Inc. To provide technical assistance to and training for schools and communities ...................................................... $2,351,044

3000-3060 For early education and care services for children with active cases at the department of children and families, for families currently involved with, or transitioning from, transitional aid to families with dependent children and for families participating in education and training services funded by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; provided, that providers shall be reimbursed for subsidized childcare services funded under this item based on enrollment; provided further, that the department of early education and care, in collaboration with the department of children and families, shall maintain a centralized list detailing the number of children eligible for services under this item, the number of supportive slots filled and the number of supportive slots available; provided further, that for children with active cases at the department of children and families, funds may be used to provide services during a transition period of not less than 12 months upon the closure of the family’s case with the department of children and families; provided further, that in the case of families involved with transitional aid to families with dependent children, early education and care shall be available to: (i) recipients of transitional aid to families with dependent children benefits; (ii) former recipients who are working or are engaged in an approved service need activity for up to 1 year after termination of their benefits; (iii) participants who are working or are engaged in an approved service need activity for up to 1 year after the transitional period; and (iv) parents who are under 18 years of age who are currently enrolled in a job training program and who would qualify for benefits under chapter 118 of the General Laws but for the consideration of the grandparents’ income; provided further, that all teens eligible for year-round, full-time early education and care services shall be participating in school, education, work and training-related activities or a combination thereof for at least the minimum number of hours required by regulations; provided further, that recipients of transitional aid to families with dependent children shall not be charged fees for care provided under this item; provided further, that early education and care services for families involved with transitional aid to families with dependent children
funded from this item shall be distributed geographically in a manner that provides fair and adequate access to early education and care for all eligible individuals; provided further, that informal early education and care benefits for families involved with transitional aid to families with dependent children may be funded from this item; provided further, that the commissioner of early education and care may transfer funds to this item from items 3000-1000 and 3000-4060, as necessary, under an allocation plan, which shall detail by object class the distribution of the funds to be transferred and which the commissioner shall submit to the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days prior to the transfer; provided further, that not later than April 16, 2025, the commissioner shall submit a preliminary report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the executive office for administration and finance on the projected expenses for the program that shall include, but not be limited to, the expected surplus or deficiency for the program; provided further, that not later than June 30, 2025, if the department determines that the available appropriation for this program will be insufficient to meet projected expenses, the commissioner shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the executive office for administration and finance detailing the amount of appropriation needed to address the deficiency; provided further, that reimbursements for services rendered in prior fiscal years may be expended from this item; provided further, that the department of early education and care shall recoup funds owed by providers related to payments made by the department in prior fiscal years by reducing payments to those providers for services related to this item rendered in fiscal year 2025; and provided further, that all children eligible for services under this item shall receive such services 

3000-4060 For income-eligible early education and care programs; provided, that providers shall be reimbursed for subsidized childcare services funded under this item based on enrollment; provided further, that teen parents and homeless families identified as likely to become eligible for transitional aid to families with dependent children may be paid from this item; provided further, that informal early education and care benefits for families meeting income-eligibility criteria may be funded from this item; provided further, that early education and care services funded under this item shall be distributed geographically in a manner that provides fair and adequate access to early education and care for all eligible individuals; provided further, that the commissioner of early education and care may transfer funds to this item from items 3000-1000 and 3000-3060, as necessary, pursuant to an allocation plan, which shall detail, by object class, the distribution of the funds to be transferred and which the commissioner shall submit to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the executive office for administration and finance not less than 30 days prior to the transfer; provided further, that not more than 3 per cent of the funds appropriated in this item may be transferred in fiscal year 2025 as set forth in a plan submitted by the department of early education and care; provided further, that said plan shall be submitted to the joint committee on education, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the executive office for administration and finance; provided further, that not later than April 15, 2025, the commissioner shall submit a preliminary report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the executive office for administration and finance on the projected expenses for the program that shall include, but not be limited to, the expected surplus or deficiency for the program; provided further,
that not later than June 30, 2025, if the department determines that the available appropriation for this program will be insufficient to meet projected expenses, the commissioner shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the executive office for administration and finance detailing the amount of appropriation needed to address such deficiency; provided further, that reimbursements for services rendered in prior fiscal years may be expended from this item; provided further, that the department shall recoup funds owed related to payments made by the department in prior fiscal years by reducing payments for services related to this item rendered in fiscal year 2025; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any payment made under any such grant with a school district shall be deposited with the treasurer of the city, town or regional school district and held as a separate account and shall be expended by the school committee of such city, town or regional school district without municipal appropriation ................................................................. $417,188,233

3000-5000 For grants to head start programs; provided, that funds from this item may be expended on early head start programs ................................................................. $18,500,000

3000-6025 For grants in fiscal year 2025 to support planning and implementation activities in cities, towns, regional school districts or educational collaboratives to expand pre-kindergarten or preschool opportunities on a voluntary basis to children who will be eligible for kindergarten by September 2026; provided, that planning and implementation grants may be awarded through a competitive process established by the department of early education and care utilizing the Massachusetts Preschool Expansion Grant public-private partnership model; provided further, that preference in awarding grants shall be given to districts serving high percentages of high-needs students; provided further, that additional preference in awarding planning grants may be given to districts to update strategic expansion plans completed in prior fiscal years; provided further, that additional preference in awarding implementation grants shall be given to districts that have completed strategic planning efforts that support expanding access to high-quality preschool through the Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative; provided further, that not later than March 17, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the joint committee on education and the house and senate committees on ways and means on the status of planning and implementation activities supported through this item and item 1596-2412, which shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) districts that submitted applications for grant funding; (ii) recipients of grant funding; (iii) anticipated number of children served by recipients; (iv) size of awarded grants by recipient; and (v) recipients’ workforce development efforts; provided further, that funds from this item may be used to provide administrative support to grantees, including technical assistance and program evaluation; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, funds distributed from this item shall be deposited with the treasurer of the city, town, regional school district or educational collaborative and held in a separate account and shall be expended by the school committee of such city, town, regional school district or educational collaborative without further appropriation; and provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months ................................................................. $17,523,127

3000-6075 For early childhood mental health consultation services in early education and care programs in the commonwealth; provided, that preference shall
be given to those services designed to limit the number of expulsions and suspensions from the programs and to early education and care programs serving high percentages of high-needs students; provided further, that funding may be used to support programming and services to address mental health concerns including, but not limited to, outreach, training for educators to respond to mental health challenges, support for educators, including peer group support, and an expansion of current services; provided further, that eligible recipients for such grants shall include municipal school districts, regional school districts, educational collaboratives, head start programs, licensed child care providers, child care resource and referral centers and other qualified entities; and provided further, that funds shall be spent on trauma-informed professional development for early education providers .................................. $5,000,000

3000-7000 For statewide neonatal and postnatal home parenting education and home visiting programs for at-risk newborns to be administered by the Children’s Trust Fund, established under section 50 of chapter 10 of the General Laws; provided, that such services shall be made available statewide to parents under 24 years of age; provided further, that the department of early education and care shall collaborate with the Children’s Trust Fund, when appropriate, to coordinate services provided through this item with services provided through item 3000-7050 to ensure that parents receiving services through this item are aware of all opportunities available to them and their children through the department; provided further, that the Children’s Trust Fund shall oversee the maintenance of a participant data system; and provided further, that priority for such services shall be given to low-income parents ........................................................................................................ $17,684,101

3000-7040 For the department of early education and care, which may expend not more than $520,000 for contingency contracts related to pursuing federal reimbursement or avoiding costs in its capacity as the single state agency under Title IV, Part E, of the Social Security Act, as codified at 42 U.S.C. chapter 7, subchapter IV, part E; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to the contrary, these contingency contracts shall not exceed 3 years except with prior review and approval by the executive office for administration and finance; and provided further, that for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .................................................. $520,000

3000-7050 For the coordinated family and community engagement grant program, which shall establish a statewide network of supports for early education; provided, that the department of early education and care shall distribute grants not later than August 30, 2024 in order to allow a full year of service for families involved in these programs; provided further, that the department shall, to the maximum extent feasible, coordinate services provided through this item with services provided through item 3000-7000 in order to ensure that parents receiving services through this item are aware of all opportunities available to them and their children through the department; provided further, that eligible recipients for such grants shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the Massachusetts Family Networks program; (ii) municipal school districts; (iii) regional school districts; (iv) educational collaboratives; (v) the parent-child plus program; (vi) head start programs; (vii) other school readiness and family support programs;
(viii) licensed child care providers; and (ix) child care resource and referral centers; provided further, that supports funded through this item shall be in alignment with the quality requirements of the Massachusetts universal pre-kindergarten program and the Massachusetts Quality Rating and Improvement System; provided further, that the department may expend funds from this item on grants for supplemental services for children with individualized education plans; provided further, that not more than $160,000 shall be expended for technical assistance; and provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months .................................................................$11,859,190

3000-7052 For the parent-child plus program, also known as the parent-child home program..................................................................................................................$4,250,000

3000-7055 For the Neighborhood Villages Inc. pilot program to provide high-quality, economically-integrated infant and toddler classrooms that demonstrate best practices for supporting children, families and the early childhood workforce and establish infrastructure to facilitate wraparound health and wellness programming for children and families; provided, that funds shall be used to support high-quality early education and care classroom instruction and workforce development training; provided further, that funds shall be used to allow for the enhancement, coordination and alignment of early learning programs with community-based health providers and those resources that impact outcomes across health and early learning; and provided further, that the pilot program shall serve to identify resources and promising practices that inform efforts to support school-readiness and ensure the healthy development and well-being of children and families .................................................................$1,000,000

3000-7066 For professional development and higher education opportunities and supports for early educators to be coordinated by the department in conjunction with Massachusetts based two-year public institutions of higher education; provided, that programming shall focus on the statewide recruitment and training needs of the early education and care workforce, encourage opportunities for career advancement and retention and incorporate early education and care stakeholder, employer and industry collaboration; and provided further, that professional development opportunities shall be consistent with the core competencies and career pathways established by the department and, to the greatest extent possible, shall provide a standard number of college credits transferable to all other public institutions of higher education in the commonwealth.........$8,000,000

3000-7070 For Reach Out and Read, Inc.; provided, that the funds distributed through Reach Out and Read, Inc. shall be contingent upon a match of not less than $1 in private or corporate contributions for every $1 in state grant funding .........................................................................................................$1,750,000

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

Office of the Secretary.

4000-0005 For youth violence prevention program grants administered by the executive office of health and human services; provided, that the grants shall be targeted at reducing youth violence among young persons at the highest annual risk of being perpetrators or victims of gun and community
For housing and supportive services for unaccompanied youth under section 16X of chapter 6A of the General Laws; provided, that not later than February 14, 2025, the executive office of health and human services shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on: (i) the number of youths served through this item; (ii) the types of services received by participating youths; (iii) the number of youths who transition into stabilized housing and the zip code of the stabilized housing; (iv) the number of youths who remain in stabilized housing after 90 days, when applicable; (v) other quantifiable data related to client outcomes as determined by the secretary; (vi) the number of youths turned away from the program; and (vii) the amount of funding awarded to vendors for the delivery of services and the names of each vendor ........................................................ $10,545,850

For the office of health equity established in section 16AA of chapter 6A of the General Laws; provided, that the office may enter into service agreements with the department of public health to fulfill the obligations of the office; provided further, that not later than December 20, 2024, the office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the development of the office of health equity within the executive office of health and human services and the implementation of programming as set forth in said section 16AA of said chapter 6A, including personnel costs and an organizational structure plan; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for the Sickle Cell Disease Association of Massachusetts, Inc.; and provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Coalition for a Healthy Greater Worcester for the implementation of racial equity strategies in the Greater Worcester Community Health Improvement Plan ........................................................ $400,000
4000-0014  For the Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center, Inc. to provide training to community health workers who serve as the patient link to medical and social services for the disenfranchised population throughout the Worcester and MetroWest regions ................................................................. $200,000

4000-0020  For the nursing and allied health workforce development initiative, to develop and support strategies that increase the number of public higher education faculty members and students who participate in programs that support careers in fields related to the nursing and allied health workforce; provided, that the amount appropriated in this item shall be transferred to the Massachusetts Nursing and Allied Health Workforce Development Trust Fund established in section 33 of chapter 305 of the acts of 2008; provided further, that funds shall be transferred to the fund according to an allotment schedule adopted by the executive office for administration and finance; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, not less than $500,000 shall be expended to establish a partnership incentive grant program between public higher education institutions and health care providers for the purpose of expanding the nursing and allied health workforce; provided further, that the grant program shall support financial incentives to health care providers that partner with public higher education institutions by offering clinical partnerships, the use of health care staff to teach courses and other innovative supports to increase the nursing and allied health workforce pipeline; provided further, that not less than $100,000 of said funds shall be expended to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth for the purpose of partnering with the Southcoast Hospitals Group, Inc. to develop and implement innovative strategies to increase the nursing and allied health workforce pipeline; provided further, that not later than March 7, 2025, the executive office of health and human services shall submit a report to the joint committee on public health, the joint committee on health care financing, the joint committee on higher education and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the expenditures from the Massachusetts Nursing and Allied Health Workforce Development Trust Fund and short- and long-term strategies to increase the number of public and private higher education faculty and students who participate in programs that support careers in fields related to nursing and allied health; and provided further, that the report shall include details on the grant program, including, but not limited to: (i) established grant criteria; (ii) a list of grant recipients, including grant amounts; and (iii) summaries of the successful grant proposals ................................................................. $1,400,000

4000-0050  For the operation of the PCA quality home care workforce council established in section 71 of chapter 118E of the General Laws; provided, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to establish a psychiatry residency training program at a tertiary academic medical center located in the town of Burlington to support training of psychiatrists and enhance access to psychiatry services in underserved and geographically isolated areas of the state .............................................................................................. $4,015,395

4000-0051  For the operation and support of the network of child and family service programs throughout the commonwealth, including family resource centers supported through this item and item 4800-0200; provided, that centers within this item shall: (i) be consistent with the requirements under section 16U of chapter 6A of the General Laws; (ii) demonstrate adherence to an evidence-based model of service; and (iii) use
measurable outcomes to assess quality; provided further, that the secretary of health and human services shall maintain the fiscal year 2024 contract with a third-party administration service organization to oversee the execution of, and the agency’s compliance with, subsection (b) of said section 16U of said chapter 6A; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the executive office of health and human services shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance, the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities and the house and senate committees on ways and means including, but not limited to: (a) the number of children and families served at each center; (b) the types of programs; (c) program outcomes; (d) client feedback; and (e) progress on data sharing between centers; and provided further, that the network of child and family service programs shall coordinate with the executive office, the department of early education and care and municipal police departments to provide emergency assistance to missing or absent children at times when the juvenile court is not open, consistent with the requirements under section 39H of chapter 119 of the General Laws ..................... $500,000

4000-0250 For the executive office of health and human services, which may expend not more than $15,000,000 from monies received from the commonwealth health insurance connector authority for the costs of the operation and maintenance of the health insurance exchange; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenue and related expenditures, the executive office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system ........................................ $15,000,000

4000-0300 For the operation of the office of the executive office of health and human services, including the operation of the managed care oversight board; provided, that funds appropriated in this item shall be expended for administrative and contracted services related to the implementation and operation of programs under chapter 118E of the General Laws; provided further, that any unexpended balance in these accounts shall revert to the General Fund on June 30, 2025; provided further, that no expenditures, whether made by the executive office or another commonwealth entity, shall be made that are not federally reimbursable, including those related to Titles XIX or XXI of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. chapter 7, subchapters XIX or XXI, the MassHealth demonstration waiver approved under subsection (a) of section 1115 of Title XI of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1315(a), or the community first section 1115 demonstration waiver under said section 1115 of said Title XI of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C 1315, except as required for: (i) the administration of the executive office; (ii) the equivalent of MassHealth Standard benefits for children under 21 years of age who are in the care or custody of the department of youth services or the department of children and families; (iii) the dental benefits provided to clients of the department of developmental services who are 21 years of age or older; (iv) the payments related to services delivered in institutions for mental disease for which federal financial participation is not otherwise available; (v) cost-containment efforts, the purposes and amounts of which shall be submitted to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days before making these expenditures; or (vi) otherwise as explicitly authorized with the prior written approval of the secretary of administration
and finance; provided further, that the executive office shall provide technical and administrative assistance to agencies under the purview of the secretariat receiving federal funds; provided further, that the executive office shall ensure that any collaborative assessments for children receiving services from multiple agencies within the secretariat shall be performed within existing resources; provided further, that funds may be expended for the operation of the office of health equity under the department of public health and the executive office; provided further, that the office of Medicaid shall coordinate with the health policy commission in the development of care delivery and payment models in the MassHealth program, including patient-centered medical homes and accountable care organizations, in order to ensure alignment of such models with the commission's certification programs under sections 14 and 15 of chapter 6D of the General Laws; provided further, that in consultation with the center for health information and analysis, no rate increase shall be provided to existing Medicaid provider rates without taking all measures possible under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. chapter 7, subchapter XIX, to ensure that rates of payment to providers shall not exceed the rates that are necessary to meet the cost of efficiently and economically operated providers in order to provide services of adequate quality; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner of mental health shall approve any prior authorization or other restriction on medication used to treat mental illness under written policies, procedures and regulations of the department of mental health; provided further, that the executive office of health and human services may continue to recover provider overpayments made in the current and prior fiscal years through the Medicaid management information system and these recoveries shall be considered current fiscal year expenditure refunds; provided further, that the executive office may collect directly from a liable third party any amounts paid to contracted providers under said chapter 118E for which the executive office later discovers another third party is liable if no other course of recoupment is possible; provided further, that the executive office and its agencies, when contracting for services on the islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket and the town of Provincetown, shall take into consideration the increased costs associated with the provision of goods, services and housing in said jurisdictions; provided further, that funds shall be expended to the Nantucket Cottage Hospital and Martha's Vineyard Hospital for off-island medical transportation, including the transportation of patients with behavioral health conditions; provided further, that funds shall be expended for interpretive services directly or indirectly related to a settlement or resolution agreement with the office of civil rights or any other office, group or entity; provided further, that the personal care attendant program shall maintain the same eligibility criteria and level of services in fiscal year 2025 as were available in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that the executive office of health and human services shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than January 13, 2025 on the: (a) number of members served in the dual eligible initiative; (b) average expenditure per member; (c) average expenditure per member before the demonstration project; and (d) number of clients that receive care at skilled nursing facilities; provided further, that not later than December 20, 2024, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on health care financing detailing utilization in fiscal year 2024 of the Health Safety Net Trust Fund, established in section 66 of said chapter 118E, including the: (1) number
of persons whose medical expenses were billed to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund; (2) total dollar amount billed to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund; (3) age, income level and insurance status of recipients using the Health Safety Net Trust Fund; (4) types of services paid for out of the Health Safety Net Trust Fund; and (5) amount disbursed from the Health Safety Net Trust Fund to each hospital and community health center; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on health care financing on: (A) total spending related to pharmaceutical utilization for fiscal year 2024; (B) estimated spending related to pharmaceutical utilization for fiscal year 2025; (C) the actual and estimated revenue amounts, both in the form of supplemental rebates and federal financial participation, received in fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025 as a result of total pharmaceutical spending; (D) total or projected savings amounts delivered from supplemental rebate negotiations in fiscal year 2025; and (E) the relative impact of price and utilization of pharmaceutical drugs added to the MassHealth drug list within fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not later than March 7, 2025, the executive office of health and human services, in consultation with office of Medicaid, shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance, the joint committee on health care financing and the house and senate committees on ways and means on the review of wage payment rates for the provision of continuous skilled nursing care, as established in 101 CMR 350.04, 101 CMR 361, and 101 CMR 453, including: (I) an aggregated overview of the wage payment rates paid by home health agencies to staff or contracted nurses providing continuous skilled nursing care, including any increases in said wage rates resulting from increases in Medicaid rates paid to home health agencies for continuous skilled nursing care; (II) an aggregated overview of the proportion of the Medicaid reimbursement rate paid directly as wages and benefits to nurses providing continuous skilled nursing care through a home health agency that contracts with MassHealth; (III) an aggregated breakdown of said wage rates as applied to the acuity level of patients receiving continuous skilled nursing care; (IV) an aggregated breakdown of said wage rates as applied to the licensure level of the providers of continuous skilled nursing care; (V) state costs for wage rates promulgated in state fiscal years 2020 to 2024, inclusive, by regulation, department and program; (VI) the fiscal impact of increases in state funding versus prior fiscal year actual costs for wage rates promulgated for state fiscal years 2020 to 2024, inclusive, by regulation, department and program; and (VII) recommendations on information to be included in any future reporting by home health agencies receiving an increase of continuous skilled nursing care rates provided by the office of Medicaid; provided further, that home health agencies providing continuous skilled nursing care shall provide all information and documentation requested by the executive office of health and human services to compile the required report; provided further, that the executive office shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on health care financing summarizing the projected total costs for the next fiscal year of pharmaceutical pipeline drugs identified by the executive office and expected to be made available for utilization within a 12-month period from the submission date of the report; provided further, that said report shall not identify the specific drugs, manufacturer identities or wholesale acquisition costs of individual drugs identified by the department; provided further, that executive office shall submit monthly MassHealth caseload
reports in a searchable electronic format to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that not later than January 13, 2025, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the methodology used to project caseload and utilization in fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025; provided further, that the executive office of health and human services shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means not later August 1, 2024 and every thirty days thereafter on the status of the implementation of the behavioral health roadmap provided further, that the executive office shall make a supplemental payment not less than $3,000,000 to Franciscan Hospital for Children, Inc. above base rates, to compensate for high-complexity pediatric care; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for Health Care For All, Inc. for the costs associated with operating its free statewide non-profit consumer assistance helpline in order to provide health coverage eligibility, enrollment, and navigation assistance and to operate an online support platform for enrollment assistance across the state; provided further, that the division shall contract with Health Care for All, Inc. to work with community-based organizations in high need areas of the state to conduct health coverage enrollment assistance, as well as coordinate and support health outreach and education efforts; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to support the critical care operations of New England Life Flight, Inc., d/b/a Boston MedFlight; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Needham, Inc. for behavioral health services; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Watertown Community Foundation, Inc. to increase access to health and human services and expand support and stabilization services for vulnerable populations in Watertown; provided further, that not less than $1,500,000 shall be transferred to the Criminal Justice and Community Support Trust Fund established in section 2QQQQQ of chapter 29 of the General Laws for the continuation of a pilot program to establish a county restoration center and program overseen by the Middlesex county restoration center commission to divert persons suffering from mental illness or substance use disorder who interact with law enforcement or the court system during a pre-arrest investigation or the pre-adjudication process from lock-up facilities and hospital emergency departments to appropriate treatment; provided further, that not less than $650,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Consultation Service for Treatment of Addiction and Pain to provide case management and care navigation support to assist health care facilities, individual practitioners and other health care providers including, but not limited to, nurse case managers, social workers and recovery coaches, in providing care and identifying community-based providers for referral for pain management and treatment of substance use disorder; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended to Fall River Emergency Medical Services for home health visits to support emergency room diversion; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Advocates for Autism of Massachusetts for a 6-month pilot program to provide workforce training in applied behavior analysis for department of developmental services and MassHealth day programs to train staff serving adults with complex behavioral needs; provided further, that not later than May 1, 2025, Advocates for Autism of Massachusetts shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities detailing: (aa) the number of individuals who
received training under the pilot program; (bb) the cost of services to individuals provided by staff who participated in the pilot program; and (cc) aggregated benefits to individuals served by staff who participated in the pilot program; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Baystate Wing Hospital Corporation in the town of Palmer to ensure health equity by creating open access hours for emergency department mental health patient follow-up services in the hospital and to establish an open walk-in clinic for patients with mental health issues; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the Southern Berkshire Volunteer Ambulance Squad, Inc. to provide out of hospital advanced life support care to communities in western Massachusetts; and provided further, that not less than 250,000 shall be expended to the Brookline Community Mental Health Center, Inc. to expand the healthy lives program ..............................................$150,814,925

4000-0320 For the executive office of health and human services, which may expend not more than $225,000,000 for medical care and assistance rendered in the current year from the monies received from recoveries and collections of any current or prior year expenditures; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the balance of any personal needs accounts collected from nursing and other medical institutions upon the death of a medical assistance recipient and held by the executive office for more than 3 years may be credited to this item ..............................................$225,000,000

4000-0321 For the executive office of health and human services, which may expend not more than $65,000,000 for contingency fee contracts related to pursuing federal reimbursement or avoiding costs in its capacity as the single state agency under Titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act and as the principal agency for all of the agencies within the executive office and other federally-assisted programs administered by the executive office; provided, that such contingency contracts shall not exceed 3 years except with prior review and approval by the executive office for administration and finance; provided further, that after providing payments due under the terms of the contingency contracts, the executive office of health and human services may use available funds to support special MassHealth projects that will receive enhanced federal revenue opportunities, including MassHealth eligibility operations and systems enhancements that support reforms and improvements to MassHealth programs; provided further, that any enhanced federal financial participation received for these special projects, including the Implementation Advanced Planning Documents or other eligibility operations and systems enhancements that support reforms and improvements to MassHealth shall be deposited into this item; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of revenues and payments required under contingency contracts, the comptroller shall certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system; provided further, that the secretary of health and human services may negotiate contingency fees for activities and services related to pursuing federal reimbursement or avoiding costs, and the comptroller shall certify these fees and pay them upon the receipt of this revenue, reimbursement or demonstration of costs avoided; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive office may enter into interdepartmental service agreements with the University of Massachusetts medical school to perform activities that
the secretary of health and human services, in consultation with the comptroller, determines to be within the scope of the proper administration of said Title XIX of the Social Security Act and other federal funding provisions to support the programs and activities of the executive office; provided further, that said activities may include providing: (i) administrative services including, but not limited to, utilization management activities and eligibility determinations based on disability and supporting case management activities and similar initiatives; (ii) consulting services related to quality assurance, program evaluation and development, integrity and soundness and project management; and (iii) activities and services to pursue federal reimbursement, avoid costs or identify third-party liability and recoup payments made to third parties; provided further, that federal reimbursement for any expenditure made by the University of Massachusetts medical school for federally-reimbursable services the university provides under these interdepartmental service agreements or other contracts with the executive office shall be distributed to the university and recorded distinctly in the state accounting system; provided further, that contingency fees paid to the University of Massachusetts medical school shall not exceed $40,000,000 for state fiscal year 2025 except for contingency fees paid under interdepartmental service agreements for recoveries related to special disability workload projects; and provided further, that not later than December 20, 2024, the secretary of health and human services shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (a) the amounts of the agreements; (b) a delineation of all ongoing and new projects; and (c) the amount of federal reimbursement and cost avoidance derived from the contracts for the previous fiscal year's activities.

$65,000,000

4000-0430 For the CommonHealth program to provide primary and supplemental medical care and assistance to disabled adults and children under sections 9A, 16 and 16A of chapter 118E of the General Laws; provided, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to the recipients in prior fiscal years; provided further, that the executive office of health and human services shall maximize federal reimbursement for state expenditures made on behalf of those adults and children; provided further, that children shall be determined eligible for medical care and assistance if they meet the disability standards as defined by the executive office; provided further, that, such standards shall be no more restrictive than those in effect on July 1, 1996; and provided further, that the executive office shall process a CommonHealth application within 45 days of receipt of a completed application or within 90 days if a determination of disability is required. $197,558,111

4000-0500 For health care services provided to medical assistance recipients through the executive office of health and human services' managed care delivery systems, including a behavioral health contractor, the Primary Care Clinician Plan, Primary Care Accountable Care Organizations, MassHealth managed care organizations and Accountable Care Partnership Plans and for MassHealth benefits provided to children, adolescents and adults under section 9 of chapter 118E of the General Laws and clauses (a) to (d), inclusive, and clause (h) of subsection (2) of section 9A of said chapter 118E and section 16C of said chapter 118E; provided, that no funds shall be expended from this item for children and adolescents under clause (c) of said subsection (2) of said section 9A of said chapter 118E whose household incomes, as determined by the
executive office, exceed 150 per cent of the federal poverty level; provided further, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to recipients in prior fiscal years; provided further, that the executive office shall require that any contract or other arrangement entered into by a managed care provider under the managed care delivery system for the provision and administration of pharmacy benefit management services on behalf of individuals enrolled in programs of medical assistance under this item, including a managed care provider participating in an accountable care partnership plan, shall include, but not be limited to, the requirement that pharmacy benefit managers: (i) identify all sources and amounts of income, payments and financial benefits related to the provision and administration of pharmacy benefit management services on behalf of the managed care provider including, but not limited to, pricing discounts, rebates, inflationary payments, credits, clawbacks, fees, grants, chargebacks, reimbursements or other benefits; and (ii) disclose to MassHealth the sources and amounts of all income, payments and financial benefits received by the pharmacy benefit manager; provided further, that the personal care attendant program shall maintain the same eligibility criteria and level of services in fiscal year 2025 as were available in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that not later than February 7, 2025, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (a) the total number of members participating in the Accountable Care Organization program; (b) disenrollment trends from the Partnership Plan, Primary Care Accountable Care Organization and Managed Care Organization-administered Accountable Care Organizations within the designated plan selection; (c) the outcomes achieved by accountable care organizations and community partners including, but not limited to, financial performance, patient safety, patient satisfaction, quality and aggregate and per-member reductions in spending compared to prior cost trends; (d) the results of benchmarks on accountable care organizations’ and community partners’ progress toward an integrated care delivery system; and (e) a summary of spending and activities related to traditionally non-reimbursed services to address health-related social needs including, but not limited to, home and community-based services, housing stabilization and support, utility assistance, non-medical transportation, physical activity, nutrition, sexual assault and domestic violence supports; provided further, that said summary shall include, to the maximum extent practicable, aggregated data on the results of preventative health care services such as health-related social needs screening, the number of referrals to human service providers to address such screening, the result of such referrals and changes in health status; provided further, that such data shall be stratified by demographic factors to support an analysis of the impact on health disparities; provided further, that where data is not available, a report on progress toward establishing necessary data systems shall be provided; provided further, that said summary shall include outcome measures for at-risk populations with chronic health conditions; and provided further, that not later than March 7, 2025, the executive office shall conduct and submit a comparative analysis to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery of the rate differential for inpatient psychiatric and substance use hospital per diem payments between MassHealth and its contracted health insurers, health plans, health maintenance organizations, behavioral health management firms and third-party administrators under contract to a Medicaid managed care organization or primary care clinician plan .................................................. $6,096,292,394
For health care services provided to MassHealth members who are seniors, including those provided through the Medicare Savings Program, and for the operation of the MassHealth senior care options program under section 9D of chapter 118E of the General Laws; provided, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to recipients in prior fiscal years; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purposes of an individual's eligibility for the Senior Care Options program, an individual is deemed to reach the age of 65 on the first day of the month in which their sixty-fifth birthday occurs; provided further, that nursing facility rates effective October 1, 2024 under section 13D of said chapter 118E shall be developed using the costs of calendar year 2019; provided further, that funds shall be expended from this item to maintain a personal needs allowance of $72.80 per month for individuals residing in nursing and rest homes who are eligible for MassHealth, emergency aid to the elderly, the disabled and children program or supplemental security income; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for any nursing home facility or non-acute chronic disease hospital that provides kosher food to its residents, the executive office of health and human services, in consultation with the center for health information and analysis and in recognition of the special innovative program status granted by the executive office, shall continue to make the standard payment rates established in fiscal year 2006 to reflect the high dietary costs incurred in providing kosher food; provided further, that MassHealth shall reimburse nursing home facilities for up to 20 medical leave-of-absence days and shall reimburse the facilities for up to 10 non-medical leave-of-absence days; provided further, that medical leave-of-absence days shall include an observation stay in a hospital in excess of 24 hours; provided further, that no nursing home shall reassign a patient's bed during a leave of absence that is eligible for reimbursement under this item; provided further, that not later than January 17, 2025, MassHealth shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing, for fiscal year 2024, the: (i) number of nursing facility clients on a leave of absence, delineated by the nursing facility, medical leave-of-absence days and medical leave-of-absence days that exceeded 10 days per hospital stay, nonmedical leave-of-absence days and the total number of days on leave of absence unduplicated member count; (ii) monthly licensed bed capacity level per nursing home and the monthly total number of empty beds per nursing facility, total number of all nursing home residents and total MassHealth nursing home residents; (iii) 6 separate MassHealth payment rates and the average payment amount rate per nursing facility client resident; (iv) actual number of nursing home residents for each of the 6 payment rates in clause (iii); and (v) aggregate payment amount per nursing facility by month; provided further, that the information in the report shall be delineated by nursing facility, including grand totals where appropriate; provided further, that the personal care attendant program shall maintain the same eligibility criteria and level of services in fiscal year 2025 as were available in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that MassHealth shall administer personal care services available under the MassHealth program in a manner that ensures authorized services are medically necessary as described in MassHealth regulations at 130 CMR 450.204 and maintains compliance with relevant federal regulations; provided further, that the executive office of health and human services shall convene a working group to review the scope of services and eligibility thresholds of the personal care attendant program; provided
further, that the membership of the working group shall include, but not be limited to: (a) the secretary of health and human services or a designee; (b) a representative of the personal care attendant workforce council; (c) a representative of 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East; (d) a representative of the Massachusetts Senior Care Association; (e) a representative of the Massachusetts Senior Action Council; (f) a representative of The Arc of Massachusetts; and (g) a representative of the Disability Policy Consortium; provided further, that said working group shall evaluate the eligibility criteria, scope of services, program oversight, workforce supply and pipeline, short- and long-term cost growth, the current state of any structural change initiatives related to pre-admission counselling, screenings, assessments and coordination of care and any other component of the personal care attendant program and make recommendations for the long-term sustainability and cost containment of the program; provided further, that said working group shall submit said recommendations on or before March 7, 2025, to the secretary of administration and finance, house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on health care financing; provided further, that no payment for special provider costs shall be made from this item without the prior written approval of the secretary of administration and finance; provided further, that not later than February 3, 2025, the executive office of health and human services shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the implementation of the Medicare Savings Program expanded program eligibility for seniors pursuant to section 25A of said chapter 118E; provided further, that said report shall include, but not be limited to: (1) the number of members who are seniors whose household incomes, as determined by the executive office, exceed 135 per cent of the federal poverty level, that are enrolled in Medicare Savings Programs during each month of the fiscal year; (2) total enrollment in the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary program, Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary Program and Qualifying Individual Program; (3) total annual spending on Medicare premiums and cost-sharing for such members; and (4) total annual transfers from the prescription advantage program in item 9110-1455 and Health Safety Net Trust Fund to fund the Medicare Savings Program expansion; and provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to Harbor Health Services, Inc. for the operation of its Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) day centers in Mattapan, Brockton and in any of the communities for which Harbor Health Services has been contracted to help meet the Commonwealth's PACE expansion goals. $4,558,789,945

For nursing facility Medicaid rates; provided, that in fiscal year 2025, the executive office of health and human services, in consultation with the center for health information and analysis, shall establish rates that cumulatively total $342,100,000 more than the annual payment rates established under the rates in effect as of June 30, 2002; provided further, that not less than $40,000,000 shall be expended in base rates for additional payments over the rate established in December 2022 to reflect nursing facility resident care and workforce costs including wages, hiring of staff and training for nursing facility workers; provided further, that not less than $2,973,456 shall be expended for the recognition of additional allowable costs to the standard base rate for nursing facilities located within 17 miles of 71 Hospital avenue in North Adams, Massachusetts; provided further, that an amount for expenses related to the collection and administration of section 63 of chapter 118E of the General Laws shall be transferred to the executive office; and provided further, that the payments
made under this item shall be allocated in an amount sufficient to implement section 622 of chapter 151 of the acts of 1996 $625,073,456

For health care services provided to medical assistance recipients under the executive office of health and human services' health care indemnity or third-party liability plan, to medical assistance recipients not otherwise covered under the executive office's managed care or senior care plans and for MassHealth benefits provided to children, adolescents and adults under section 9 of chapter 118E of the General Laws and clauses (a) to (d), inclusive, and clause (h) of subsection (2) of section 9A of said chapter 118E and section 16C of said chapter 118E; provided, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to recipients in prior fiscal years; provided further, that children who have aged out of the custody of the department of children and families shall be eligible for benefits through the age limit specified in MassHealth's approved state plan; provided further, that the executive office may reduce MassHealth premiums or copayments or offer other incentives to encourage enrollees to comply with wellness goals; provided further, that funds shall be expended to eliminate pharmacy copayments for all MassHealth members; provided further, that funds shall be expended from this item for members who qualify for early intervention services; provided further, that notwithstanding this item, funds may be expended from this item for the purchase of third-party insurance including, but not limited to, Medicare for any medical assistance recipient; provided further, that funds may be expended from this item for activities relating to customer service; provided further, that funds may be expended from this item for activities relating to disability determinations or utilization management and review, including patient screenings and evaluations, regardless of whether such activities are performed by a state agency, contractor, agent or provider; provided further, that MassHealth shall expend $13,000,000 in the aggregate for acute care hospitals that have greater than 63 per cent of their gross patient service revenue from governmental payers and free care as determined by the executive office; provided further, that in fiscal year 2025, MassHealth shall maintain the same level of federallyoptional chiropractic services that were in effect in fiscal year 2016 and that were included in its state plan or demonstration program in effect on January 1, 2002 for members enrolled in the primary care clinician program; provided further, that the personal care attendant program shall maintain the same eligibility criteria and level of services in fiscal year 2025 as were available in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that MassHealth shall continue to expend funds for expanded oral health benefits, including endodontic and prosthodontic services, for adult members, consistent with the benefits provided beginning on January 1, 2021; provided further, that dental services for adults shall be covered at least to the extent they were covered as of June 30, 2024; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the executive office shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on: (i) dental coverage available to MassHealth recipients as of January 1, 2025 as it compares to dental coverage available to MassHealth recipients on January 1, 2010; (ii) utilization of dental services in fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025; (iii) the actual and projected costs and revenue associated with dental coverage in fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025; and (iv) the estimated cost effectiveness of dental coverage as a contributor to MassHealth total cost of care; provided further, that no payments for special provider costs shall be made from this item without the prior written approval of the secretary of administration and finance; provided further, that no funds shall be
expended from this item for children and adolescents under clause (c) of said subsection (2) of said section 9A of said chapter 118E whose household incomes, as determined by the executive office exceed 150 per cent of the federal poverty level; provided further, that in fiscal year 2025, the executive office shall not fund programs relating to case management with the intention of reducing length of stay for neonatal intensive care unit cases; provided further, that not later than December 2, 2024, $900,000 shall be equally distributed to the teaching community health centers with family medicine residency programs in the cities of Worcester and Lawrence and in the South Boston section of the city of Boston; provided further, that the secretary of health and human services shall designate the league of community health centers to administer the funds and shall retain 5 per cent of the total funds; provided further, that the secretary shall: (a) report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the use of the funds by teaching community health centers; and (b) audit said centers in order to confirm the use of the funds by each center for training purposes; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the community health center in Greenfield to support its family medicine residency program; and provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be made available to the family medicine program at Franklin medical center .......................................................... $4,182,001,231

4000-0875  For the executive office of health and human services to expend for the provision of benefits to eligible individuals who require medical treatment for either breast or cervical cancer under section 2 of the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act of 2000, Public Law 106-354, 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVIII) and section 10D of chapter 118E of the General Laws; provided, that the executive office shall provide these benefits to individuals whose incomes, as determined by the executive office, do not exceed 250 per cent of the federal poverty level, subject to continued federal approval; and provided further, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to these recipients in prior fiscal years..........................................................$18,500,000

4000-0880  For MassHealth benefits under clause (c) of subsection (2) of section 9A of chapter 118E of the General Laws and section 16C of said chapter 118E for children and adolescents whose household incomes, as determined by the executive office of health and human services, exceed 150 per cent of the federal poverty level; provided, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to those children and adolescents in prior fiscal years; and provided further, that funds may be expended from this item for health care subsidies provided to eligible individuals under the last paragraph of section 9 and section 16D of said chapter 118E ..............................................................................$371,307,845

4000-0885  For the cost of health insurance subsidies paid to employees of small businesses in the insurance reimbursement program under section 9C of chapter 118E of the General Laws; provided, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to persons in prior fiscal years; provided further, that funds may be expended only for employees who are ineligible for subsidized insurance through the commonwealth health insurance connector authority and ineligible for any MassHealth program; provided further, that enrollment in this program may be capped to ensure that MassHealth expenditures shall not exceed the amount appropriated; and provided further, that funds may be expended from this
item for health care services provided to individuals eligible under clause (j) of subsection (2) of section 9A of said chapter 118E ........................................... $34,042,020

4000-0940 For providing health care services related to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148; provided, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services to individuals ages 19 to 64, inclusive, whose household incomes, as determined by the executive office of health and human services, do not exceed 133 per cent of the federal poverty level and those who are eligible under clauses (b) and (d) of subsection (2) of section 9A of chapter 118E of the General Laws; and provided further, that in fiscal year 2025, MassHealth shall maintain the same level of vision services that were in effect in fiscal year 2024 for members enrolled in the CarePlus program ...........................................$2,422,764,172

4000-0950 For administrative and program expenses associated with the children’s behavioral health initiative to provide comprehensive, community-based behavioral health services to children suffering from severe emotional disturbances; provided, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to these persons in prior fiscal years; provided further, that the executive office of health and human services shall submit biannual reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the implementation of the initiative; provided further, that said reports shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the results of the scheduled plan to date, including a schedule detailing commencement of services and associated costs by service type; (ii) an analysis of compliance with the terms of the settlement agreement to date; (iii) a detailed itemization of services and service utilization by service type, geographical location and the age of the member receiving the service; (iv) data detailing the time that elapsed between a member’s request for services and commencement of an initial assessment for services; (v) the time to complete the initial assessment and the time that elapsed between initial assessment for services and commencement of services; and (vi) a quarterly update of whether projected expenditures are likely to exceed the amount appropriated in this item; provided further, that funds shall not be transferred from this item without notifying the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days before any such transfer; and provided further, that any unexpended balance in this item shall revert to the General Fund on June 30, 2025 ...........................................$315,282,721

4000-0990 For the executive office of health and human services to expend for the children’s medical security plan to provide health services for uninsured children from birth through age 18, inclusive; provided, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to those persons in prior fiscal years; provided further, that the executive office shall maximize federal reimbursements for state expenditures made on behalf of the children; provided further, that the executive office shall expend all necessary funds from this item to ensure the provision of this program under section 10F of chapter 118E of the General Laws; provided further, that the MassHealth benefit request shall be used as a joint application to determine the eligibility for both MassHealth and the children’s medical security plan; provided further, that the executive office shall prescreen enrollees and applicants for Medicaid eligibility; provided further, that the maximum benefit levels for this program shall be made available only to those children who have been determined by the executive office to be ineligible for MassHealth benefits; and provided further, that no applicant
shall be enrolled in the program until the applicant has been denied eligibility for the MassHealth program other than MassHealth Limited ............ $35,000,000

4000-1400 For the provision of MassHealth benefits to persons diagnosed with human immunodeficiency virus with incomes that do not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty level; provided, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to said persons in prior fiscal years .............................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................$16,555,080

4000-1420 For payment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in compliance with Title XIX of the Social Security Act, as codified at 42 U.S.C. chapter 7, subchapter XIX..................................................................................................................$741,931,215

4000-1426 For health care services provided to MassHealth members through the following MassHealth waivers approved under section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act: (i) the Acquired Brain Injury Residential Habilitation waiver; (ii) the Acquired Brain Injury Non-Residential Habilitation waiver; (iii) the Moving Forward Plan Residential Supports waiver; and (iv) the Moving Forward Plan Community Living waiver; provided, that funds may be expended from this item for administrative and program expenses associated with the operation of said waivers; and provided further, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to members participating in said waivers in prior fiscal years......................$422,606,696

4000-1700 For the provision of information technology services within the executive office of health and human services ..........................................................................................................................$172,242,249

Office for Refugees and Immigrants.

4003-0111 For the operation of the office for refugees and immigrants; provided, that the office shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (i) a list of recipients of such funds; (ii) the amounts distributed to each recipient; and (iii) the number of newly arrived immigrants and refugees served by each recipient.................$1,002,210

4003-0122 For a citizenship for new Americans program to assist legal permanent residents of the commonwealth in becoming citizens of the United States; provided, that the office for refugees and immigrants shall administer the program; provided further, that the program funded under this item shall provide assistance to persons who are within 3 years of eligibility to become citizens of the United States; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for Casserly House’s adult ESOL program for immigrants who speak, read, and write little or no English to receive help and support in the Archdale area of Roslindale; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Casa Dominicana, Inc. to assist in ESL classes and computer training for low-income adults; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Lawrence Family Development, Inc. in Lawrence for ESL and citizenship classes; provided further, that services shall include: (i) English for Speakers of Other Languages/civics classes; (ii) citizenship application assistance; (iii) interview preparation; and (iv) support services including, but not limited to, interpretation and referral services; provided further, that persons who would qualify for benefits under chapter 118A of the General Laws but for their status as legal noncitizens shall be given the highest priority for services; provided further, that persons who currently receive state-funded benefits that could be replaced in whole or in part by federally-funded
benefits if those persons become citizens shall be given priority for services; provided further, that funds may be expended for the programmatic and administrative support of the office's refugee and immigrant services; provided further, that not later than January 16, 2025 the office for refugees and immigrants shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means including, but not limited to: (a) the services provided to immigrants and refugees, including but not limited to Afghan, Haitian, and Ukrainian refugees and immigrants in fiscal year 2023 and 2024; (b) the number of said refugees and immigrants serviced; and (c) the efforts taken to fully settle said refugees and immigrants and provide them with support services to find employment, housing, health insurance and childcare; provided further, that not less than $90,000 shall be expended to Friendly House, Inc. for the operation of a Center for New Americans in the city of Worcester; and provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended as a grant for Immigrants Assistance Center, Inc. in the city of New Bedford for citizenship and workforce readiness programming.......................$1,520,459

Center for Health Information and Analysis.

4100-0060 For the operation of the center for health information and analysis established in chapter 12C of the General Laws; provided, that the estimated costs of the center shall be assessed in the manner prescribed by section 7 of said chapter 12C; and provided further, that the center for health information and analysis shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than January 10, 2025 on: (i) the MassHealth rates of payment for telehealth services; (ii) the MassHealth rates of payment for comparable in-person services; and (iii) the utilization rates of telehealth services where in person services are available............$33,664,991

4100-0063 For the operation of the Betsy Lehman center for patient safety and medical error reduction established in section 15 of chapter 12C of the General Laws; provided, that the estimated costs of the center shall be assessed in the manner prescribed by section 7 of said chapter 12C ............... $3,022,883

OFFICE OF DISABILITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES.

Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

4110-0001 For the operation of the Massachusetts commission for the blind, including the cost of sheltered workforce employee retirement benefits .................. $1,805,193

4110-1000 For the community services program; provided, that the Massachusetts commission for the blind shall work in collaboration with the Massachusetts commission for the deaf and hard of hearing to provide assistance and services to the deaf-blind community through the deaf-blind community access network; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for social workers, rehabilitation teachers and orientation and mobility instructors at the Massachusetts commission for the blind; provided further, that not less than $1,100,000 shall be expended by the Massachusetts commission for the blind to maximize the independent living skills of legally blind residents of the commonwealth through rehabilitation programs, housing assistance services, adjustment counseling services and the provision of accessible devices, assistive software and equipment and supportive technology training provided by
qualified nonprofit providers in community, residential, virtual and facility-based settings; and provided further, that not less than $500,000 of said $1,100,000 shall be made available for the Carroll Center for the Blind, Inc. and not less than $300,000 of said $1,100,000 shall be made available for the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired .......... $8,571,821

4110-1010 For radio reading services for the blind and print disabled; provided, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to each of the following service providers: (i) Audible Local Ledger, Inc.; (ii) Audio Journal, Incorporated; (iii) Berkshire Talking Chronicle; (iv) Lowell Association for the Blind, Inc.; and (v) Valley Eye Radio, Inc.; and provided further, that not less than $350,000 shall be expended for the Talking Information Center, Incorporated to provide human voiced broadcasts of local news, articles and items of interest to visually-impaired and otherwise disabled listeners ........ $1,100,000

4110-2000 For the turning 22 program of the Massachusetts commission for the blind, including deaf-blind extended supports; provided, that the commission shall work in conjunction with the department of developmental services to secure the maximum amount of federal reimbursements available for the care of turning 22 program clients .................................................. $16,085,143

4110-3010 For vocational rehabilitation services for the blind operated in cooperation with the federal government; provided, that no funds from federal vocational rehabilitation grants or state appropriations shall be deducted for pensions, group health or life insurance or any other such indirect costs of federally-reimbursed state employees .......................................................... $2,831,545

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission.

4120-0200 For independent living centers; provided, that not later than April 1, 2025, the Massachusetts rehabilitation commission shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the services provided by independent living centers, which shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) total number of consumers that request and receive services; (ii) types of services requested and received by consumers; (iii) total number of consumers moved from nursing homes; and (iv) total number of independent living plans and goals set and achieved by consumers ............. $8,000,000

4120-1000 For the operation of the Massachusetts rehabilitation commission; provided, that not less than 90 days prior to any changes to the current eligibility criteria, the commission shall provide written notification to the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the commissioner shall report quarterly to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the secretary of administration and finance on the number of clients served and the amount expended on each type of service; provided further, that upon the written request of the commissioner of revenue, the commission shall provide lists of individual clients to whom, or on behalf of whom, payments have been made for the purpose of verifying eligibility and detecting and preventing fraud, error and abuse in the programs administered by the commission; and provided further, that said lists shall include client names and social security numbers and payee names and other identification, if different from a client’s identification .......................................................... $442,626

4120-2000 For vocational rehabilitation services operated in cooperation with the federal government; provided, that funds from federal vocational
rehabilitation grants or state appropriations shall not be deducted for pensions, group health or life insurance or any other indirect costs of federally-reimbursed state employees; and provided further, that the commissioner of rehabilitation, in making referrals to service providers, shall take into account a client’s place of residence and the proximity of the nearest provider to said residence.$26,191,382

4120-3000 For employment assistance services; provided, that vocational evaluation and employment services shall be provided for severely disabled adults $2,519,719

4120-4000 For community-based services, which shall include, but not be limited to, protective services, adult support services, assistive technology services and the annualization of funding for turning 22 program clients who began receiving services in fiscal year 2024 under item 4120-4010 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023; provided, that not less than $1,920,000 shall be expended for assistive technology services; and provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for Reequipment Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Assistive Technology (AT) Reuse Program, Inc. $14,395,864

4120-4001 For the accessible housing registry for people with disabilities $150,000

4120-4010 For the turning 22 program of the Massachusetts rehabilitation commission $351,091

4120-5000 For homemaking services $6,110,671

4120-6000 For services for individuals with head injuries; provided, that the commission shall work with the executive office of health and human services to maximize federal reimbursement for clients receiving head injury services $28,669,936

**Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.**

4125-0100 For the operation of and services provided by the Massachusetts commission for the deaf and hard of hearing $10,459,060

**OFFICE OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES.**

**Department of Youth Services.**

4200-0010 For the administration of the department of youth services; provided, that the department shall continue to collaborate with the department of elementary and secondary education in order to align curriculum at the department of youth services with the statewide curriculum frameworks and to ease the reintegration of youth from facilities at the department of youth services into traditional public school settings; provided further, that the commissioner of youth services may transfer funds between items 4200-0100, 4200-0200, 4200-0300 and 4200-0600, as necessary, under an allocation plan which shall detail, by object class, the distribution of the funds to be transferred and which the commissioner shall submit to the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 15 days before any transfer; and provided further, that not more than 7 per cent of any such item shall be transferred in fiscal year 2025 $5,011,583
4200-0100 For supervision, counseling and other community-based services provided to committed youths in nonresidential care programs of the department of youth services.................................$26,518,448

4200-0200 For pretrial detention programs, including purchase-of-service and state-operated programs; provided, that the department of youth services shall expend not less than $600,000 for the detention diversion advocacy program coordinated by the Robert F. Kennedy Children’s Action Corps, Inc. to prevent high-risk juveniles presenting before the court from penetrating further into the juvenile justice system.............................................$31,452,183

4200-0300 For secure facilities, including purchase-of-service and state-operated programs incidental to the operations of the facilities; provided, that funds shall be expended to address the needs of the female population; and provided further, that funds shall be expended for suicide prevention services.................................................................$119,760,860

4200-0500 For enhanced salaries for teachers at the department of youth services.......... $3,059,187

4200-0600 For the operation of secure facilities to detain arrested youth before arraignment under the overnight arrest program .......................................................$2,661,791

4200-0700 For evidence-based delinquency prevention through diversion programming that serves as an alternative to arresting or prosecuting youth through the juvenile court.................................................................$2,044,350

**Department of Transitional Assistance.**

4400-1000 For the central administration of the department of transitional assistance; provided, that all costs associated with verifying disability for all programs of the department shall be paid from this item; provided further, that the department shall submit monthly status reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the secretary of administration and finance on program expenditures, savings and revenues, error rate measurements and public assistance caseloads and benefits; provided further, that the department shall collect all out-of-court settlement restitution payments; provided further, that the restitution payments shall include, but not be limited to, installment and lump sum payments; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for supporting transition-aged youth through the Friends of Children, Inc. FOCUS Program; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to Warm Hearts of Stow, Inc. for the continuation of charitable programming and community services; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the Fresh Start Furniture Bank, Inc. of Hudson; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Hudson to support the MetroWest Food System Collaborative and its mission to strengthen local and regional food systems; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Allston-Brighton Food Pantry and community refrigerator support program; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to Cradles to Crayons, Inc. for its Clothing Insecurity relief and essentials distribution service; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary and unless otherwise expressly provided, federal reimbursements received for the department, including reimbursements for administrative, fringe and overhead costs for the current fiscal year and prior fiscal years, shall be credited to the General Fund; provided further,
that an application for assistance under chapter 118 of the General Laws shall also be an application for assistance under chapter 118E of the General Laws; provided further, that if the department denies assistance under said chapter 118, the department shall transmit the application to the executive office of health and human services for a determination of eligibility under said chapter 118E; provided further, that the department shall provide the caseload forecasting office with enrollment data and any other information pertinent to caseload forecasting that is requested by the office on a monthly basis; provided further, that the information shall be provided in a manner that meets all applicable federal and state privacy and security requirements; provided further, that after April 1, 2025, the commissioner of transitional assistance may transfer funds for identified deficiencies between items 4403-2000, 4405-2000 and 4408-1000; provided further, that the distribution of the funds to be transferred shall be included in an allocation plan, which the commissioner shall submit to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 15 days before any such transfer; provided further, that upon approval by the executive office for administration and finance, the commissioner may transfer funds for identified deficiencies between this item and item 4400-1100; and provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Springfield WORKS for the continued support of a 3-year pilot program to mitigate cliff effects for families from across the commonwealth.

4400-1001 For programs to increase the commonwealth’s participation rate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program and other federal nutrition programs; provided, that not less than $900,000 shall be expended for a grant to Project Bread – The Walk for Hunger, Inc.; provided further, that the work of employees of the department of transitional assistance paid for from this item shall be restricted to processing supplemental nutrition assistance program applications; provided further, that the department shall not require supplemental nutrition assistance program applicants to provide reverification of eligibility factors previously verified and not subject to change; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department shall require only 1 signature from supplemental nutrition assistance program applicants; provided further, that the department shall fund a unit staffed by department employees to respond to supplemental nutrition assistance program inquiries and arrange and conduct telephone interviews for initial supplemental nutrition assistance program applications from this item; provided further, that the department shall fund a system to image and catalog eligibility documents electronically from this item; provided further, that funds may be expended for supplemental nutrition assistance program outreach; and provided further, that not later than January 31, 2025, the department shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the status of these programs.

4400-1004 For the project costs of the Massachusetts healthy incentives program; provided, that when expanding the number of participating vendors, the department shall prioritize improving access in areas with limited access to fresh, local produce and that are historically underserved by the program; provided further, that the department shall collaborate with local food coalitions and nonprofit groups to develop community outreach strategies that ensure equitable access to, and knowledge of, the program; and provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means.
that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the number of households utilizing the program, including household size, age and racial demographic information; (ii) the number of program transactions; (iii) the number of vendors processing program transactions; (iv) a breakdown of the total number of program clients and vendors, by their municipality; and (v) the department’s efforts, plans and timeline for identifying geographic areas that are underserved by the program and increasing program activity in those areas, including metrics and factors to be used to make determinations for the addition and siting of vendors, prior appropriation continued.................................................................................................................................................. $15,000,000

4400-1020 For the operation of the secure jobs connect program for employment support, job training and job search services for homeless or previously homeless families receiving assistance from the executive office of housing and livable communities under items 7004-0101, 7004-0108, 7004-9024 or 7004-9316; provided, that participants receiving assistance under said items 7004-0101 and 7004-0108 shall receive not less than 12 months of housing stabilization services under said items 7004-0101 and 7004-0108; provided further, that services shall be delivered by community-based agencies that have demonstrated experience working in partnership with regional administering agencies including, but not limited to, Community Teamwork Inc., Father Bill's & MainSpring, Inc., Way Finders, Inc., Jewish Vocational Service, Inc., SER-Jobs for Progress, Inc., South Middlesex Opportunity Council, Inc. and Worcester Community Action Council, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Main South Community Development Corporation’s efforts to promote the safety and security of the University Park and Beacon Brightly neighborhoods; provided further, that the executive office of housing and livable communities shall make available rental assistance under item 7004-9024 to ensure effective participation in this program; provided further, that service delivery agencies shall seek additional federal, state or private funds to ensure the effective continuation of regional partnerships; and provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department of transitional assistance shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means, by type of service or program provided, on the: (i) housing situation, including stability of housing, for program participants; (ii) employment status, including the employment history, of program participants; (iii) total number of program participants; and (iv) number of program participants who are no longer receiving assistance under said items 7004-0101, 7004-0108, 7004-9024 or 7004-9316 ........................................................................................................................................................................ $5,050,000

4400-1025 For domestic violence specialists at local area offices ................................................................. $2,194,657

4400-1100 For the payroll of the department of transitional assistance’s caseworkers; provided, that only employees of bargaining unit 8 shall be paid from this item............................................................................................................................................. $96,440,102

4400-1979 For the department of transitional assistance to administer, in consultation with the commonwealth corporation, an employment counseling and job training program and the pathways to self-sufficiency program respectively established in sections 3B and 3C of chapter 118 of the General Laws and the full employment program established in section 110 of chapter 5 of the acts of 1995, as amended by section 29 of chapter 158 of the acts of 2014 .................................................................................................................................................. $1,000,073
For employment and training services for recipients of benefits provided under the transitional aid to families with dependent children program; provided, that funds from this item may be expended on former recipients of the program for up to 1 year after termination of their benefits; provided further, that the department of transitional assistance may expend funds on such services for the noncustodial parents of dependent children receiving transitional aid to families with dependent children; provided further, that the department shall expend not less than the amounts expended in fiscal year 2024 for the young parents program and the competitive integrated employment services program; provided further, that not less than $170,000 shall be expended for learning disability assessments through the University of Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the DTA Works internship program; provided further, that not less than $3,000,000 shall be expended for the service providers with whom the office for refugees and immigrants entered into service agreements in fiscal year 2024 under this item; provided further, that certain parents who have not yet reached 18 years of age, including those who are ineligible for transitional aid to families with dependent children and who would qualify for benefits under chapter 118 of the General Laws but for the consideration of the grandparents’ income, shall be eligible to receive services; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means including, but not limited to: (i) the number of clients served by these programs; (ii) the number of clients who transition into employment, when applicable; (iii) the number of clients who remain in employment after 90 days, when applicable; (iv) the number of clients who remain in employment after 1 year, when applicable; and (v) other quantifiable data related to client outcomes as designed by these programs; provided further, that the department shall examine the outcomes of these programs to determine which are effective in transitioning clients to employment and increasing self-sufficiency; provided further, that the department shall consider other programs to meet transitional employment needs of clients; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for Roca, Inc. to provide services to young parents in the city of Springfield who are experiencing acute trauma, multiple systems involvement, mental health concerns or domestic violence or abuse and to increase parenting and life skills, housing stability, self-sufficiency and cognitive and behavioral skills through intensive case management and wraparound supports; provided further, that the department shall examine the outcomes of these programs to determine which are effective in transitioning clients to employment and increasing self-sufficiency; provided further, that the department shall consider other programs to meet transitional employment needs of clients; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for Roca, Inc. to provide services to young parents in the city of Lynn who are experiencing acute trauma, multiple systems involvement, mental health concerns or domestic violence or abuse and to increase parenting and life skills, housing stability, self-sufficiency and cognitive and behavioral skills through intensive case management and wraparound supports.

For a grant program to be administered by the department of transitional assistance for 2 generation programs to support economic mobility among high-risk young parents between 14 and 24 years of age, inclusive, who are eligible for assistance under the department’s young parent program; provided, that grants shall be targeted at young parents experiencing acute trauma, multiple systems involvement, mental health concerns, domestic violence or abuse; provided further, that the grant funding shall be utilized to increase parenting and life skills, housing stability, and self-sufficiency, and to build cognitive and behavioral skills through intensive...
case management and wraparound supports; provided further, that the department shall distribute grant funds through a competitive grant program; provided further, that grants shall be awarded to applicants that: (i) are community-based nonprofit programs; (ii) have demonstrated experience working with high-risk young parents and partnering with local administering agencies; and (iii) seek additional federal, state or private funds to ensure the effective continuation of services and local partnerships; provided further, that the department shall collect robust data from contracted agencies to better understand this population, their risk factors and the services provided to them; provided further, that the department shall award not more than 14 grants; provided further, that grants shall be awarded in communities with high numbers of pregnant and parenting teens; provided further, that grants shall be not less than $250,000 and not more than $500,000; and provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the: (a) total number of program participants; (b) educational attainment of program participants; (c) employment status, including employment history, for program participants; (d) number of program participants receiving assistance under item 4403-2000; and (e) relevant demographic information, as determined by the department ................................................................. $2,000,000

4403-2000

For a program of transitional aid to families with dependent children; provided, that the payment standard and need standard in fiscal year 2025 shall be not less than the standards in effect in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that beginning in the month of April 2025 the payment standard for monthly benefits for the program, not including the rental allowance, shall be increased by 10 per cent above the payment standard in effect in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that the need standard shall be equal to the payment standard established under the provisions of this item; provided further, that the payment standard and need standard for fiscal year 2026 shall be not less than the standards set forth in this item; provided further, that the department of transitional assistance shall notify parents under 20 years of age who are receiving benefits from the program of the requirements of clause (2) of subsection (i) of section 110 of chapter 5 of the acts of 1995 or any successor law; provided further, that a $40-per-month rental allowance shall be paid to households incurring a rent or mortgage expense and not residing in public or subsidized housing; provided further, that a nonrecurring children’s clothing allowance of $500 shall be provided to each child eligible under this program in September 2024; provided further, that the children’s clothing allowance shall be included in the standard of need for the month of September 2024; provided further, that benefits under this program shall not be available to those families in which a child has been removed from the household under a court order after a care and protection hearing held under chapter 119 of the General Laws or to adult recipients otherwise eligible for transitional aid to families with dependent children but for the temporary removal of any dependent children from the home by the department of children and families under department procedures; provided further, that not less than $779,058 shall be expended for transportation benefits for recipients of transitional aid to families with dependent children; provided further, that any person experiencing homelessness, who: (i) has no established place of abode or lives in a temporary emergency shelter; and (ii) is otherwise eligible under this item and chapter 118 of the General Laws, shall receive the same payment rate as recipients who incur shelter costs including, but not limited to, rent or a mortgage; provided further, that
the department of transitional assistance shall promulgate or revise any such rules and regulations necessary to implement the preceding provision; provided further, that notwithstanding section 2 of said chapter 118 or any other general or special law to the contrary, the department of transitional assistance shall render aid to pregnant people with no other eligible dependent children only if it has been medically verified that the child is expected to be born within the month the payments are to be made or within the 3-month period after the month of payment and who, if the child had been born and was living with that parent in the month of payment, would be categorically and financially eligible for transitional aid to families with dependent children benefits; provided further, that certain families that suffer a reduction in benefits due to a loss of earned income and participation in retrospective budgeting may receive a supplemental benefit to compensate them for the loss; provided further, that the department of transitional assistance shall, to the extent feasible within the existing appropriation and any funding from other sources, review its disability standards to determine the extent to which such standards reflect the current medical and vocational criteria; provided further, that not less than 75 days before any changes to the disability standards are publicly proposed, the department of transitional assistance shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities; provided further, that at the time of application and on a semi-annual basis, the department of transitional assistance shall provide oral and written notification to all recipients of their child care benefits; provided further, that the notification shall include the full range of child care options available, including center-based child care, family-based child care and in-home, relative child care; provided further, that the notification shall detail available child care benefits for current and former recipients, including employment and training benefits and transitional benefits; provided further, that the notice shall also advise recipients of the availability of supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits; provided further, that in promulgating, amending or rescinding its regulations relative to eligibility for, or levels of, benefits under the program, the department of transitional assistance shall take into account the amounts available to it for expenditure from this item so as not to exceed this appropriation; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended for cash and transportation benefits for newly-employed transitional aid to families with dependent children clients for a period not to exceed 12 months to assist such clients with short-term self-sufficiency; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of transitional assistance shall calculate benefits provided under this item in the same manner as it calculated said benefits in the previous fiscal year; provided further, that the department of transitional assistance’s calculation of benefits shall not preclude the department of transitional assistance from making eligibility or benefit changes that lead to an increase in eligibility or benefits; provided further, that not less than 75 days before adopting eligibility or benefit changes, the department of transitional assistance shall submit a report on said changes to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities and the clerks of the house of representatives and senate; provided further, that the report shall include the text of, basis for and reasons for the proposed changes; and provided further, that not later than January 1, 2025 the department of transitional assistance shall submit a report to house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include but not be limited to: (a) the number of participants in the program,
including available demographic information; (b) the average benefit amount including the methodology for determining an individual's benefit amount; (c) the number of participants in the program who also receive benefits under items 7004-0101, 7004-0108, 7004-9024 or 7004-9316 ....... $496,227,969

4403-2007 For a nutritional benefit program for low-income workers; provided, that benefits shall be provided only to those for whom receiving these benefits will improve the work participation rate under the federal program of temporary assistance for needy families.................................................. $350,000

4403-2008 For participant support payments to pay for or reimburse supplemental nutrition assistance program applicants and recipients for expenses that are reasonably necessary and directly related to participation in the SNAP path to work program ........................................................................... $500,000

4403-2119 For the provision of structured settings as provided under subsection (i) of section 110 of chapter 5 of the acts of 1995 or any successor statute, for parents under the age of 22 who are receiving benefits under the transitional aid to families with dependent children program ...................... $13,846,348

4405-2000 For the state supplement to the Supplemental Security Income program for the aged and disabled, including a program for emergency needs for Supplemental Security Income recipients; provided, that the expenses of special grant recipients residing in rest homes, as provided under section 7A of chapter 118A of the General Laws, may be paid from this item; provided further, that rates for residential care facilities and rest homes effective July 1, 2024, established under section 13D of chapter 118E of the General Laws, shall cumulatively total not less than rates effective January 1, 2024; provided further, that the department of transitional assistance, in collaboration with the executive office of health and human services, may fund an optional supplemental living arrangement category under the Supplemental Security Income program that makes payments to persons living in assisted living residences certified under chapter 19D of the General Laws who meet the income and clinical eligibility criteria established by the department and the executive office; provided further, that the optional category of payments shall only be administered in conjunction with the Medicaid group adult foster care benefit; and provided further, that reimbursements to providers for services rendered in prior fiscal years may be expended from this item ........................................ $207,132,056

4408-1000 For a program of cash assistance to certain residents of the commonwealth, entitled emergency aid to the elderly, disabled and children, who are found by the department of transitional assistance to be eligible for the aid under chapter 117A of the General Laws and regulations promulgated by the department and subject to the limitations of appropriation for such purpose; provided, that recipients shall not be subject to sponsor income-deeming or related restrictions; provided further, that in implementing the program for fiscal year 2025, the department shall include all eligibility categories permitted in this item and the need standard shall be not less than the standard that was in effect in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that beginning in the month of April 2025, the payment standards for monthly benefits for the program shall be increased by 10 per cent above the payment standard in effect in fiscal year 2024 and shall include all eligibility categories permitted in this item at that payment standard; provided further, that any person experiencing homelessness, who: (i) has no established place of abode or lives in a
temporary emergency shelter; and (ii) is otherwise eligible under this item
and said chapter 117A shall receive the same payment rate as recipients
who incur shelter costs including, but not limited to, rent or a mortgage;
provided further, that the department shall promulgate or revise any rules
and regulations necessary to implement this provision; provided further,
that rates for residential care facilities and rest homes effective July 1,
2024, established under section 13D of chapter 118E of the General Laws,
shall cumulatively total not less than rates effective January 1, 2024;
provided further, that the department may provide benefits to persons who
are the age of 65 or older who have applied for benefits under chapter
118A of the General Laws, to persons suffering from a medically-
determinable impairment or combination of impairments which is expected
to last for a period determined by department regulations, which
substantially reduces or eliminates such individuals' capacity to support
themselves and which has been verified by a competent authority, to
certain persons caring for a disabled person, to otherwise eligible
participants in the vocational rehabilitation program of the Massachusetts
rehabilitation commission, to dependent children who are ineligible for
benefits under both chapter 118 of the General Laws and the separate
program under section 210 of chapter 43 of the acts of 1997 and to parents
or other caretakers of dependent children who are ineligible under said
chapter 118 and under said separate program; provided further, that no
person incarcerated in a correctional institution shall be eligible for benefits
under the program; provided further, that no funds shall be expended from
this item for the payment of expenses associated with any medical review
team, other disability screening process or costs associated with verifying
disability for this program; provided further, that the department shall adopt
emergency regulations under chapter 30A of the General Laws to
implement the changes to the program required by this item promptly and
within the appropriation; provided further, that in promulgating, amending
or rescinding its regulations with respect to eligibility or benefits, including
the payment standard, medical benefits and any other benefits under this
program, the department shall take into account the amount available to it
for expenditure by this item so as not to exceed the amount appropriated
in this item; provided further, that the department may promulgate
emergency regulations under said chapter 30A to implement these
eligibility changes, benefit changes or both; provided further, that nothing
in this item shall be construed to create any right accruing to recipients
of the former general relief program; provided further, that reimbursements
collected from the Social Security Administration on behalf of former
clients of the emergency aid to the elderly, disabled and children program
or unprocessed payments from the program that are returned to the
department shall be credited to the General Fund; provided further, that
notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, not less than
75 days prior to adopting any eligibility or benefit changes, the
commissioner of transitional assistance shall submit to the house and
senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on children,
families and persons with disabilities and the clerks of the house of
representatives a detailed and comprehensive report setting forth the text
of and the basis and reasons for the proposed changes; provided further,
that the report shall state exactly which components of the current benefit
package will be altered and the department’s most accurate assessment
of the effects of benefit or eligibility changes upon recipient families;
provided further, that the payment standard and need standard for fiscal
year 2026 shall be not less than the standards set forth in this item; and
provided further, that not later than January 2, 2025 the department of
transitional assistance shall submit a report to house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include but not be limited to: (i) the number of participants in the program, including available demographic information; (ii) the average benefit amount including the methodology for determining an individual's benefit amount; (iii) the number of participants in the program who also receive benefits under items 7004-0101, 7004-0108, 7004-9024 or 7004-9316. $183,182,092

OFFICE OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Department of Public Health.

4510-0020 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than $162,229 in retained revenues collected from fees charged by the food protection program for costs of said program; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system. $162,229

4510-0040 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than $73,734 from fees assessed under chapter 111N of the General Laws for the regulation of all pharmaceutical and medical device companies that market their products in the commonwealth; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system. $73,734

4510-0100 For the administration and operation of the department of public health, including the personnel support of programmatic staff within the department, including the health statistics program, the operation of the registry of vital records and statistics and the cancer registry established under section 111B of chapter 111 of the General Laws; provided, that not less than $850,000 shall be expended to support the state action for public health excellence program in section 27D of chapter 111 of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than $350,000 shall be expended to Hope and Comfort, Inc. to support operations and hygiene product acquisition; and provided further, that the department shall give specific consideration to additional monies available under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, Public Law, 111-148 and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Public Law 111-152. $47,744,484

4510-0110 For community health center services; provided, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended on a statewide program of technical assistance to community health centers to be provided by a state primary care association qualified under section 330A(f)(2) of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 254c(f)(2); provided further, that funding shall be expended for the Massachusetts State Loan Repayment Program in an amount not less than the amount expended in fiscal year 2024 contingent on the receipt of matching federal funds; provided further, that not less
than $100,000 shall be expended for the continuation of a comprehensive
substance abuse and narcotic use reduction program at a federally
qualified health center located in South Boston; provided further, that not
less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Lynn Community Health
Center for the operation of the Recuperative Care Center; provided further,
that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to Volunteers in Medicine –
Berkshires, Inc. to cover costs of expanding services in Pittsfield and Great
Barrington and to continue to provide care for income eligible residents;
provided further, that not less than $400,000 shall be expended for the
North End Waterfront neighborhood health center; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Public Health Institute of
Western Massachusetts to support the 413Cares centralized database of
community services in western Massachusetts; provided further, that not
less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Mattapan Community Health
Center, Inc. for staff retention to sustain services and meet community
needs; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended for
infrastructure and operational upgrades related to expanding access to
dental care services at the Geiger Gibson Community Health Center in the
Dorchester section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than
$250,000 shall be expended for NEW Health - Charlestown for the
purpose of operating and maintaining treatment of substance use disorder;
provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to Harbor
Health Services, Inc. for the planned expansion of its Plymouth
Community Health Center; provided further, that not less than $600,000
shall be expended for Ellie Fund, Inc. to partner with community health
centers to educate providers, patients and families on the availability of
breast cancer support services during the screening and diagnosis
processes in culturally competent manners; provided further, that not less
than $50,000 shall be expended for the Baystate Brightwood Health
Center in the city of Springfield to assist in outreach to the neighborhoods
served by the center, predominantly in the North End section of the city of
Springfield; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be
expended to Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, Inc. to expand and
sustain its mobile health program in communities throughout the
Merrimack Valley; and provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall
be made available to Manet Community Health Center, Incorporated for
the purchase and installation of an electronic health records system .......... $7,398,660

4510-0112 For the department of public health to fund postpartum depression
programs at community health centers in the cities of Holyoke, Lynn,
Worcester, Fall River and Salem and the Jamaica Plain section of the city
of Boston; provided, that should a community health center decline
funding, unexpended funds shall be made available to participating
centers or to expand the program to additional centers .............................. $860,000

4510-0600 For an environmental and community health hazards program, including
control of radiation and nuclear hazards, consumer products protection,
food and drugs, lead poisoning prevention under chapter 482 of the acts
of 1993, lead-based paint inspections in day care facilities, inspection of
radiological facilities, licensing of x-ray technologists, evaluation of
exposure to environmental contaminants and possible links with diseases
including cancer, assessment of potential health impacts of exposure to
per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, indoor air quality inspections in public
buildings, enforcement of the state sanitary code in multiple settings and
the administration of the bureau of climate and environmental health under
chapter 111F of the General Laws; provided, that the department may
expend funds from this item to monitor, survey and inspect nuclear power reactors, including those now licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and provided further, that not less than $292,035 shall be expended for the Argeo Paul Cellucci Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry established under section 25A of chapter 111 of the General Laws. ................................................................. $8,621,560

4510-0615 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than $2,275,104 from fees collected from licensing and inspecting users of radioactive material within the commonwealth under licenses presently issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; provided, that the retained revenues may be used for the costs of both programs, including the compensation of employees; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system; and provided further, that not less than $120,000 may be expended for the C-10 Research and Education Foundation, Inc. to provide radiological monitoring in the 6 communities of the commonwealth that are within the plume exposure emergency planning zone of the Seabrook nuclear power plant ................................................................. $2,275,104

4510-0616 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than $1,328,117 for a drug registration and monitoring program from retained revenues collected from fees charged to registered practitioners, including physicians, dentists, veterinarians, podiatrists and optometrists for controlled substance registration; provided, that funds may be expended from this item for the costs of personnel; and provided further, that, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .................................................................................. $1,328,117

4510-0710 For the operation of the bureau of health care safety and quality and the office of patient protection; provided, that services funded through this item shall include, but not be limited to, education, training, intervention, support, surveillance and evaluation; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the advancement of the prescription monitoring program and the maintenance and enhancement of prescription drug monitoring information exchange architecture to support interstate prescription drug monitoring data sharing; provided further, that the division shall be responsible for assuring quality of patient care provided by the commonwealth’s health care facilities and services and for protecting the health and safety of patients who receive care and services in nursing homes, rest homes, clinical laboratories, clinics, institutions for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities and the mentally ill, hospitals and infirmaries, including the inspection of ambulance services; provided further, that investigators shall conduct investigations of abuse, neglect, mistreatment and misappropriation; provided further, that all investigators in the division of health care quality responsible for the investigations shall receive training by the Medicaid fraud control unit in the office of the attorney general; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be
expended for South Shore Health to support its efforts to advance health equity and improve access for underserved communities; provided further, that the department shall expend not less than $500,000 for the development and implementation of the mobile integrated health care program; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the full registration of practitioners, physician assistants and registered nurses authorized by the board of registration in nursing to practice in advanced practice nursing roles under section 7A of chapter 94C of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for the Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program to support the health, well-being and recovery of health care providers; and provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for the operation and administration of Physician Health Services, Inc. to support the health, well-being and recovery of physicians and medical students ..............................................................$19,414,954

4510-0712 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than $3,865,279 in retained revenues collected from the licensure of health facilities and individuals applying for emergency medical technician licensure and recertification for program costs of the bureau of health care quality and improvement; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system ............................................................................................................$3,865,279

4510-0721 For the operation and administration of the boards of registration for health professions licensure; provided, that funds shall be expended for the operation and administration of the boards of registration in nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, nursing home administrators, physician assistants, naturopathy, perfusionists, genetic counselors, community health workers and respiratory care ..................................................................................................................$3,322,326

4510-0723 For the operation and administration of the board of registration in medicine and the committee on acupuncture ..........................................................$234,670

4510-0724 For the board of registration in medicine, including the physician profiles program; provided, that the board may expend revenues not to exceed $300,503 from new revenues associated with increased license and renewal fees ..............................................................................................................................$300,503

4510-0790 For regional emergency medical services; provided, that the regional emergency medical services councils, designated under 105 C.M.R. 170.101, and the central medical emergency direction centers that were in existence on January 1, 1992 shall remain the designated councils and central medical emergency direction centers .........................................................$1,000,000

4510-0811 For grants to children’s advocacy centers, including those previously funded through item 4800-0038 in prior fiscal years, and for services for child victims of sexual abuse and assault; provided, that not less than the amount allocated by the department of public health for each children’s advocacy center in fiscal year 2024 shall be expended again in fiscal year 2025; provided further, that the department shall allocate available funding above the amounts required to maintain not less than the prior year funding levels for each center among the 12 accredited centers in a
manner to promote equity in the services available to child victims of sexual abuse, assault and trafficking across the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than $1,050,000 shall be expended for the support of the statewide delivery system of children’s advocacy centers with funding administered by the Massachusetts Children’s Alliance, Inc.; and provided further, that not later than January 31, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the grants awarded to each center; (ii) the number of individuals served by each center receiving funding; and (iii) recommendations on how to improve the availability and delivery of services through these centers .................................................................$5,500,000

4510-3010 For a grant to the Down Syndrome program at the Children’s Medical Center at the University of Massachusetts medical center based on the patient-centered medical home concept .................................................................$150,000

4512-0103 For human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or HIV/AIDS, services, programs and related services for persons affected by the associated conditions of viral hepatitis, sexually transmitted infections, tuberculosis and other infections of public health importance; provided, that funding shall be provided to proportionately serve each of the demographic groups afflicted by HIV/AIDS and associated conditions; provided further, that in compliance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148, the department of public health shall ensure that vendors delivering HIV/AIDS community testing and screening shall seek third-party reimbursement for said services; provided further, that the department shall ensure that at least the same level of services will be made available as in the previous fiscal year; and provided further, that no funds from this item shall be expended for disease research in fiscal year 2025 .................................................................$32,000,000

4512-0106 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than $15,003,788 for the HIV Drug Assistance Program, or HDAP, from revenues received from pharmaceutical manufacturers participating in the section 340B rebate program of the Public Health Service Act, as codified in 42 U.S.C. section 256b, administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration and the Office of Pharmacy Affairs; provided, that such services shall include activities that would be eligible for coverage through the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act, Public Law 101-381, with priority given to the human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune deficiency syndrome drug assistance program; provided further, that any excess rebate revenue collected beyond the ceiling of this appropriation shall be deposited in the General Fund; provided further, that services in an amount equivalent to the amount deposited in the General Fund shall be funded through item 4512-0103; and provided further, that the department may make expenditures from the start of each fiscal year from this item in anticipation of receipt of rebate revenues from pharmaceutical manufacturers ..............................................$15,003,788

4512-0200 For the bureau of substance addiction services, including a program to reimburse driver alcohol education programs for services provided for court-adjudicated, indigent clients; provided, that the department of public health shall ensure that vendors providing methadone treatment shall seek third-party reimbursement for such services; provided further, that in order to support and strengthen public access to substance use disorder services, funds shall be expended to maintain programming including, but
not limited to: (i) centralized intake capacity service under section 18 of chapter 17 of the General Laws; (ii) the number and type of facilities that provide treatment; and (iii) detoxification and clinical stabilization service beds in the public system; provided further, that not less than $3,000,000 shall be expended to preserve and expand the programs currently funded by the Massachusetts Access to Recovery, or MA-ATR, program; provided further, that not less than $7,000,000 shall be expended for opening 10 new recovery centers that are not currently funded by the department; provided further, that in selecting such centers, the department shall, to the maximum extent possible, ensure that not less than 6 of the centers serve gateway municipalities as defined under section 3A of chapter 23A of the General Laws; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the extended release of naltrexone program under section 158 of chapter 46 of the acts of 2015; provided further, that funds shall be expended to support municipalities utilizing grant funds from the Massachusetts Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative (MOAPC) grant program; provided further, that the department shall provide not less than $100,000 for program to improve training for the care of newborns with neonatal abstinence syndrome at hospital-based facilities that care for mothers and newborns, including the level III neonatal intensive care units; provided further, that under section 236 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as added by section 1 of chapter 332 of the acts of 2016, the department shall enhance data-sharing capabilities and collaborate across agencies to ensure coordination of services for newborns with neonatal abstinence syndrome; provided further, that funds shall be expended for a voluntary training and accreditation program for owners and operators of alcohol and drug-free housing under section 18A of said chapter 17; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended on the Massachusetts rehabilitation commission through an interagency service agreement with the bureau to support workforce development; provided further, that not less than $1,500,000 shall be expended for outpatient and mobile services for deaf/hard of hearing, and deaf/hard of hearing/blind individuals with substance use disorders; provided further, that not less than $2,000,000 shall be expended for the bureau to address the addiction treatment workforce crisis through outreach and recruitment efforts at local and regional educational institutions and vocational-technical high schools; provided further, that not less than $4,533,180 shall be expended for substance use disorder step-down recovery services, known as level-B beds and services, and other critical recovery services with severely reduced capacity; provided further, that said funds shall be expended in the AA object class; provided further, that not less than $1,350,000 shall be expended for jail diversion programs primarily for nonviolent offenders with opioid or opiate addiction to be procured by the department of public health; provided further, that individuals may be diverted to this or other programs by a district attorney in conjunction with the commissioner of probation if: (a) there is reason to believe that the individual being diverted suffers from an addiction to opiates or another substance use disorder; and (b) the diversion of the individual is clinically appropriate and consistent with established clinical and public safety criteria; provided further, that not more than $500,000 shall be used to support the ongoing treatment needs of clients after 90 days for which there is no other payer; provided further, that not less than $175,000 shall be expended to Volunteers of America of Massachusetts, Inc. to address the crisis of co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders through expansion of clinical services and programming for men in recovery with co-occurring diagnoses at Hello House; provided further, that not less than
$100,000 shall be expended for the operation of the Gavin Foundation, Inc. behavioral health continuum of substance use care to provide comprehensive treatment for individuals suffering from substance use disorder and other behavioral health challenges; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Joseph Nee South Boston Collaborative Center for substance use disorder programming; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the police department in the city of Lynn for its behavioral health unit; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for Community Servings, Inc. for the purposes of providing medically tailored meals to persons battling chronic illnesses and workforce training programs to those recovering from addiction; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Railroad Street Youth Project based in the town of Great Barrington; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the operation of The Dimock Center’s behavioral health continuum of care to provide comprehensive treatment for individuals suffering from substance use disorder and other behavioral health challenges, address workforce challenges and reduce barriers to care; provided further, that not less than $1,440,000 shall be expended for family intervention and care management services programs, a young adult treatment program and early intervention services for individuals who are dependent on or addicted to alcohol, controlled substances, or both alcohol and controlled substances; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended for supportive case management services; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to increase the number of residential rehabilitation services, with priority given to families, youth, transitional age youth and young adults; provided further, that not less than $10,000,000 shall be spent for expanding low-threshold housing, employing housing first model, for homeless individuals with substance use and mental health disorders at risk for the human immunodeficiency virus; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the bureau to provide technical assistance and training to increase the number of providers and to support existing providers delivering culturally, ethnically and linguistically diverse services in communities of color; provided further, that funds shall be expended for a program to support multidisciplinary, team-based substance use services for adults with severe and persistent substance use disorder; provided further, that the program shall: (a) include a team-based approach to service delivery that tailors services to the specific needs and acuity of each individual; (b) provide substance use and social services through person-centered approach; and (c) not limit program services to specific physical location; provided further, that not less than $10,000,000 shall be expended to procure additional family supportive housing programs across the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to address the addiction treatment workforce crisis through outreach and recruitment efforts and support to complete trainings and continuing education curriculum; provided further, that such efforts shall prioritize the support of a culturally, ethnically and linguistically diverse workforce; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for The Serenity House, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $750,000 shall be expended to expand transportation programs for individuals accessing substance use treatment services; and provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended for contingency management programs to support individuals with stimulant use disorder ........................................ $212,652,031

Marijuana Regulation Fund ........................................ 53.86%
For the purchase, administration and training of first-responder and bystander naloxone distribution programs; provided, that funds shall be expended to maintain funding for first responder naloxone grants and bystander distribution in communities with high incidence of overdose; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Merrimack Valley Prevention and Substance Abuse Project, Inc., for resources, community outreach and programs in the Merrimack valley; provided further, that the commissioner of public health may transfer funds between this item and item 4512-0200 as necessary under an allocation plan which shall detail the distribution of the funds to be transferred; provided further, that not less than 30 days prior to any such transfer, the commissioner shall submit the allocation plan to the house and senate committees on ways and means; and provided further, that not later than October 1, 2024, the department of public health shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the: (i) communities included in the program expansion; (ii) number of participants for each community; and (iii) amount of naloxone purchased and distributed, delineated by community.$1,256,718

For grants and contracts with substance use programs to provide comprehensive prevention, intervention and recovery services; provided, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the purposes of the operation of Resources for Recovery Inc., formerly known as the Dennis Messing Memorial Foundation, located in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for addiction treatment services provided by the greater New Bedford community health center; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Braintree for Braintree Community Partnership on Substance Use; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for One Life at a Time, Inc., located in the city known as the town of Braintree, for the facilitation of access to sober living programs and job training services for people in recovery and associated operational costs; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for continued capital improvements to the Cambridge community center and for the expansion of their community-based behavioral health program; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Michael J. Dias Foundation, Inc. to hire an assistant director of operations to oversee program aspects of their 3 recovery homes; provided further, that no less than $250,000 shall be expended for RIZE Massachusetts Foundation, Inc. to assist in their work to end the opioid epidemic in the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for RICKY, Inc. in the town of Norwood for the delivery of substance use recovery care materials to homeless individuals with substance use and mental health disorders within the greater Boston region; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to GAAMHA, Inc. in the city of Gardner to support capital improvements to their residential substance use disorder services facility; provided further, that not less than $175,000 shall be expended for Self Esteem Boston Educational Institute, Inc. direct service and provider training programs; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended for A Healthy Lynnfield; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be
expended for the Choices4Teens Mentoring Group Inc. for a mentoring program to improve outcomes for at-risk youth, address social and behavioral issues and support violence prevention in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Project R.I.G.H.T., Inc.’s substance use and trauma prevention initiative in the Grove Hall section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $105,000 shall be expended in equal 138 amounts to the following substance abuse coalitions and community partnerships: (i) Braintree Community Partnership on Substance Abuse; (ii) Bridging L.I.V.E.S.; (iii) Easton Wings of Hope; (iv) EB Hope, Inc.; (v) Milton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition; (vi) Healthy Empowered Youth Randolph; (vii) Organizing Against Substances in Stoughton; provided, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Gândara Mental Health Center, Inc. for Champion Plan, Inc. in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than $45,000 shall be expended in equal amounts to the following substance abuse coalitions and community partnerships: (i) Canton Alliance Against Substance Abuse; (ii) Sharon Substance Prevention and Resource Coalition; and (iii) Norton Opioid Prevention and Education Collaborative; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Lynnfield health department for mental health and substance abuse education and programming in the town of Lynnfield; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to Baystate Noble Hospital Corporation in the city of Westfield for a grant program to prevent and treat addiction to opioids and related substances; provided further, that not less than $450,000 shall be expended for Drug Story Theater, Inc. to support substance abuse education performances and forums throughout the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended to the city of Lynn for mental health and substance use disorder services; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to Malden Overcoming Addiction, Inc. for capital improvements to the Bridge Recovery Center in the city of Malden; and provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the hiring of a trilingual staff member and expansion of program services at Chris’ Corner Recovery Resource Center in the town of Milford

4512-0206

For the department of public health to coordinate a comprehensive statewide strategy, in partnership with municipalities, public health harm reduction organizations and other stakeholders to promote existing commonwealth harm reduction efforts, to foster a culture of harm reduction and to promote community-based harm reduction services as recommended by the harm reduction commission established under section 100 of chapter 208 of the acts of 2018 and to prioritize the health, safety and dignity of individuals who use substances as recommended by the commission on methamphetamine and other stimulant use in the commonwealth established by section 131 of chapter 24 of the acts of 2021; provided, that not less $1,500,000 shall be made available to increase the availability of sterile and safe consumption equipment and syringe disposal services; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for a pilot program to provide access to fentanyl testing strips or other drug checking equipment; provided further, that funds shall be expended to promote pilot programming to advance the creation of new supportive places for treatment and related observation that offer medical monitoring, nasal naloxone rescue kit distribution, counseling and connection to primary care, behavioral health and addiction treatment services; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on
ways and means detailing the status of implementing each program funded in this item; and provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended by the department for a public awareness campaign to promote the awareness of drug contamination in the commonwealth, including the prevalence of fentanyl, and to promote the utilization of drug testing equipment and harm reduction services and resources among residents of the commonwealth ................................................................. $6,478,000

For the department of public health, which may expend not more than $1,000,000 for a compulsive gamblers’ treatment program from unclaimed prize money held in the State Lottery and Gaming Fund, established in section 35 of chapter 10 of the General Laws, for more than 1 year from the date of the drawing when the unclaimed prize money was won and from the proceeds of a multi-jurisdictional lottery game under subsection (e) of section 24A of said chapter 10; provided, that the comptroller shall transfer the amount to the General Fund; and provided further, that, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery, the joint committee on public health and the house and senate committee on ways and means detailing the: (i) number of participants in the compulsive gamblers’ treatment program; (ii) demographic data of the participants in the program; (iii) reasons participants joined the program; and (iv) outcomes of participants in the program; and provided further, that all personal identifiable information published in the report shall be deidentified................................................................. $1,000,000

For a matching grant program to be administered by the department of public health to support municipal public safety reform; provided, that funds shall be made available to municipalities pursuing public safety reforms and alternative investments to promote equitable public safety and public health outcomes; provided further, that eligible reforms and investments shall include, but not be limited to: (i) utilizing jail diversion programs, including restoration centers; (ii) hiring de-escalation specialists or implementing de-escalation training; (iii) hiring behavioral health specialists or utilizing other behavioral health supports; (iv) training in evidence-based or evidence-informed mental health and substance use crisis response or alternative emergency response; and (v) hiring or contracting alternative emergency response professionals; provided further, that preference in awarding matching grants shall be given to municipalities proposing alternative emergency responses conducted by unarmed community-based human service or behavioral or mental health providers who shall be unaccompanied by law enforcement but who may call on law enforcement as needed; provided further, that municipalities receiving matching grants shall demonstrate a measurable benefit to the public health for the residents of the municipality, based on criteria established by the department, and that the municipality is pursuing new practices or reforms, or expansion of prior successful practices, that support criteria established by the department; provided further, that prior to receiving matching grants, municipalities shall provide a comprehensive implementation plan to the department of proposed public safety reforms and investments; provided further, that the department shall give priority
to applications that propose to invest a majority of grant funds with community-based human service, substance use disorder treatment, behavioral health or mental health providers; and provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (a) a list of all municipalities that received matching funds; (b) the amount of matching funds awarded to each municipality; and (c) a description of the reforms and investments implemented in each municipality awarded matching funds, prior appropriation continued $1,000,000

4512-2022 For grants to local and regional boards of health; provided, that funds shall be expended to support the state action for public health excellence program established in section 27D of chapter 111 of the General Laws; provided further, that the department of public health shall prioritize a geographically-equitable distribution; provided further, that funds shall be expended for a statewide data collection and reporting system, implementation of intermunicipal shared service agreements and capacity building for local and regional boards of health; and provided further, that not later than February 3, 2025, the department shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the: (i) recipients, their locations and amount per recipient; and (ii) dates that funds were released to said recipients $10,175,769

4513-0999 For a public information campaign to educate and promote awareness to pharmacies and the public about individual’s eligibility to receive a 12-month prescription for contraceptives in the commonwealth; provided, that information shall include availability of a 12-month supply of contraceptives; and provided further, that the commissioner of public health shall partner with insurers, pharmacies, relevant advocacy organizations and employers to ensure the campaign reaches pharmacists, clinicians and individuals eligible to receive a 12-month prescription for contraceptives in the commonwealth $500,000

4513-1001 For grants to support improvements in reproductive health access, infrastructure and security, including grants to: (i) Tides for Reproductive Freedom, Incorporated; (ii) Abortion Rights Fund of Western Massachusetts, Incorporated; and (iii) Eastern Massachusetts Abortion Fund, Incorporated; provided, that not later than March 3, 2025, the department of public health shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (a) the grant distribution methodology; (b) a list of grants applicants; and (c) a list of successful grants applicants, including the amounts awarded and the projects being supported by the grants $2,000,000

4513-1002 For women, infants and children, or WIC, nutrition services in addition to funds received under the federal nutrition program; provided, that funds from this item shall supplement federal funds to enable federally-eligible women, infants and children to be served through the WIC program $15,489,915

4513-1005 For the provision of family and adolescent health services, including, but not limited to, comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services, the birth defects monitoring program and adolescent sexuality education; provided, that not less than $11,990,030 shall be expended for family health services; provided further, that not less than $9,231,000 shall be expended for comprehensive family planning services, including human immunodeficiency virus counseling and testing, community-based health
education and outreach services provided by comprehensive family planning agencies; provided further, that not less than $6,700,000 shall be expended for comprehensive family planning services funded by Title X Family Planning funding; provided further, that not less than $1,660,000 of such funds shall be expended for Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. to continue services previously funded by said Title X funding; provided further, that funds may be expended for the program's critical congenital heart defects screening activities; provided further, that funds may be expended for the birth defects monitoring program; provided further, that not less than $3,250,940 shall be expended for teenage pregnancy prevention services; provided further, that applications for pregnancy prevention funds shall be administered through the department of public health upon receipt and approval of coordinated community service plans to be evaluated under the guidelines issued by the department; provided further, that portions of the grants may be used for state agency purchases of designated services identified by the community service plans; provided further, that funding shall be expended on those communities with the highest teen birth rates according to an annual statistical estimate conducted by the department; provided further, that funds shall be expended on programming directed at children under the care of the department of children and families who are at high risk for teenage pregnancy; and provided further, that the department shall collaborate with the department of children and families on said programming

$27,885,298

4513-1012 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than $27,400,000 from retained revenues received from federal cost-containment initiatives including, but not limited to, infant formula rebates; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system

$27,400,000

4513-1020 For the early intervention program; provided, that the department of public health shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the total number of units of service purchased and the total expenditures for the units of service paid by the department, the executive office of health and human services and third-party payers for early intervention services for the following service categories: (i) home visit; (ii) center-based individual; (iii) child-focused group; (iv) parent-focused group; and (v) screening and assessment; provided further, that the department shall make all reasonable efforts to secure third-party and Medicaid reimbursements for the services funded in this item; provided further, that funds from this item shall be expended to provide respite services to families of children enrolled in early intervention programs who have complex care requirements, multiple disabilities and extensive medical and health needs; provided further, that priority shall be given to low-income and moderate-income families; provided further, that not later than January 31, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the number of families served by the program and the amount of funds appropriated in this item granted to qualified families; provided further, that no claim for reimbursement made on behalf of an uninsured person shall be paid from this item until the program receives notice of a denial of eligibility for the
MassHealth program from the executive office of health and human services; provided further, that MassHealth shall cover the costs incurred for the transportation of MassHealth members who participate in the early intervention program; provided further, that nothing in this item shall give rise to, or shall be construed as giving rise to, enforceable legal rights to any such services or an enforceable entitlement to the early intervention services funded in this item; provided further, that not less than 180 days prior to any change to current eligibility criteria, the department shall provide written notification to the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that no eligibility changes shall be made before April 1, 2025; provided further, that funds in this item may be used to pay for current and prior year claims; and provided further, that the department shall provide services to eligible children through 1 service delivery model and shall not determine eligibility for services based on family insurance status ................................................................. $30,900,031

4513-1026 For the provision of statewide and community-based suicide prevention, intervention, post-intervention and surveillance activities and the implementation of a statewide suicide prevention plan; provided, that funds shall be expended for a program to address elder suicide behavior and attempts with the geriatric mental health services program within the department of elder affairs; and provided further, that funds shall be expended for a veterans-in-crisis hotline to be used by veterans or concerned family members seeking counseling programs operated by the executive office of veterans’ services so that they may be directed towards the programs and services offered by their local or regional veterans’ services office to be staffed by counselors or outreach program personnel contracted by the department and trained in issues of mental health counseling and veterans’ services................................................................. $14,191,372

4513-1027 For The Samaritans, Inc.; provided, that funds shall be used for suicide prevention services, including, but not limited to, the operation and expansion of Hey Sam, the text-based mental health support line tailored specifically to youth and young adults in the commonwealth, and youth mental health community education, outreach and communications; and provided further, that not less than $400,000 shall be expended for the expansion and operation of Hey Sam, the text-based mental health support line tailored specifically to youth and young adults in the commonwealth, and youth mental health community education, outreach and communications ........................................................................................................ $1,800,000

4513-1098 For the provision of statewide support services for survivors of homicide victims, including outreach services, burial assistance, grief counseling and other support services; provided, that funds shall be expended as grants in the aggregate amount of not less than $400,000 to the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute Corporation, a community-based support organization dedicated to serving families and communities impacted by violence; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Survivors Say, Inc. for direct support services to survivors and victims of both high-profile tragedies and other traumas and crimes; and provided further, that the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute Corporation shall establish and administer a process to distribute not less than $100,000 to the Massachusetts Survivors of Homicide Victims Network organizations throughout the commonwealth in the form of grants ................................................................. $600,000
For the prevention and management of chronic diseases and their associated risk factors, including, but not limited to, the Massachusetts Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Program and oral health services and programs; provided, that funds shall be provided for dental health services; provided further, that $4,146,826 shall be expended for the promotion of health and disease prevention including, but not limited to: (i) breast cancer prevention; (ii) diabetes screening and outreach; (iii) ovarian cancer screening; (iv) hepatitis C prevention and management; (v) multiple sclerosis screening, information, education and treatment programs and the Multiple Sclerosis Home Living Independently Navigating Key Services program administered by the Greater New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society; (vi) colorectal cancer prevention; (vii) prostate cancer screening, education and treatment with a particular focus on individuals with African-American, Hispanic or Latino heritage, family history of the disease and other individuals at high risk; (viii) osteoporosis education; and (ix) maintenance of the statewide lupus database; provided further, that not less than $475,000 shall be expended for the Forsyth Institute’s Center for Children’s Oral Health to expand its ForsythKids programming focused on children and adolescents and to explore the emerging association between oral health status and academic performance; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the purposes of the operation of VITfriends Vitiligo Support Group, Inc. located in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for the ALS Association to provide care services for individuals suffering with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the operation of the Cranberry Health Research Center at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth; provided further, that not less than $1,595,525 shall be expended for the comprehensive dental program for adults with developmental disabilities; provided further, that not less than $6,234,753 shall be expended for smoking prevention and cessation programs, including youth tobacco use prevention and cessation programs; provided further, that funds shall be expended for Mass in Motion community grants in an amount not less than the amount expended in fiscal year 2024, contingent upon receipt of matching federal prevention block grant funds; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for a grant to a statewide Alzheimer’s disease advocacy and education organization for a public awareness and education campaign as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for education and support of patients diagnosed with phenylketonuria or related disorders and their families through a grant to the New England Connection for PKU and Allied Disorders, Inc; and provided further, that not less than $18,000 shall be expended for the Joe Andruzzi Foundation Inc. in the city of North Attleborough to provide assistance to individuals of all ages and their families experiencing emotional and financial hardships due to cancer diagnosis...$14,054,406

For a statewide STOP stroke program; provided, that funds shall be expended for stroke treatment and ongoing prevention services; provided further, that the department of public health shall expend not less than $200,000 to provide educational programming as part of the F.A.S.T. campaign on the signs and symptoms of stroke and stroke warning signs with a focus on communities that have the highest incidence of stroke, which shall not be used for personnel costs; provided further, that the department shall provide quality improvement measures that align with the
stroke consensus metrics by utilizing a nationally recognized data set platform and expand the statewide registry that compiles information and statistics on stroke care using confidentiality standards not less secure than a nationally recognized data set platform, known as the stroke registry data platform; provided further, that the department shall expend not less than $200,000 to require all primary stroke service hospitals and emergency medical services agencies to report data consistent with nationally-recognized guidelines on the treatment of individuals with confirmed stroke in the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to oversee the operation and administration of designated primary stroke service hospital programs, established by 105 CMR 130.1401; and provided further, that funds shall be used to collect and analyze data from designated primary stroke service hospitals in the commonwealth and for the salary of a full-time surveyor who shall be primarily responsible for ensuring compliance with primary stroke service designation criteria .................................................. $1,000,000

4513-1136 For sexual assault and domestic violence services; provided, that not less than $7,900,449 shall be expended for a statewide sexual assault nurse examiner program and pediatric sexual assault nurse examiner program for the care of victims of sexual assault; provided further, that the program shall operate under specific statewide protocols and by an on-call system of nurse examiners; provided further, that not less than $61,084,884 shall be expended for domestic violence and sexual assault prevention and survivor services, including: (i) intimate partner abuse education, formerly known as the batterers intervention services; (ii) services for immigrants and refugees; (iii) rape crisis center survivor services and prevention; and (iv) intervention services and crisis housing for sexual violence and intimate partner violence in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning communities; provided further, that funds shall be expended for rape prevention and victim services, including the statewide Spanish language hotline, community-based domestic violence response, emergency and transitional residential services for sexual and domestic victims and their children and supervised visitation and trauma services for children who witness violence and targeted services for department of children and families-involved families; provided further, that the department of public health shall ensure that there shall not be a disruption in survivor services and violence prevention activities or a negative impact on program functioning during fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended for a domestic violence and sexual assault prevention program focused on teens in high-risk communities; provided further, that said programming shall be aimed at promoting healthy relationships and addressing teen dating violence for teens of all sexualities and genders; provided further, that the department shall partner with domestic violence and sexual assault service providers, other community-based organizations or school-based organizations to develop evidence-based and outcomes-focused prevention strategies; provided further, that the program shall prioritize funding for schools and communities in which the majority of students are eligible for free or reduced lunch; provided further, that at least 1 program shall operate in a municipality with a population of 25,000 or less; provided further, that said funds may be expended for a competitive grant program; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for domestic violence outreach for the Cape Verdean Association in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to New Hope, Inc. for costs associated with opening and furnishing a domestic
violence shelter; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to RIA, Inc. for support to survivors of commercial sex trafficking and exploitation to promote emotional and economic empowerment; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for a public awareness campaign administered by the department of public health, in consultation with the executive office of public safety and security, to educate and promote awareness about extreme risk protection orders including, but not limited to, information regarding: (i) chapter 140 of the General Laws and other laws and regulations relative to extreme risk protection orders; (ii) petition eligibility for extreme risk protection orders; and (iii) the process to apply for an extreme risk protection order; and provided further, that said public awareness campaign shall be updated to reflect any prospective changes to laws or regulations relative to extreme risk protection orders..................................................$79,303,041

4513-2020 For funding to increase behavioral health outreach, access and support; provided, that the department of public health, in consultation with the department of mental health and the department of elementary and secondary education, shall expend not less than $3,532,000 for a pilot program to increase student access to behavioral telehealth services in schools; provided further, that not later than June 30, 2025, the department of public health shall report to the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the: (i) number of students participating in the program; (ii) frequency with which students use the program; (iii) cost of the services provided, including the use of support staff; and (iv) manner in which costs have been supported by third-party reimbursement; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended by the department for a public awareness campaign to promote the awareness and use of available behavioral health services; provided further, that the public awareness campaign shall partner with relevant advocacy organizations, employers, institutions of higher education and community-based organizations to ensure that the campaign reaches the populations that are most at risk of encountering existing barriers to behavioral health services; provided further, that the department of higher education, in consultation with the department of mental health, shall expend not less than $500,000 for a mental health workforce pipeline program to encourage a culturally, ethnically and linguistically diverse behavioral health workforce through collaboration between colleges and behavioral health providers; provided further, that the department shall designate Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association, Inc. to administer the program; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department of higher education shall report to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the joint committee on higher education, the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (a) a description of the community partners in the pilot program; (b) a demographic and geographic profile of the students served in the program; (c) a summary of post-program employment or continuing education of participating students; (e) any recommendations on ways to further encourage a culturally, ethnically and linguistically diverse behavioral health workforce; and (f) any budgetary recommendations on ways to further expand the pilot program; provided further, that not less than $1,250,000 shall be expended to address emergency department mental and behavioral health boarding through staffing investments and rate incentives associated with fully operationalizing inpatient mental health
acute care beds and intensive inpatient psychiatric beds, intensive community based acute treatment, community based acute treatment and partial hospitalization capacity; provided further, that said grants may be utilized to maintain rate incentives for beds made operational in calendar year 2023; provided further, that priority shall be given to grants that support services and staff needs for children and adolescents; provided further, that funds may be expended for investments in crisis stabilization services for patients who are boarding, including, but not limited to, de-escalation training for clinical and ancillary staff; provided further, that not less than $5,000,000 shall be expended to community health centers to support the allied health workforce; provided further, that for the purpose of this section, a community health center shall be defined as any entity receiving funding pursuant to 42 U.S.C. section 254(b); provided further, that funds shall be used for workforce supports including, but not limited to, loan repayment, workforce development programs, pipeline initiatives and retention payments; provided further, that said workforce supports shall prioritize the recruitment and retention of a culturally and linguistically diverse workforce; provided further, that payments shall be allocated to community health centers based on financial need; and provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the city of Methuen for the purchase of Care Solace software .................................................................$11,334,773

General Fund ..................................................47.07%
Behavioral Health Outreach, Access and Support Trust Fund ...............52.93%

4516-0263 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than $1,269,449 in retained revenues from blood lead testing fees collected from insurers and individuals for the purpose of conducting such tests; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .........................$1,269,449

4516-1000 For the operation of the bureau of infectious disease and laboratory sciences, including infectious disease surveillance and the state public health laboratory; provided, that funds shall be expended for an eastern equine encephalitis testing program and for tuberculosis testing and treatment services; provided further, that the department of public health shall ensure that vendors delivering tuberculosis clinical services and treatment shall seek third-party reimbursement for such services; provided further, that no funds appropriated in this item shall be expended for administrative, space or energy expenses of the department that are not directly related to personnel or programs funded in this item; provided further, that not less than $2,657,020 shall be expended for the operation of the universal immunization program; provided further, that all costs related to childhood vaccines shall be paid for through the Vaccine Purchase Trust Fund established under section 24N of chapter 111 of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended for the implementation, continual development and oversight of the commonwealth's 2019 novel coronavirus vaccine distribution plan; provided further, that said plan shall be applicable to the 2019 novel coronavirus, all subsequent variants, and booster shots; provided further, that the department of public health in developing said plan shall take into
consideration the recommendations of the health equity task force established under section 2 of chapter 93 of the acts of 2020; provided further, that the department shall prioritize a geographically and socioeconomically equitable distribution when developing said plan; provided further, that the department shall prioritize those communities disproportionately impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus when developing the plan; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the public education and outreach campaign established in fiscal year 2021; provided further, that said campaign shall be culturally competent, linguistically diverse, and shall be designed to inform residents of the commonwealth generally about vaccine testing, safety and efficacy; provided further, that the campaign shall rely on scientifically and medically accurate evidence and include partnerships with community-based organizations trusted in communities disproportionately impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus and local public health departments and health care providers serving gateway municipalities as defined under section 3A of chapter 23A of the General Laws; and provided further, that not later than September 16, 2024, the department shall submit a report to the joint committee on public health and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (i) the current departmental recommendations for the commonwealth’s vaccine distribution plan, including the role of local boards of health; (ii) the current state of implementing the plan; (iii) any anticipated state investments necessary to carry out the plan; (iv) the proposed strategy for communicating the availability of a 2019 novel coronavirus vaccine to communities, including efforts to prioritize culturally and linguistically focused public awareness campaigns; and (v) the department’s plan to improve vaccine distribution coordination efforts with local boards of health..........................$29,790,615

4516-1005 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than $1,061,772 generated by fees collected from providers or insurers for sexually-transmitted infections testing performed at the state public health laboratory; provided, that collected retained revenues may be used to supplement the costs of the laboratory; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system...............................................$1,061,772

4516-1010 For state matching funds required by the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act, Public Law 109-417.................................................................$1,547,168

4516-1022 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than $353,196 generated by fees collected from insurers and providers for tuberculosis tests performed at the state public health laboratory; provided, that collected retained revenues may be used to supplement the costs of the laboratory; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system ...............................................................$353,196
For the department of public health, which may expend for the implementation of chapter 111O of the General Laws and rules and regulations promulgated thereunder not more than $49,569 in retained revenues collected from application fees for approval of mobile integrated health care programs and renewals thereof and from fines and penalties imposed by the department on mobile integrated health care programs; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system. $49,569

For the department of public health, which may expend not more than $468,642 in retained revenues collected from application fees under section 25C of chapter 111 of the General Laws to support the operations of the determination of need program and health care facility plan review within the department; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system. $468,642

For the department of public health, which may expend not more than $1,011,359 generated by fees collected from services provided at the registry of vital records and statistics, including: (i) amendments of vital records and requests for vital records not issued in person at the registry; (ii) requests for heirloom certificates; and (iii) research requests performed by registry staff at the registry; provided, that collected retained revenues may be used for all program costs, including the compensation of employees; provided further, that the registrar of vital records and statistics shall exempt from payment of a fee any person requesting a verification of birth to establish eligibility for Medicaid; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system. $1,011,359

For school health services and school-based health centers in public and nonpublic schools; provided, that not less than $3,000,000 shall be expended for mental health services in public and nonpublic schools; provided further, that funds shall be distributed to public and nonpublic schools based on the percentage of students in the commonwealth enrolled in each; provided further, that services shall include, but not be limited to: (i) strengthening the infrastructure of school health services in the areas of personnel and policy development, programming and interdisciplinary collaboration; (ii) developing linkages between school health services programs and community health providers; (iii) incorporating health education programs, including tobacco prevention and cessation activities, in school curricula and in the provision of school-based health services; and (iv) incorporating obesity prevention programs, including nutrition and wellness programs, in school curricula, to address
the nutrition and lifestyle habits needed for healthy development; provided further, that funds shall be expended for school nurses and school-based health center programs; provided further, that funds may be expended to pay for nurse salaries for more than 3 school years; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the North Quabbin Community Coalition, Inc.; provided further, that funds shall be expended for mental health services in public and nonpublic schools; and provided further, that funds may be expended to address the recommendations of the commission on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning youth established in section 67 of chapter 3 of the General Laws for the reduction of health disparities for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning youth.

For the department of public health, which may expend not more than $27,995,640 from reimbursements collected for Western Massachusetts hospital services, subject to the approval of the commissioner of public health; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Western Massachusetts hospital shall be eligible to receive and retain full payment under the medical assistance program administered by the executive office of health and human services under chapter 118E of the General Laws for all goods and services provided by the hospital under federal requirements; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.

For the department of public health, which may expend not more than $1,517,496 for payments received for those services provided by the Lemuel Shattuck hospital to incarcerated persons from county correctional facilities; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.

For the maintenance and operation of Tewksbury hospital, Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children, Lemuel Shattuck hospital and the hospital bureau, including the state office of pharmacy services; provided, that reimbursements received for medical services provided at the Lemuel Shattuck hospital to incarcerated persons from houses of correction not managed by private health care vendors shall be credited to item 4590-0903 of section 2B; provided further, that the department shall seek to obtain federal financial participation for care provided to incarcerated persons of the department of correction and county correctional facilities who are treated at the public health hospitals; provided further, that the department of public health shall expend not less than $500,000 to municipalities hosting a department of public health facility that also acts as a department of mental health continuing care facility and which does not also operate as a department of correction facility; and provided further, that Tewksbury hospital shall maintain the same number of beds in fiscal year 2025 as was maintained in fiscal year 2024.
4590-0917  For the department of public health, which may expend not more than $5,064,649 from payments received from the vendor managing health services for state correctional facilities for medical services for incarcerated persons provided by the Lemuel Shattuck hospital; provided, that the payments may include capitation payments, fee-for-service payments, advance payments and other compensation arrangements established by contract between the vendor and the hospital; and provided further, that, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system ................................................. $5,064,649

4590-0918  For the state office of pharmacy services, which may expend not more than $37,212,522 from retained revenues collected from vendors providing health care services to the department of correction; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department of public health may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system ................................................. $37,212,522

4590-0924  For the department of public health, which may expend not more than $2,118,794 from reimbursements collected by Tewksbury hospital based on a revenue enhancement project to obtain Medicaid coverage for patients whose services are not currently being reimbursed; provided, that, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system ........................................................................ $2,118,794

4590-0925  For the costs of a prostate cancer awareness, education and research program focusing on men with African-American, Hispanic or Latino heritage, family history of the disease and other men at high risk; provided, that the department of public health shall oversee and manage said program and shall grant not less than 85 per cent of funds from this item to the AdMeTech Foundation-led Prostate Cancer Action Council, which shall leverage existing partnerships with other state-funded nonprofit research organizations and current and past federally-funded, state-funded and privately-funded prostate cancer programs aimed at saving lives, improving quality of life and reducing health care costs ........................................ $1,250,000

4590-0930  For price reductions for municipalities purchasing naloxone through the municipal naloxone bulk purchase program ................................................................. $1,300,000

4590-1503  For the provision of statewide support services for maternal, child and family health activities to pregnant people, parents, caregivers, infants, children and youth, including those with special health needs to maintain the public health infrastructure necessary for promoting racially equitable, evidence-based, data-informed and family-engaged services and programs; provided, that not less than $296,297 shall be expended for the universal newborn hearing screening program; provided further, that funds
appropriated in this item shall be expended for the notification of and follow through with affected families, primary care providers and early intervention programs upon the department of public health’s receipt of data indicative of potential hearing disorders in newborns; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Black Springfield COVID-19 Coalition; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Martin Luther King Jr. Family Services, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Boys & Girls Club Family Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to Heart2Heart for lactation and wellness in Black maternal health; provided further, that not less than $10,440,965 shall be expended for the pediatric palliative care program established in section 24K of chapter 111 of the General Laws; provided further, that notwithstanding said section 24K of said chapter 111, children less than 22 years of age shall be eligible for this program; provided further, that funds shall be expended for universal newborn hearing screening and perinatal-neonatal quality improvement; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended for a doula certification program; provided further, that not less than $350,000 shall be expended for the operations of and hiring additional personnel for the Massachusetts maternal mortality and morbidity review committee to enhance the committee’s ability to comprehensively review deaths and complications that occur during or within 1 year of pregnancy and make related remedial policy and practice recommendations; provided further, that the committee shall convene regularly to encourage consistent case review and reporting of findings and recommendations; provided further, that the department of public health shall submit to the committee, in a timely manner, aggregated and patient-level maternal morbidity and mortality data for review and utilization in developing recommendations to improve perinatal and maternal health outcomes; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the committee shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint committee on public health, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the pregnancy and birth equity task force of the Massachusetts caucus of women legislators and the commission on the status of women; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to support the development and operation of freestanding birth centers to cover costs including, but not limited to, facility costs, start-up expenditures and the cost of providing full prenatal care and extensive postpartum care; provided further, that funds shall be issued through a competitive grant process; provided further, that freestanding birth centers and maternal health-centered community-based nonprofit organizations shall be eligible to apply for the funds, which shall include a requirement that a birth center be licensed or be in active pursuit of licensure; provided further, that priority for funding shall be given to birth centers that serve communities historically impacted most by inequities in maternal health including, but not limited to, high rates of maternal and infant mortality; provided further, that not less $350,000 shall be expended to Seven Sisters Midwifery LLC; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Propa City Community Outreach Inc. to provide education, advocacy, public awareness and support services to families experiencing all types of loss; provided further, that the department of public health shall conduct a feasibility study for the development, initial deployment and promotion of a software application accessible by cell phones, computers, tablets and other electronic devices to enable the public to identify, evaluate and access resources for maternal and infant health including, but not limited to, mental and physical
healthcare, transportation, nutrition and housing; provided further, that not later than December 31, 2024, the department shall submit a report on the outcomes of the feasibility study to the clerks of the house of representatives and senate, the joint committee on public health, the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for It Takes A Village in the town of Huntington for postpartum and early parenting support for families in western Massachusetts; and provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended for Neighborhood Birth Center, Inc. in the city of Boston to provide perinatal health care and prenatal and postpartum support to birthing people.................................................$14,650,988

For a neighborhood-based gun and violent crime prevention pilot program for targeted work with out-of-school youth and young adults aged 17 to 24, inclusive, intended to prevent gun violence and other violent crime in neighborhoods and municipalities with the highest rates of violent crime in the commonwealth; provided, that funds shall be awarded in consultation with the executive office of public safety and security and the department of elementary and secondary education; provided further, that funds shall be awarded to nonprofit, community-based organizations located in and serving high risk youth in eligible communities; provided further, that preference shall be given to organizations that have: (i) demonstrated street outreach capacity; (ii) effective partnerships with neighborhood health and human services agencies, including mental health providers, and with schools and other local educational institutions; and (iii) clearly outlined a comprehensive plan in support of continued or expanded collaboration efforts with such partners, including data related to measurable outcomes of successful partner collaboration; provided further, that eligible expenses for such grants shall include, but not be limited to, case workers, mental health counselors, academic supports and other research-based practices and related support services; provided further, that the department shall ensure that every grant recipient establishes measurable outcomes in its comprehensive plan and provides data related to those outcomes that demonstrate program success; provided further, that preference shall be given to proposals that demonstrate coordination with programs and services funded through items 4000-0005, 7061-0010 and 7061-9612; provided further, that the department shall allocate funding to support training and technical assistance for all grantees; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance, the joint committee on public health, the joint committee on public safety and homeland security, the joint committee on education and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the awarding of grants and details of anticipated contracts by district; provided further, that the department shall further report on the effectiveness of the program, including but not limited to: (a) any measurable data-driven results; (b) which strategies and collaborations have most effectively reduced gun and other violence in the grantee neighborhoods; (c) how spending through this item has been aligned with spending from items 4000-0005, 7061-0010 and 7061-9612 in ways that enhance public safety while avoiding programmatic duplication; and (d) what efforts have been taken by the nonprofit community and municipalities to ensure the long-term viability of the reforms funded by the pilot program; and provided further, that copies of the report shall be provided to: (1) the joint committee on public safety and homeland
security, the joint committee on public health and the joint committee on education; and (2) the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than September 1, 2025 ..........................................................$10,091,186

4590-1506 For a competitive grant program to be administered by the department of public health to support the establishment of a comprehensive youth violence prevention program; provided, that eligibility shall be determined by the criteria set forth in item 4590-1506 of section 2 of chapter 182 of the acts of 2008; provided further, that no grants shall be awarded to law enforcement agencies; and provided further, that funds shall be considered one-time and grants shall not annualize in fiscal year 2026 .......... $4,040,365

4590-1507 For competitively procured grants to youth at-risk programs utilizing an evidence-based positive youth development model, including programs that serve lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning youth; provided further, that the department shall award not less than $2,550,000 for competitively-procured grants to youth-at-risk programs utilizing an evidence-based positive youth development model, including programs that serve lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning youth; provided further, that the department of public health shall award not less than $2,500,000 to the Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAS, Inc., which shall be distributed among the alliance’s member organizations; provided further, that the department shall award not less than $3,000,000 to the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc., the first $2,000,000 of which shall be distributed equally among its member organizations; provided further, that the department shall provide not less than $1,000,000 to the YWCA, which shall be distributed equally between the Alliance of YWCAS’ organizations in the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to MetroWest YMCA, Inc. for the purchase of a food trailer; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Boys & Girls Club of Stoneham, Inc. for the purchase of a food trailer; provided further, that not less than $2,000,000 shall be distributed equally among its member organizations; provided further, that the department shall award not less than $500,000 to the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee, Inc. for the construction of a teen center; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for The Center for Teen Empowerment, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Boys and Girls Club of Greater Westfield, Inc. for renovations; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended to the Cape Cod Young Men's Christian Association, Inc. for the purpose of designing, permitting, and planning the Upper Cape YMCA in the town of Falmouth; provided further, that the department shall award not less than $250,000 to the Big Sister Association of Greater Boston, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts for its Mentor 2.0 program; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the Watertown Boys’ & Girls’ Club, Inc. for capital improvements; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to assist in programming efforts for the South Coast LGBTQ+ Network in New Bedford; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for Sueños Basketball, Inc. to support the
recreational, social, and health benefits the league provides to low-income youth in the city of Lawrence; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Day Dreaming Organization, Inc. to support baseball programming and youth mentoring in the city of Lawrence; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for the Methuen Youth Basketball Association Inc to support the recreational, social and health benefits the league provides to low-income youth in the city of Methuen; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to College Bound Dorchester, Inc. for administration of alternative education and other services for at-risk youth; and provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for the YMCA of the North Shore, Inc. for the Haverhill YMCA capital campaign project for the construction of a new state of the art facility in the city of Haverhill ........................................ $15,595,000

4590-2001 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than $4,171,653 of payments received for services provided by Tewksbury hospital to clients of the department of developmental services, including for the provision of behavioral health services and the continuation of short-term medical rehabilitation for clients of the department of developmental services; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department of public health may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .......................................................... $4,171,653

OFFICE OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES.

Department of Children and Families.

4800-0015 For central and area office administration and service coordination of the department of children and families; provided, that the associated expenses of employees whose AA and DD object class costs are paid from item 4800-1100 shall be paid from this item; provided further, that the commissioner of the department of children and families may transfer funds between items 4800-0030, 4800-0038, 4800-0040 and 4800-0041 as necessary, pursuant to an allocation plan, which shall detail by object class the distribution of the funds to be transferred and which the commissioner shall file with the house and senate committees on ways and means 30 days prior to any such transfer; provided further, that not more than 5 per cent of any item shall be transferred in fiscal year 2025; provided further, that the commissioner may transfer funds from line item 4800-1100 into line item 4800-0015 for the purpose of maintaining appropriate staffing ratios; provided further, that the commissioner shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means 30 days in advance of any such transfer; provided further, that not more than 2 per cent of funds from line item 4800-1100 shall be transferred in fiscal year 2025; provided further, that no funds shall be expended from this item for the compensation of unit 8 employees; provided further, that the department of children and families shall not place a child or adolescent referred by, or discharged from, the care of the department of mental health until the department of mental health forwards an assessment and recommendation as to whether the child or adolescent may be appropriately placed in foster care or if, due to severe emotional
disturbance, such child or adolescent is more appropriate for congregate care placement; provided further, that the department of children and families shall assist the department of mental health in making such assessments and recommendations; provided further, that if the placement of a child with someone other than a parent becomes necessary, the department of children and families shall place the highest priority on identifying a family resource within the child’s kinship or family circle and shall provide services and support to partner with the family resource in meeting the child’s needs; provided further, that unless otherwise authorized, all funds including federal reimbursements received by the department of children and families shall be credited to the General Fund, except for federal reimbursement used to support revenue maximization projects; provided further, that the department of children and families and the department of early education and care shall provide standards for early education and care placements made through the supportive child care program; provided further, that the department of children and families, in collaboration with the department of early education and care, shall maintain a centralized list detailing the number of children eligible for supportive child care services, the number of supportive slots filled and the number of supportive slots available; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended for Rick’s Place, Inc. of Wilbraham to provide grief support to youth and their families in the Pioneer valley; and provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Inc.; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of children and families shall not reduce recoupment amounts recommended by the state auditor; provided further, that there shall not be a waiting list for the services; provided further, that all children eligible for services under item 3000-3060 shall receive those services; provided further, that the department of children and families shall maintain a timely, independent and fair administrative hearing system; provided further, that not later than December 2, 2024, and February 28, 2025, the department of children and families shall submit reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities on: (i) the fair hearing requests filed in fiscal year 2025, using non-identifying information, which shall state, for each hearing request: (A) the subject matter of the appeal; (B) the number of days between the hearing request and the first day of the hearing; (C) the number of days between the first day of the hearing and the hearing officer’s decision; (D) the number of days between the hearing officer’s decision and the agency’s final decision; (E) the number of days of continuance granted at the appellant’s request; (F) the number of days of continuance granted at the request of the department of children and families or the hearing officer’s request, specifying which party made the request; and (G) whether the department of children and families’ decision that was the subject of the appeal was affirmed or reversed; and (ii) the fair hearing requests filed before fiscal year 2025, which have been pending for more than 180 days, stating the number of those cases, how many of those cases have been heard but not decided and how many have been decided by the hearing officer but not yet issued as a final agency decision; provided further, that the department of children and families shall maintain and make available to the public, during regular business hours, a record of its fair hearings, with personal identifying information removed, including for each hearing request: the date of the request, the date of the hearing decision, the decision rendered by the hearing officer and the final
decision rendered upon the commissioner of children and families’ review; provided further, that the department of children and families shall make redacted copies of fair hearing decisions available within 30 days of a written request; provided further, that the department of children and families shall not make available any information in violation of federal privacy regulations; provided further, that not later than February 28, 2025, the department of children and families shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities that shall include, but not be limited to, the: (1) number of medical and psychiatric personnel and their level of training currently employed by or under contract with the department of children and families; (2) number of foster care reviews conducted by the department of children and families and the average length of time in which each review was completed; (3) number of social workers and supervisors who have earned a bachelor’s or master’s degree in social work; (4) total number of social workers and the total number of social workers holding licensure, by level; (5) number of the department of children and families’ contracts reviewed by the state auditor and the number of corrective action plans issued; and (6) number of corrective action plans entered into by the department of children and families; provided further, that the department of children and families shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities on the caseload of the department of children and families; provided further, that the report shall include, but not be limited to: (A) the caseloads of residential placements, congregate care, foster care, therapeutic foster care, adoption, guardianship, 51A reports, substantiated 51A reports, the number of children who die in the care and custody of the department of children and families, the number of children currently eligible for supportive child care, the number of children presently receiving supportive child care and the number of medical and psychiatric consultation requests made by the department of children and families’ social workers; (B) the number of approved foster care placements; (C) the number of children in psychiatric hospitals and community-based acute treatment programs who remain hospitalized beyond their medically necessary stay while awaiting placement and the number of days each case remains in placement beyond that which is medically necessary; (D) the number of children in the department of children and families’ care and custody who are receiving medical or psychiatric care provided through other publicly-funded sources; (E) the number of children served by supervised visitation centers and the number of those children who are reunified with their families; (F) the total number of children served, their ages, the number of children served in each service plan, the number of children in out-of-home placements and the number of placements each child has had before receiving an out-of-home placement; (G) for each area office, the number of kinship guardianship subsidies provided in the quarters covered by the report and the number of kinship guardianship subsidies provided in that quarter for which federal reimbursement was received; (H) for each area office, the total spending on services other than case management services provided to families to keep a child with the child’s parents or reunifying the child with the child’s parents, spending by the type of service including, but not limited to, the number of children and a breakdown of spending for respite care, intensive in-home services, client financial assistance and flexible funding, community-based after-school social and recreation program services, family navigation services and parent aide services and the unduplicated number of families that
receive the services; (I) for each area office, the total number of families residing in shelters paid for by the department of children and families, a list of where the families are sheltered, the total cost and average cost per family at those shelters and a description of how the department of children and families determines who qualifies or does not qualify for a shelter; (J) for each area office, the number of requests for voluntary services, broken down by type of service requested, whether the request was approved or denied, the number of families that were denied voluntary services and received a 51A report, the reasons for denying such services and what, if any, referrals were made for services by other agencies or entities; (K) the number of families receiving multiple 51A reports within a 10-month period, the number of cases reopened within 6 months of being closed and the number of children who return home and then reenter an out-of-home placement within 6 months; (L) the number of children and families served by the family resource centers, by area; and (M) the number of children in the care and custody of the department of children and families whose whereabouts are unknown; provided further, that not later than January 31, 2025, the department of children and families shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities that details any changes to the rules, regulations or guidelines established by the department of children and families in the previous fiscal year to carry out its duties under chapter 119 of the General Laws including, but not limited to: (I) criteria used to determine whether a child has been abused or neglected; (II) guidelines for removal of a child from the home; and (III) standards to determine what reasonable efforts are being made to keep a child in the home; provided further, that on a monthly basis, the department of children and families shall provide the caseload forecasting office with data on children receiving services, young adults receiving services as defined in section 21 of said chapter 119, who continue to receive services as set forth in subsection (f) of section 23 of said chapter 119 and other pertinent data related to items 4800-0038 and 4800-0041 that is requested by the office; provided further, that the report shall also contain the number of children and families served by the family resource centers, by area, and an evaluation of the services provided and their effectiveness; provided further, that to the extent feasible within existing appropriations, the department of children and families shall maintain existing services for the aging-out population; provided further, that the commissioner of children and families may transfer funds from item 4800-1100 into item 4800-0015 to maintain appropriate staffing ratios under the memorandum of agreement between the commonwealth and the Alliance/Local 509, SEIU signed on March 25, 2013; provided further, that not less than 15 days prior to any such transfer, the commissioner shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that not more than 2 per cent of said funds from item 4800-1100 shall be transferred in fiscal year 2025; provided further, that the commissioner may transfer funds between items 4800-0030, 4800-0038, 4800-0040 and 4800-0041 for services only, and, as necessary, under an allocation plan, which shall detail, by object class, the distribution of the funds to be transferred; provided further, that transfers shall not be made for administrative costs; provided further, that not less than 15 days prior to any such transfer, the commissioner shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that not more than 5 per cent of any item shall be transferred in fiscal year 2025; provided further, that funds shall be expended for a unit to help identify at-risk youth and provide preventative services and to implement a missing or absent
youth recovery response policy; provided further, that not later than January 15, 2025, the department of children and families shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities that shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) number of young adults as defined in said section 21 of said chapter 119 who are continuing to receive services from the department of children and families as set forth in subsection (f) of said section 23 of said chapter 119, by each area office of the department of children and families; and (ii) total cost of such services; and provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Rise Above Foundation, Inc to build a playground at the department of children and families' office in the city of Leominster .............................................. $153,172,836

4800-0016 For the department of children and families, which may expend for the operation of the transitional employment program not more than $2,000,000 from revenues collected from various state, county and municipal government entities and state authorities for the costs related to the provision of services by the participants and the overhead costs and expenses incurred by the not-for-profit managing agent selected by the commissioner of children and families for administering the program; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner may enter into a contract with Roca, Inc. to manage the transitional employment program and to provide services to participants from the aging out population, parolees, probationers, youth service releasees and other community residents considered to have employment needs .......................................................... $2,000,000

4800-0025 For foster care review services ................................................................. $5,269,774

4800-0030 For the continuation of local and regional administration and coordination of services provided by lead agencies through purchase-of-service contracts, including flex services; provided further, that not less than $350,000 to Italian Home for Children, Inc. to provide high acuity autism and mental health services for children, adults, and families suffering from the shortages in services and long waits; and provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the Weymouth Teen Center for job skills training, technology support, remedial education services and to promote a social service program for growth and social welfare ............. $11,701,980

4800-0036 For a sexual abuse intervention network program to be administered in conjunction with the district attorneys .......................................................... $991,584

4800-0038 For guardianship, foster care, adoption, family preservation and kinship services provided by the department of children and families; provided, that services funded through this item shall include shelter services, substance use treatment, young parent programs, parent aides, education and counseling services, foster care, adoption and guardianship subsidies, tiered reimbursements used to promote the foster care placement of children with special medical and social needs, assessment of the appropriateness of adoption for children in the care of the department for more than 12 months, protective services provided by partnership agencies, targeted recruitment and retention of foster families, respite care services, post-adoption services and support services for foster, kinship and adoptive families and juvenile fire setter programs and services for people at risk of domestic violence, including payroll costs; provided further, that funds may be expended on programs that received
funding in fiscal year 2013; provided further, that funds may be expended to support reforms at the department to improve foster care and placement stability and to ensure positive permanency outcomes for children; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for the Tempo program at the Wayside Youth and Family Support Network, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to the Jewish Family and Children’s Service, Inc.’s Center for Early Relationship Support, including the Fragile Beginnings program, the Project Newborns Exposed to Substances: Support and Therapy and related clinical and community services for vulnerable families with children from birth to age 5, inclusive; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Julie’s Family Learning Program, Inc. for programming and services to help women break the cycle of poverty; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended to Jewish Family and Children’s Service, Inc. for the Bet Tzedek legal services program; and provided further, that the department may contract with provider agencies for the coordination and management of services, including flex services

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4800-0040 For family preservation, reunification and service coordination; provided, that services shall include family support and stabilization services provided by the department of children and families

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4800-0041 For congregate care services; provided, that funds may be expended from this item to provide community-based services, including in-home support and stabilization services, to children who would otherwise be placed in congregate settings; and provided further, that the department of children and families shall oversee area review teams that shall evaluate the feasibility of maintaining the child in the community in this manner whenever possible before recommending placement in a congregate care setting; provided further, that the department of children and families, in coordination with the office of the child advocate, shall develop and implement a plan for a pilot program to use evidence-based program models in department of children and families congregate care provider programs for youth that are in the department’s care and who: (i) are experiencing an intensive behavioral or a behavioral and medical crisis; (ii) are being housed in emergency departments or inpatient units; and (iii) cannot safely receive treatment in the existing congregate programs; provided further, that the plan for the pilot program shall detail: (a) the proposed structure, size and scope of the proposed program; (b) any statutory or logistical challenges for implementation of the proposed program; and (c) a funding plan for the proposed program, including a breakdown of potential costs; and provided further, that not later than September 30, 2024, the department shall issue a report on the design and implementation of the program to the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of health and human services and the office of the child advocate

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4800-0058 For the support of a foster care campaign to recruit new foster parents; provided, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department of children and families shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities that shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) number of new foster care parents as a result of the foster care campaign; and (ii) methods in which the department is recruiting foster care parents

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For the department of children and families, which may expend not more than $4,920,601 in federal reimbursements received under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 670 et. seq. during fiscal year 2025 to develop a training institute for professional development at the department; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, federal reimbursements received in excess of $4,920,601 shall be credited to the General Fund ................................................................. $4,920,601

For the support and maintenance of family resource centers throughout the commonwealth; provided, that funds may be expended to expand services at existing centers or to establish new centers in areas with identified coverage gaps; provided further, that centers supported through this item shall be subject to the selection and reporting requirements of item 4000-0051; provided further, that not less than $2,000,000 shall be expended for the purposes of supporting staff retention at family resource centers; and provided further, that not less than $3,300,000 shall be expended for the Juvenile Court Mental Health Advocacy Project administered by Health Law Advocates, Inc. to increase access to mental health treatment for at-risk children and adolescents involved in or diverted from juvenile courts .............................................................................. $33,800,000

For the AA and DD object class costs of the department of children and families’ social workers; provided, that funds shall mitigate social worker caseloads in those area offices furthest above the statewide weighted caseload standard and towards achieving a social worker caseload ratio of 15 to 1 statewide; and provided further, that only employees of bargaining unit 8, as identified in the Massachusetts personnel administrative reporting and information system, shall be paid from this item ........................................................................................................ $311,500,072

OFFICE OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Department of Mental Health.

For the operation of the department of mental health; provided, that not less than $1,100,000 shall be expended for United Way of Tri-County, Inc.’s Call 2 Talk program ................................................................. $35,008,446

For child and adolescent services, including the costs of psychiatric and related services provided to children and adolescents determined to be medically-ready for discharge from acute hospital units or mental health facilities and who are experiencing unnecessary delays in being discharged due to the lack of more appropriate settings; provided, that to fund said services, the commissioner of mental health may allocate funds from the amount appropriated in this item to other departments within the executive office of health and human services; provided further, that the department of mental health shall not refer or discharge a child or adolescent to the custody or care of the department of children and
families until the department of mental health forwards its assessment and recommendation as to whether the child or adolescent is appropriate for foster care or, due to severe emotional disturbance, is more appropriate for group care; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for KyleCares, Inc. for mental health awareness programming in high schools and colleges; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for YouthConnect to provide community-based mental health services to high-risk youth and their families residing in the East Boston community; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for The NAN Project to increase mental health awareness and suicide prevention; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to the Behavioral Health Integrated Resources For Children (BIRCh) Project at the University of Massachusetts at Boston for the operation of its school-based behavioral health technical assistance center; provided further, that the department of mental health shall expend not less than $3,875,000 for the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project, or MCPAP; provided further, that not less than $675,000 of that amount shall be expended for MCPAP for Moms statewide to address mental health concerns in pregnant and postpartum people and to expand support for pregnant and postpartum people by adding substance use disorder-specific education, training, consultation and care coordination to the project’s existing capacity; provided further, that amounts expended from this item for MCPAP that are related to services provided on behalf of commercially-insured clients shall be assessed by the commissioner on surcharge payors, as defined in section 64 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, and shall be collected in a manner consistent with the department’s regulations; provided further, that not later than March 13, 2025, the department shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on: (i) an overview of MCPAP care coordination efforts; (ii) the number of psychiatric consultations, face-to-face consultations and referrals made to specialists on behalf of children with behavioral health needs in fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025; and (iii) recommendations to: (a) increase the number of specialists receiving referrals through MCPAP; (b) increase access to MCPAP in regions currently underutilizing the project; and (c) improve care coordination efforts to identify specialists available and accepting new child and adolescent patients, with priority to those children and adolescents who exhibit complex conditions and experience long wait lists for specialty psychiatry; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on: (1) the distribution of funds, delineated by initiative; (2) the number of individuals served; (3) the outcomes measured; and (4) recommendations for expanding cost-effective and evidence-based early mental health identification and prevention programming for children and adolescents in fiscal year 2025 and fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than $4,500,000 shall be expended for a program to provide assertive community treatment for individuals under the age of 22 who exhibit symptoms of serious emotional disturbance, demonstrate an inability to consistently use less intensive levels of care in the community and have functional impairment and a history of difficulty in functioning safely and successfully in community, school, home or workplace settings; provided further, that the program shall: (A) include a team-based approach to service delivery that tailors services to the specific needs and acuity of each individual; (B) provide mental health services and social service assistance through a person-centered approach, which may include, but shall not be limited to, clinical assessment and outreach, medication treatment and outreach, care
coordination including primary care, symptom management, harm reduction, family services, housing support and needs that arise in carrying out the acts of daily living; (C) be consistent, to the maximum extent possible, with the evidence-based practice standards for assertive community treatment as found in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s assertive community treatment evidence-based practices kit; and (D) not limit program services to a specific physical location; provided further, that the department shall prioritize geographic equity in administering the program; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the: (I) funds distributed through the program, delineated by recipient; (II) number of new programs created with said funds, delineated by recipient, location, number of individuals served and ages of individuals served; and (III) projected need for the creation of new programs in the next fiscal year; and provided further, that not less than $6,000,000 may be expended for the department's emergency room diversion initiative to stabilize youth in crisis .................. $131,350,885

For adult mental health and support services; provided, that the department of mental health may allocate not more than $5,000,000 from item 5095-0015 to this item, as necessary, under allocation plans submitted to the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days before any such transfer, for residential and day services for clients formerly receiving care at department facilities; provided further, that not later than February 5, 2025, the department shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the distribution of funds per adult and child planning population and the types of services received in each region in fiscal year 2025; provided further, that the department shall maintain in fiscal year 2025 the same amount of community-based placements as in the previous 3 fiscal years; provided further, that in fiscal year 2025, the department shall expend on clubhouses not less than the amount expended on clubhouses in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that not less than $16,800,000 shall be expended for rental subsidies for the department’s clients; provided further, that not less than $6,000,000 shall be expended to expand the jail diversion program; provided further, that funds shall be expended at not less than the same level as the prior fiscal year for jail diversion programs in municipalities that provide equal matching funds from other public or private sources; provided further, that not later than December 16, 2024, the department shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means regarding the: (i) number of crisis intervention team and jail diversion efforts; (ii) amount of funding per grant, delineated by city, town or provider; (iii) potential savings achieved; (iv) recommendations for expansion; and (v) outcomes measured; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for a grant to the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, Inc., to provide assistance in connecting consumers to licensed clinical social workers through the Therapy Matcher program; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended on the expansion of low threshold, safe haven housing for mentally ill men and women who have been chronically homeless and are currently living in emergency shelters or on the streets in Boston; provided further, that the department shall expend not less than $250,000 for the assisted outpatient treatment program at Eliot Community Human Services, Inc. to treat residents who suffer from serious and persistent mental illness and experience repeated interaction with law enforcement or have a high rate of recurring hospitalization due to mental illness, either
through a voluntary agreement with the resident or by a court order mandating that the resident receive the treatment described in this program; provided further, that not later than April 3, 2025, the department, in conjunction with Eliot Community Human Services, Inc., shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the assisted outpatient treatment program which shall include baseline and current metrics related to clients served including, but not limited to: (a) behavioral and physical medical diagnoses; (b) status of activities of daily living, including food, shelter and employment; (c) psychiatric hospitalizations; (d) treatment history; and (e) insurance status; and provided further, that the report shall include: (1) factors that proved successful in treating program participants, including practices used and type of staff functions necessary for success in treating program participants; (2) identification of issues and practices that present barriers to successful treatment; (3) a cost analysis of treatment; (4) a plan for furthering the sustainability of the program based on information from the analysis report; and (5) a proposal for a sustainable course of funding to further implement the program; provided further, that $19,000,000 may be expended for the department's emergency room diversion initiative to stabilize adults in crisis; and provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended for the International Institute of New England, Inc. for culturally and linguistically appropriate mental health services

General Fund .......................................................... 98.71%
Behavioral Health Outreach, Access and Support Trust Fund .................. 1.29%

5046-2000 For homelessness services; provided, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to expand safe haven housing in a manner that ensures geographically equitable access .................................................................................. $26,609,879

5046-4000 For the department of mental health, which may expend not more than $125,000 in retained revenues collected from occupancy fees charged to the tenants in the creative housing option in community environments, or CHOICE, program under chapter 167 of the acts of 1987; provided, that all fees collected under said CHOICE program shall be expended for the routine maintenance and repair of facilities in the CHOICE program .............. $125,000

5047-0001 For emergency service programs and acute inpatient mental health care services; provided, that the department of mental health shall require a performance specification to be developed for safe aftercare options for adults upon release from acute inpatient mental health care services; provided further, that the emergency service programs shall take all reasonable steps to identify and invoice the third-party insurer of all persons serviced by the programs; and provided further, that not less than $2,700,000 shall be expended for rental subsidies for the department’s clients .............................................................................................................................. $22,371,962

5055-0000 For forensic services provided by the department of mental health; provided, that not less than $1,500,000 above the amount expended in the previous fiscal year shall be expended for juvenile court clinics .............. $18,590,093

5095-0015 For the operation of hospital facilities and community-based mental health services; provided, that in order to comply with the decision in Olmstead v. L.C. ex rel. Zimring, 527 U.S. 581 (1999) and to enhance care for clients, the department of mental health shall discharge clients residing in inpatient
facilities to residential services in the community if the following criteria are met: (i) the client is deemed clinically suited for a more integrated setting; (ii) the community residential service capacity and resources available are sufficient to provide each client with an equal or improved level of service; and (iii) the cost to the commonwealth of serving the client in the community is less than or equal to the cost of serving the client in inpatient care; provided further, that any client transferred to another inpatient facility as the result of a facility closure shall receive a level of care that is equal to or greater than the care that had been provided at the closed facility; provided further, that the department may allocate funds of not more than $5,000,000 from this item to Item 5046-0000, as necessary, under allocation plans submitted to the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days before any transfer for residential and day services for clients formerly receiving inpatient care at the centers and facilities; provided further, that the department shall maintain not less than 671 inpatient beds in its system in fiscal year 2025; provided further, that of said 671 beds, 65 beds shall be continuing care inpatient beds on the campus of Taunton state hospital; provided further, that within the existing appropriation, the department may operate more beds at Taunton state hospital; provided further, that the department shall operate not less than 260 adult continuing care inpatient beds at Worcester recovery center and hospital; provided further, that the department shall maintain not less than 75 men’s recovery from addiction program beds at Taunton state hospital; provided further, that the department shall maintain not less than 45 women’s recovery from addiction program beds at Taunton state hospital; provided further, that the department shall not take action in fiscal year 2025 to reduce the number of state-operated continuing care inpatient beds or other state-operated programs at the Taunton state hospital campus or relocate administrative hospital services associated with the operation of the hospital off campus; provided further, that the department shall not enter into new vendor-operated lease agreements or expand existing vendor-operated programs; provided further, that the department shall not enter into new interagency agreements or expand existing interagency agreements, programs or facilities until the department, in conjunction with the division of capital asset management and maintenance, develops a comprehensive long-term use master plan for the campus, which shall be developed not later than March 1, 2025, with appropriate community input that is consistent with maintaining the publicly-provided mental health services that are currently delivered on-campus at Taunton state hospital; provided further, that the plan shall include maintenance of existing affiliations with institutions of higher education and possible future relationships with those institutions and others to maintain the sustainability of Taunton state hospital; provided further, that the plan shall be consistent with maintenance of the Taunton state hospital campus as a publicly-run mental health facility and shall not prohibit the inclusion of behavioral health programs or publicly-run pilot programs to meet the needs of individuals with mental health diagnoses, behavioral health diagnoses and those dual-diagnosed on the campus as part of the comprehensive long-term use master plan; provided further, that the comprehensive long-term use master plan shall be submitted to the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of health and human services, the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the department may authorize on the campus of Taunton state hospital, a behavioral health emergency department relief pilot program to accept medically-stable individuals with
high acuity behavioral health and dual diagnoses from emergency departments in the southeast region; provided further, that medically-stable patients presenting in an emergency department with a high acuity behavioral health condition or who have a dual diagnosis shall be transferred to the pilot program if another appropriate setting cannot be located within 4 hours of admission to the emergency department; provided further, that the pilot program shall care for patients either for 14 days following admission or until an appropriate placement is found that meets the patient’s needs, whichever is sooner; provided further, that the pilot program may be operated by the department and staffed by department registered nurses, psychiatrists and other staff as needed; provided further, that within the first 6 months following the authorization of the program by the department, in consultation with the department of public health, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the Massachusetts Nurses Association and the Emergency Nurses Association shall establish a staffing plan and program protocols; provided further, that for the purposes of the pilot program, Taunton state hospital may accept patients classified under section 12 of chapter 123 of the General Laws; provided further, that the pilot program may be authorized to operate for not more than 2 years; provided further, that the department shall submit a report with the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery within 6 months after the conclusion date of the program; provided further, that the report shall evaluate the success of the program in decreasing emergency department overcrowding in the southeast region and the quality of care provided in the program; and provided further, that the report may be drafted by an independent entity, utilizing data from the department and the local hospitals in the southeast region $345,773,566

Department of Developmental Services.

5911-1003 For the administration and operation of the department of developmental services; provided, that the department shall not charge user fees for transportation or community day services; provided further, that the department shall not charge fees for eligibility determination for services provided by the department or for applications or requests for transfer of guardianship; provided further, that regional employment collaboratives shall be funded at not less than the amount funded in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that the department shall issue a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than February 21, 2025 detailing: (i) significant expense increases incurred by the department; (ii) measures implemented by the department to reduce costs; and (iii) improved outcomes in programs and services funded by the department; provided further, that the commissioner of developmental services may transfer funds between items 5920-2025, 5920-2000, 5911-2000 and 5920-3000; provided further, that the commissioner shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days before any such transfer; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Special Olympics Massachusetts, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for Operation House Call at Arc Massachusetts, Inc. to maintain and expand training to medical students and other graduate level health care professionals to work with individuals with autism and other developmental and intellectual disabilities; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Latham Centers, Inc., to address urgent technology upgrades that will improve security,
programs and support services for children and adult residents with Prader-Willi syndrome; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders at the University of Massachusetts memorial medical center and the University of Massachusetts medical school based on the patient-centered medical home concept; and provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to Raising Harts Corporation in the town of Cohasset to support families with autistic children through inclusive programs and mentorship ...............................................................$100,900,397

5911-2000  For transportation costs associated with community-based day and work programs; provided, that the department shall provide transportation which shall be prioritized by need; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Mission Hill Bus Link; and provided further, that not more than $7,000,000 of additional funds provided in fiscal year 2025 shall be expended by the department on transportation related to the new day and service components developed through item 5920-2025, and on preparation for any increased service need that may occur during the fiscal year in response to increased vaccinations and any improvement in the public health emergency .............................................................$40,067,442

5920-2000  For vendor-operated, community-based residential adult services, including intensive individual supports; provided, that annualized funding shall be expended for turning 22 clients who began receiving services in fiscal year 2023 under item 5920-5000 of section 2 of chapter 126 of the acts of 2022; provided further, that not later than February 28, 2025, the department of developmental services shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the use of shared-living services in the commonwealth, which shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) number of clients living in shared-living placements, broken down by age and location; (ii) average cost of shared-living services; (iii) number of clients living in a shared-living placement with individuals they knew prior to the arrangement; (iv) department’s oversight of the application and placement process; (v) safeguards in place for clients receiving these services; and (vi) potential for growth of the program; provided further, that the commissioner of developmental services may transfer funds from this item to item 5920-2010, as necessary, under an allocation plan which shall detail, by object class, the distribution of the funds to be transferred and which shall be submitted to the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days before any such transfer; and provided further, that not more than $5,000,000 shall be transferred from this item in fiscal year 2025 ......................................................$1,698,579,657

5920-2003  For supportive technology and remote services for individuals served by the department of developmental services .........................................................$3,250,000

5920-2010  For state-operated, community-based residential services for adults, including community-based health services .............................................$331,099,736

5920-2025  For community-based day and work programs and associated transportation costs for adults; provided, that the department of developmental services shall provide transportation which shall be prioritized by need; provided further, that the department shall support individuals with disabilities who transitioned from employment services offered at sheltered workshops to community-based employment as part of the commonwealth’s employment first initiative; provided further, that
any public-private partnerships with employers and nonprofits shall encourage the highest level of independence among individuals with disabilities and shall provide options to maximize community involvement and participation; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (i) the number of eligible individuals employed in community-based employment in fiscal year 2024 and the number estimated for fiscal year 2025; (ii) the number and types of community-based employment partners; (iii) the outcomes measured; and (iv) recommendations for expansion; provided further, that the commissioner of developmental services may transfer such funds from this item to items 5920-2000, 5911-2000, 5920-3000, 5920-5000 and 5930-1000; and provided further, that the commissioner shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days before any such transfer ..............................................................$288,021,407

5920-3000 For respite services and intensive family supports ..............................................$119,420,577

5920-3010 For contracted support services for families of children with autism through the autism division at the department of developmental services; provided, that the department shall expend not less than $5,500,000 to provide services under the children’s autism spectrum disorder waiver under section 1915 of the Social Security Act; provided further, that the waiver shall include children with autism spectrum disorder ages 0 to 8, inclusive, including children with autism spectrum disorder ages 0 to 3, inclusive, who are receiving services through the department of public health’s early intervention program; provided further, that the department of developmental services shall take all steps necessary to ensure that the waiver program is fully enrolled and that eligible children with autism immediately begin to receive services under said waiver; provided further, that the department shall immediately file any waiver amendment necessary with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to comply with the requirements of this item; provided further, that not later than January 16, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on education and the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities on: (i) the number of contracted support services provided for families with children with autism under this item; (ii) the costs associated with such services; (iii) the services provided by the children’s autism spectrum disorder waiver, with information regarding the number of children enrolled in the waiver and receiving services; (iv) the linguistic and cultural diversity, age, gender and geographic representation of the applicants and the children enrolled in the program; (v) the department’s plans to continue to assess the demand for waiver services; (vi) any plans by the executive office of health and human services to expand the waiver for children on the autism spectrum of all ages in the future; and (vii) other information determined relevant by the department; and provided further, that the department shall submit copies of amended waivers to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on education and the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities upon submission of the amendment; and provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for The Martin Richard Foundation for programming for disadvantaged youth in the city of Boston.............................$11,007,296
For the implementation of chapter 226 of the acts of 2014, including services and supports for individuals with a developmental disability attributable to autism spectrum disorder, Smith-Magenis syndrome or Prader-Willi syndrome; provided, that the department shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (i) the number of individuals eligible for services; (ii) the number of eligible individuals served; (iii) the type of services provided; (iv) the cost per service; and (v) the cost of services per individual; and provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended for the commission on autism established in section 217 of chapter 6 of the General Laws $61,917,941

For funding to support initiatives to address the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities who are aging including, but not limited to, individuals with Down syndrome and Alzheimer’s disease, through the identification of best practices for services for affected individuals, including: (i) medical care coordination models that address conditions common to individuals with developmental disabilities who are aging; (ii) training for direct care and other staff in the identification of dementia or other age-related conditions; and (iii) the collection of data regarding the effectiveness of the initiatives included in this item; provided, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department of developmental services shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means on the status of these initiatives including, but not limited to: (a) the number of participants served by each initiative; (b) the participant outcomes, including impacts on the physical and cognitive health of participants; (c) the cost of each initiative and the cost per participant; (d) the implementation plans for these initiatives in fiscal years 2026 and 2027; and (e) recommendations for enhancing the care of individuals with developmental disabilities who are aging $100,000

For services to clients of the department who turn 22 years of age during fiscal years 2024 and 2025; provided, that not later than January 3, 2025 the department shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the use of any funds encumbered or expended from this item including, but not limited to, the number of clients served in each region and the types of services purchased in each region $124,104,015

For the operation of facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities; provided, that in order to comply with the decision in Olmstead v. L.C. ex rel. Zimring, 527 U.S. 581 (1999) and to enhance care for clients, the department of developmental services shall discharge clients residing in intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities, or an ICF/IID, to residential services in the community if: (i) the client is deemed clinically suited for a more integrated setting; (ii) community residential service capacity and resources available are sufficient to provide each client with an equal or improved level of service; and (iii) the cost to the commonwealth of serving the client in the community is less than or equal to the cost of serving the client in an ICF/IID; provided further, that any client transferred to another ICF/IID as the result of a facility closure shall receive a level of care that is equal to or greater than the level of care that had been provided at the closed ICF/IID; provided further, that the department may allocate funds from this item to items 5920-2000, 5920-2010 and 5920-2025, as necessary, under allocation plans which shall be submitted to the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days before any transfer for residential and day services for
clients formerly receiving inpatient care at an ICF/IID; and provided further, that not later than February 28, 2025, the department shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means, on: (a) all efforts to comply with the decision in Olmstead v. L.C. ex rel. Zimring, 527 U.S. 581 (1999); (b) the enhancement of care within available resources to clients served by the department; and (c) the steps taken to consolidate or close an ICF/IID .............................................................. $124,809,632

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For the Massachusetts Center for the Book, Inc., chartered as the Commonwealth Affiliate of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress; provided, that the Massachusetts Center for the Book, Inc. shall continue its work as a public-private partnership ................................................................. $420,000

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

Office of the Secretary.

For the development and operation of career technical institutes in vocational-technical schools in partnership with industry and community stakeholders; provided, that career technical institutes shall build out industry recognized credentialing pathways for adult learners in technical and trade fields to retrain and grow the workforce; provided further, that at the direction of the secretary of labor and workforce development, development funds may be transferred to the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund established in section 2WWW of chapter 29 of the General Laws to issue competitive grants to support the start-up and educational costs of career technical institutes; and provided further, that not later than December 13, 2024, the executive office of labor and workforce development shall submit a report to the joint committee on labor and workforce development and the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) a list of vocational-technical schools that are operating career technical institutes; (ii) the amount of funding each vocational-technical school will receive under this item; (iii) the number of students served by career technical institutes, including technical institutes established in chapter 74 of the General Laws and the number of adult learners participating in industry recognized credentialing pathways at each vocational-technical school, delineated by training program; and (iv) the employment outcomes of the graduates of the training programs ........................................................................................................ $10,379,600

For the operation of the executive office of labor and workforce development; provided, that not later than February 24, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means including, but not limited to: (i) sector by sector barriers to workers returning to work during the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic, including the retail sector; and (ii) current programs that may be utilized to target the workforce in each sector; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Community Action Inc.’s MakeIT Haverhill program; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for construction industry apprenticeship and career preparedness training programs administered by Building Pathways, Inc. to increase the participation of socially and economically disadvantaged populations; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce for workforce training and development programming; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Mattapan/Greater Boston Technology Learning Center, Inc. for instructors and case managers to provide job training and career placement for technical industries; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for a grant program to St. Mary’s Center for Women and Children, Inc. in Dorchester for workforce development and
educational programming for women; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for Year Up, Inc. to implement workforce development programs that provide job opportunities for young adults; provided further, that not less $80,000 shall be expended to support staffing at African Cultural Services, Inc. in Waltham; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Nubian Square Foundation Inc.; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Community Mentoring Team, Inc. in Boston; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts, Inc.; and provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Leduc Center at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth for transportation costs related to the America Reads/Counts program .................................................................$2,859,807

7003-0101 For the costs of core administrative functions performed within the executive office of labor and workforce development; provided, that common functions that may be designated core administrative functions include, without limitation, human resources, financial management, information technology, legal, procurement and asset management; provided further, that the executive office shall, in consultation with the comptroller, develop a detailed plan for the expenditure of said funds, and for increasing efficiency and reducing costs through shared services; provided further, that not later than January 31, 2025, the secretary of labor and workforce development and the comptroller shall jointly submit the plan to the joint committee on labor and workforce development and the house and senate committees on ways and means; and provided further, that the General Fund shall be reimbursed the amount appropriated in this item attributed to the department of industrial accidents based on rates approved by the office of the comptroller and for associated indirect and direct fringe benefit costs from assessments levied under section 65 of chapter 152 of the General Laws .................................................$20,174,631

7003-0150 For the operation of a re-entry workforce development and supportive services program for formerly incarcerated individuals transitioning from a house of correction or the department of correction to a steady job or career; provided, that funds shall be used for: (i) job training for formerly incarcerated individuals in order to facilitate job placement; (ii) wage subsidies to facilitate private sector employment and professional development; and (iii) support services and programs for court-involved youths; provided further, that the executive office of labor and workforce development shall take all necessary steps to secure private sector funding for this program; provided further, that the executive office shall coordinate with a local public or private nonprofit university to examine and develop a longitudinal evaluation framework to assess the efficacy and efficiency of the program; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for New England Culinary Arts Training’s returning citizens programming; and provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the executive office shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means describing the administrative functions of the program, client outcomes and plans for the longitudinal evaluation framework ..................$2,750,000

Gaming Economic Development Fund ..................100%
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<td>For the department of labor standards, which may expend not more than $441,118 received from fees collected under section 3A of chapter 23 of the General Laws and civil fines issued under section 197B of chapter 111 of the General Laws, section 46R of chapter 140 of the General Laws and section 6F½ of chapter 149 of the General Laws</td>
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<td>7002-0012</td>
<td>For a youth-at-risk program targeting high-risk areas; provided, that these funds may be expended for the development and implementation of a year-round employment program for youth-at-risk and existing year-round employment programs, including programs that serve youth who are not more than 25 years-of-age, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning youth, youth of color, youth of all abilities, national origins and religions and low-income youth, including single income households, youth who are experiencing housing insecurity and other youth determined to be eligible by the Commonwealth Corporation; provided further, that not less than $500,000 of these funds shall be matched by private organizations; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to The Essex National Heritage Commission, Inc. for the future leaders program, to employ underserved youth in Essex county; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Bikes Not Bombs, Inc. for general programming operations for social change to achieve economic mobility for Black and other marginalized people in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the Cape Verdean Association’s Cabral leadership and innovation center; provided further, that the Commonwealth Corporation shall partner with the school-to-career connecting activities program at the department of elementary and secondary education to develop appropriate connections between the 2 programs; and provided further, that funds shall be available for expenditure through September 1, 2025, prior appropriation continued.</td>
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For the Learn to Earn Initiative to be designed and administered jointly by an interagency workgroup including the executive office of labor and workforce development, the executive office of economic development, the executive office of health and human services, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the executive office of public safety and security; provided, that funds may be transferred to the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund established under section 2WWW of chapter 29 of the General Laws for the purposes of supporting a competitive grant program designed to create talent pipelines for businesses and provide career pathways toward high demand occupations as defined by the executive office of economic development and the executive office of labor and workforce development via cohort-based case management and support services for underemployed or unemployed individuals; provided further, that competitive grants shall only be awarded to partnerships of organizations that work with underemployed or unemployed individuals; and provided further, that funding may also be expended to address barriers to obtaining and sustaining employment for job seekers who are underemployed or unemployed and participating in said grant program including, but not limited to: (i) transportation; and (ii) child care $300,000

For the operation and maintenance of the Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Inc., to maintain and promote manufacturing as an integral part of the economy, and for programs designed to assist small and mid-sized manufacturing companies $2,000,000

For the Commonwealth Corporation for an employment training program for unemployed young adults with disabilities; provided, that funds shall be awarded competitively by the Commonwealth Corporation to community-based organizations with recognized success in creating strong collaborations with employers to consider young adults with disabilities; and provided further, that a community-based organization that receives funding under this item shall provide extensive training and internship programming and ongoing post-placement support for participants and employers $1,000,000

General Fund 52.54%
Gaming Economic Development Fund 47.46%

For the 1199SEIU Training and Upgrading Fund to deliver innovative worker training for eligible health care workers that will better the lives of health care workers, reduce costs and improve the quality of health care provided by MassHealth personal care attendants and provided at nursing homes, community health centers, hospitals and health systems $1,000,000

For the operation of the MassHire department of career services; provided, that funds may be expended for the MassHire Workforce System $2,221,183

For the operation of the 1-stop career centers, including workforce development services for priority populations and emergency assistance shelter clients; provided, that the career centers, in coordination with the executive office of labor and workforce development, shall establish parameters for regular data reporting; and provided further, that regions maintain the market makers positions at MassHire to help employers navigate employment resources and facilitate outcomes to connect employers with jobseekers $9,860,450
### Gaming Economic Development Fund

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<td>7003-1207</td>
<td>For the operation of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO Workforce Development Programs, Inc. to provide displaced worker assistance, layoff aversion and job training with a focus on pathways to quality careers through traditional and non-traditional apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship training.</td>
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<td>For the operation and administrative expenses of the department of industrial accidents; provided, that not later than January 31, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the scope, objective and results of grant recipients’ safety training program; and provided further, that the General Fund shall be reimbursed the amount appropriated in this item and for associated indirect and direct fringe benefit costs from assessments levied under section 65 of chapter 152 of the General Laws.</td>
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### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

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<td>7004-0099</td>
<td>For the operation of the executive office of housing and livable communities; provided, that the executive office may make expenditures against federal grants for certain direct and indirect costs under a cost overhead allocation plan approved by the comptroller; provided further, that the comptroller shall maintain an account on the state accounting and reporting system to make these expenditures; provided further, that expenditures made against the account shall not be subject to appropriation and may include the cost of personnel; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive office may conduct annual verifications of household income levels based upon state tax returns to administer the state and federal housing subsidy programs funded by items 7004-0108, 7004-9005, 7004-9024, 7004-9030, 7004-9033 and 7004-9316 of this section and items 7004-9009, 7004-9014, 7004-9019 and 7004-9020 of section 2D; provided further, that as a condition of eligibility or continued occupancy by an applicant or tenant, the executive office may require disclosure of the social security numbers of the applicant or tenant and members of the applicant’s or tenant’s household solely for use in verification of income eligibility; provided further, that the executive office may deny or terminate participation in subsidy programs for failure by an applicant or tenant to provide a social security number for use in verification of income eligibility; provided further, that the executive office may consult with the department of revenue, the department of transitional assistance or any other state or federal agency to conduct said income verification; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, these state agencies shall consult and cooperate with the executive office and furnish any information in the possession of the agencies including, but not limited to...</td>
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to, tax returns and applications for public assistance or financial aid; provided further, that in conducting income verifications, the executive office may enter into an interdepartmental service agreement with the department of revenue to utilize the department of revenue’s wage reporting and bank match system to verify the income and eligibility of participants in federally-assisted housing programs and that of members of the participants’ households; provided further, that notwithstanding section 12 of chapter 490 of the acts of 1980, the executive office may authorize neighborhood housing services corporations to retain, reassign and relend funds received in repayment of loans made under the neighborhood housing services rehabilitation program; provided further, that not later than September 13, 2024, the executive office shall promulgate and uniformly enforce regulations clarifying that a household that otherwise qualifies for any preference or priority for state-subsidized housing based on homeless or at-risk status shall retain that preference or priority notwithstanding receipt of assistance that is intended to be temporary including, but not limited to, any temporary or bridge subsidies provided with state or federal funds, which shall include households receiving assistance under item 7004-0108 after July 1, 2013; provided further, that the executive office shall operate local offices in the 10 cities and towns in which the executive office maintained office locations as of January 1, 2024 in order to continue to accept in-person applications and provide other services related to the emergency assistance housing program funded by item 7004-0101; provided further, that the offices shall have sufficient staffing to determine eligibility promptly and provide other program services to families; provided further, that the executive office may operate additional local offices in other municipalities that are geographically convenient to those families who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to Revitalize Community Development Corporation to support the growth of service to more low-income individuals in need and filling a gap in serving individuals at home to prevent the need for hospitalization; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Allston-Brighton Community Development Corporation for the Affordable Housing Green Energy Program in the Allston-Brighton neighborhoods in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for Maverick Landing Community Services, Inc. to provide information, education and assistance on housing rights and eviction and foreclosure issues, including completing and submitting housing assistance applications for tenants and small homeowners, through a housing support station in the East Boston community; provided further, that not later than September 2, 2024, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to, for each local office: (i) the municipality in which each office is located; (ii) the ways in which applicants can submit applications and connect with staff, including, if available, in-person, by telephone and online; (iii) the daily business hours of in-person and telephonic operation of each office; (iv) the number of full-time equivalent staff assigned to each office; (v) the average wait time for direct communication with a staff member whether in-person or by telephone; and (vi) any steps the executive office plans to take to increase accessibility to intake services related to emergency assistance housing programs across the commonwealth; provided further, that at least annually, the executive office shall conduct staff trainings which shall include, but not be limited to, notice of changes in laws related to items of appropriation under the
administration of the executive office; provided further, that the executive
office shall provide the caseload forecasting office with enrollment data
and any other information pertinent to caseload forecasting that is
requested by the office on a monthly basis; provided further, that such
information shall be provided in a manner that meets all applicable federal
and state privacy and security requirements; provided further, that not less
than $150,000 shall be expended for Massachusetts Fair Housing Center,
Inc. to protect residents of the commonwealth from housing discrimination;
and provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be provided to the
Center for Human Development, Incorporated for a grant to an
organization coordinating homelessness prevention efforts across the 4
western counties ........................................................................................................ $14,831,798

7004-0100 For the operations of the homeless shelter and services unit, including the
compensation of caseworkers and support personnel; provided, that the
executive office of housing and livable communities shall take steps to
extend intake hours for families seeking assistance from item 7004-0101 .....$17,554,827

7004-0101 For certain expenses of the emergency housing assistance program under
section 30 of chapter 23B of the General Laws; provided, that eligibility
shall be limited to families with incomes at or below 115 per cent of the
2024 or a later-issued higher federal poverty level; provided further, that
any family whose income exceeds 200 per cent of the federal poverty level
for a sustained and consecutive period of 90 days while the family is
receiving assistance funded by this item shall not become ineligible for
assistance due to exceeding the income limit for a period of 6 months from
the date that the income level was exceeded; provided further, that
families who are eligible for assistance through a temporary emergency
family shelter shall include families who: (i) are at risk of domestic abuse
in their current housing situation or are homeless because they fled
domestic violence and have not had access to safe, permanent housing
since leaving the housing situation that they fled; (ii) through no fault of
their own, are homeless due to fire, flood or natural disaster; (iii) through
no fault of their own, have been subject to eviction from their most recent
housing due to: (a) foreclosure; (b) condemnation; (c) conduct by a guest
or former household member who is not part of the household seeking
emergency shelter and over whose conduct the remaining household
members had no control; or (d) nonpayment of rent caused by a
documented medical condition or diagnosed disability or caused by a
documented loss of income within the last 12 months directly as a result
of a change in household composition or a loss of income source through
no fault of the family; or (iv) are in a housing situation where they are not
the primary leaseholder or are in a housing situation not meant for human
habitation and where there is a substantial health and safety risk to the
family that is likely to result in significant harm should the family remain in
the housing situation; provided further, that temporary emergency
assistance shall be provided to families who, on the date of application for
emergency assistance, have no other feasible alternative housing as
defined under 760 CMR 67.06(1)(b) and who, but for not having spent 1
night in a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a
regular sleeping accommodation for human beings including, but not
limited to, a car, park, abandoned building, medical facility, bus or train
station, airport or campground, would be eligible for emergency assistance
under clauses (i) to (iv), inclusive; provided further, that the executive
office of housing and livable communities shall submit quarterly reports,
broken down by month, to the house and senate committees on ways and
means detailing expenditures under the preceding proviso, including: (1) the number of families who received emergency assistance under the preceding proviso; (2) the number of families entering the emergency assistance system after having already stayed in a place not meant for human habitation; (3) the number of families entering the emergency assistance system having stayed in a place not meant for human habitation after having requested services provided for in this item within the preceding 6 months and within the preceding week; (4) the number of families described under clause (3) who received a written denial of their request for services prior to staying in a place not meant for human habitation and the number who neither entered the emergency shelter system nor received a written denial on the day of their request; and (5) available data on the race and ethnicity of the families described under clauses (1) to (4) inclusive; provided further, that nothing contained in this item shall require that emergency assistance be provided to a family that, on the date of application for emergency assistance, has other feasible housing as defined under said 760 CMR 67.06(1)(b) and that said housing adequately accommodates the size and disabilities of the family; provided further, that not less than annually, the executive office shall provide training to relevant staff to ensure compliance with legal requirements related to eligibility for the emergency housing assistance program, including eligibility based on a family having no other feasible alternative housing as defined under said 760 CMR 67.06(1)(b); provided further, that the executive office shall collaborate with the executive office of health and human services, the Massachusetts interagency council on housing and homelessness and family homelessness service providers on strategies and best practices for the prevention of family homelessness; provided further, that the health and safety risk shall be determined by the department of children and families or a department-approved entity through risk assessments; provided further, that a family who receives emergency housing assistance due to domestic abuse shall be connected to the appropriate social service agency; provided further, that temporary assistance under this item shall be terminated upon the offer of available housing or other assistance sufficient to maintain or stabilize housing; provided further, that a family may not decline an offer for available housing if the offer adequately accommodates the size and disabilities of the family and the new housing placement would not result in a job loss for the client; provided further, that any family who declines an adequate offer of available housing or other assistance sufficient to maintain or stabilize housing shall become ineligible for assistance from this item; provided further, that families receiving benefits under this item shall have 30 per cent of their income set aside in a savings account, subject to reasonable exceptions as set forth under executive office regulations in effect in fiscal year 2025; provided further, that the amount saved shall be exempt from otherwise applicable asset limits; provided further, that the family may withdraw the amount placed in savings upon transition to permanent housing or losing eligibility for shelter services; provided further, that families receiving emergency assistance shall receive housing search assistance that attempts to facilitate a sustainable housing placement within 4 weeks of entry into the emergency assistance shelter, motel or hotel; provided further, that families receiving assistance for longer than 32 weeks shall have an executable shelter exit plan that facilitates a housing placement in a new sustainable tenancy or a safe residence including, but not limited to, a placement for which the family is not the primary leaseholder, as soon as possible; provided further, that funds may be advanced to contracted service providers to cover 1-time
upfront costs needed to operate shelters; provided further, that as part of executive office efforts to prevent abuse of the emergency assistance program, the executive office shall enter into a wage match agreement with the department of revenue; provided further, that eligibility for shelter by an otherwise eligible family shall not be impaired by prior receipt of any nonshelter benefit; provided further, that an eligible household that is approved for shelter placement shall be placed in a shelter as close as possible to the household’s home community, unless a household requests otherwise; provided further, that if the closest available placement is not within 20 miles of the household’s home community, the household shall be transferred to an appropriate shelter within 20 miles of its home community at the earliest possible date, unless the household requests otherwise; provided further, that the executive office shall notify local school departments of the placement of a family in its district within 5 days of placement; provided further, that the executive office shall make every effort to ensure that children receiving services from this item shall continue attending school in the community in which they lived before receiving services funded from this item; provided further, that the executive office shall use its best efforts to ensure that a family placed by the emergency housing assistance program shall be provided with access to refrigeration and basic cooking facilities; provided further, that if a family with a child under the age of 3 is placed in a hotel or motel, the executive office shall ensure that the hotel or motel provides a crib that meets all state and federal safety codes for each child under the age of 3; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive office shall immediately provide shelter for up to 30 days to families who appear to be eligible for shelter based on statements provided by the family and any other information in the possession of the executive office but who need additional time to obtain any third-party verifications reasonably required by the executive office; provided further, that shelter benefits received under the preceding proviso shall not render a family ineligible under any regulation which provides that a family who previously received shelter is ineligible for shelter benefits for a period of 12 months; provided further, that families receiving shelter benefits who are found ineligible for continuing shelter benefits shall be eligible for aid pending a timely appeal under said chapter 23B; provided further, that the executive office shall not impose unreasonable requirements for third-party verifications and shall accept verifications from a family whenever reasonable; provided further, that this item shall be subject to appropriation and in the event of a deficiency, nothing in this item shall give rise to or shall be construed as giving rise to any enforceable right or entitlement to services in excess of the amounts appropriated in this item; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, not less than 90 days before promulgating or amending any regulations, administrative practices or policies that would alter eligibility for or the level of benefits under this program, other than that which would benefit the clients, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities setting forth justification for such changes including, but not limited to, any determination by the secretary of housing and livable communities that available appropriations will be insufficient to meet projected expenses and the projected savings from any proposed changes; provided further, that no funds from this item shall be expended for personnel or administrative costs; provided further, that the executive office shall submit quarterly reports, broken down by month,
to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing emergency assistance system capacity; provided further, that the executive office shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate ways and means committees, broken down by month, with the most recently available monthly data, including data on the race and ethnicity of all families where available and applicable expressed as a percentage of the total, on: (A) applications for services provided for in this item and in item 7004-0108 and requests for services under this item and item 7008-0108, with a “request for services” defined as any point at which the household seeking services provides information to the executive office as part of any enrollment, triage, or eligibility determination, regardless of whether a formal application is completed and regardless of whether the contact is by telephone, by office visit, or by other means; (B) front-door entries into the emergency assistance system; (C) applications and requests for services provided for in this item and in item 7004-0108 that are denied and the bases of all such denials expressed as a percentage of the total; (D) applications and requests for services provided for in this item and in item 7004-0108 that do not result in a formal denial, a front-door entry into the emergency assistance system or verified diversion as a result of HomeBASE household assistance expressed as a percentage of the total; (E) the number of households submitting multiple applications or making multiple requests for services within the previous 1-month period and the previous 6-month period; (F) diversions as a result of HomeBASE household assistance; (G) exits from the emergency assistance system, delineated by reason for exit, including at-fault terminations, exits because the household is no longer income eligible, exits through HomeBASE household assistance with no other subsidy and exits to affordable, subsidized, or otherwise assisted housing; (H) the number of applications and requests that do not result in the household entering emergency assistance shelter within 48 hours and for which such non-entry is attributable to each of the following: written denial, pending documentation or verifications, no imminent homelessness or household withdrawal of the application; (I) the average, minimum and maximum cost per family of emergency assistance under this item; (J) the number of families served under this item who required further assistance under this item or under item 7004-0108 at a later date; (K) the type of assistance later required and provided; (L) the total number of families receiving assistance under item 7004-0101 that have received assistance under this item or item 7004-0108 during each of the previous 1, 2 and 3 years; (M) the number of children served under this item broken down by age; (N) the number of applications and requests from households that became homeless within 12 months of depleting their HomeBASE household assistance under item 7004-0108; (O) the reasons for homelessness in the applications and requests received under clause (N) and the number of applications and requests received under said clause (N) that are denied; and (P) the average and maximum length of stay for families currently staying in an emergency assistance shelter placement; provided further, that said quarterly reports shall also include the following information from the department of children and families: (I) the number of families assessed for a health and safety risk in the previous quarter; (II) the number of families determined to be at a substantial health and safety risk; (III) the number of families receiving multiple health and safety assessments within the previous 6-month period; and (IV) the standards used to determine a substantial health and safety risk; provided further, that said quarterly reports shall also include: (i) the number of families that applied for a transfer from their current shelter placement to a unit that can
accommodate their disability-related needs, delineated by reason for the application; (ii) the number of families whose applications for reasonable accommodation have been approved but that are waiting for transfer due to lack of available units able to accommodate their disability-related needs, delineated by category of accommodation including, but not limited to, access to cooking facilities, first-floor or elevator access, non-carpeted unit, physical modification to unit, scattered site unit, geographic proximity to service providers and wheelchair accessibility; (iii) the number of families currently in shelter units located more than 20 miles away from their home community; (iv) the number of families with at least 1 child who attends a school other than the child’s school of origin as a result of placement in a shelter unit outside of their home community; (v) both the average and maximum number of days that families spend in placements under the circumstances described in clauses (ii) to (iv), inclusive, prior to being transferred to a shelter unit for which none of the circumstances in said clauses (ii) to (iv), inclusive, apply; (vi) the percentage of applications for a transfer that were approved; and (vii) the average number of days and the maximum number of days between the application submission and the approval; provided further, that funds shall be expended on shelter units suitable to meet the needs of households with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodation; provided further, that funds shall be expended for expenses incurred as a result of families being housed in hotels due to the unavailability of contracted shelter beds; provided further, that not less than $800,000 shall be expended for a Home Works program to provide opportunities for children in the emergency housing assistance program to attend out-of-school time and summer programming run by youth serving organizations; provided further, that a youth serving organization shall apply to contract with the executive office of housing and livable communities to receive contract slots to serve children in the program; and provided further, that the executive office may expend funds for the administration and implementation of the Home Works program ....... $326,071,903

7004-0102 For the homelessness program to assist individuals who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless, including assistance to organizations which provide shelter, transitional housing and services that help individuals avoid entry into shelters or successfully exit shelters; provided, that no organization providing services to the homeless shall receive less than an average per bed, per night rate of $25; provided further, that the executive office of housing and livable communities may allocate funds to other agencies for the program; provided further, that no funds shall be expended for costs associated with the homeless management information system; provided further, that the executive office shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the contracts awarded to service providers; provided further, that the reports shall include, but not be limited to: (i) each contracted service provider; (ii) the amount of the contracts; (iii) a description of the services to be provided; and (iv) the date upon which each contract was executed; provided further, that not less than $90,000,000 appropriated in this item shall be allocated to contracted service providers of homeless individuals in fiscal year 2020; and provided further, that programs currently providing shelter may renegotiate how to use said program’s shelter fund, with the agreement of the executive office and the host municipality, to provide alternative services proven to be effective, including housing first models, transitional housing and diversion away from shelters .............................................. $110,752,398
For the home and healthy for good program operated by Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, Inc. to reduce the incidence of chronic and long-term homelessness in the commonwealth; provided, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to continue a supportive housing initiative for unaccompanied homeless young adults who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning; provided further, that Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, Inc. shall be solely responsible for the administration of this program; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended by the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, Inc. for promotion, resource development, and technical assistance related to the creation of permanent supportive housing for persons with disabilities who are experiencing homelessness and other solutions to homelessness; provided further, that later than February 28, 2025, the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, Inc. shall submit a report to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the executive office of housing and livable communities, the joint committee on housing and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (i) the number of people served, including available demographic information; (ii) the average cost per participant; (iii) whether participants have previously received services from the executive office; and (iv) any projected cost-savings to the commonwealth associated with this program; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for a statewide permanent supportive housing program to serve people experiencing long-term homelessness and who have complex medical and behavioral health needs for the purpose of ending homelessness, promoting housing stability and reducing costly utilization of emergency and acute care; provided further, that the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, Inc. shall be solely responsible for the administration of this program; provided further, that not later than February 28, 2025, the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, Inc. shall submit a report to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the executive office of housing and livable communities, the joint committee on housing and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (a) the number of people served, including available demographic information; (b) the average cost per participant; (c) whether participants have previously received services from the executive office; and (d) any projected cost-savings associated with this program for the executive office or in the utilization of emergency and acute care ................................................................................................. $8,890,000

For permanent supportive housing units to house individuals experiencing homelessness and mitigate overcrowding in homeless shelters; provided, that not less than $3,005,000 may be expended to sustain low-threshold sponsor-based leasing that had been previously linked to the pay-for-success projects funded through the Social Innovation Financing Trust Fund established under section 35VV of chapter 10 of the General Laws; provided further, that the executive office of housing and livable communities shall prioritize geographic equity when expending funds from this item; provided further, that the executive office may contract directly with the organizations that received Social Innovation Financing vouchers funded under item 7004-9024 in fiscal year 2022; and provided further, that not later than February 28, 2025, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the distribution methodology and locations of units supported by this item........ $8,905,000
For the continued implementation and evaluation of the homeless family preference in private multi-family housing program established by New Lease for Homeless Families, Inc. $250,000

For the administration of local housing programs; provided, that not less than $80,000 shall be expended to the Martha’s Vineyard Commission to update housing production plans for towns in the county of Dukes County; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for the Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action, Inc. for outreach related to and the operation of its confronting the history of housing discrimination curriculum and for the development of additional curriculum units; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to New Beginnings Reentry Services, Inc. to reduce recidivism and provide housing to formerly incarcerated women in the city of Boston transitioning back into the community; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to support staffing at W.A.T.C.H., INC and to prevent evictions; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to maintain patient safety and security at the Community Day Center of Waltham, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the city of Somerville to establish a short-term housing bridge pilot program to facilitate interim housing stability for individuals applying for more affordable permanent housing situations; provided further, that eligibility for the pilot program shall include households with individuals: (i) age 60 or older residing in the city of Somerville, who are otherwise eligible for housing under item 7004-9005 or item 7004-9024; (ii) with incomes of not more than 80 per cent of the area median income; and (iii) at risk of eviction due to their inability to consistently pay rent; provided further, that households participating in the pilot program shall not, while receiving such assistance, be required to pay more than 30 per cent of their monthly adjusted income for rent; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the city of Revere to create a pilot program for grants of not less than $5,000 directed to eligible first-time homebuyers who have lived in a jurisdiction selected by the city for not less than 18 months; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Crossroads Family Shelter in the East Boston section of the city of Boston to provide mental health, substance use and clinical recovery services for those impacted by family homelessness; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Chelsea Restoration Corporation in the city of Chelsea to promote home ownership for low-to-moderate income residents in the city of Chelsea and the surrounding areas; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for SouthCoast Fair Housing, Inc. to promote equitable access to safe, affordable housing for all residents throughout Bristol and Plymouth counties; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to Pathway to Possible, Inc. in the city of Newton to provide housing, support and advocacy for people with cognitive and developmental disabilities; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for Newton At Home, Inc. to provide financial assistance to qualifying seniors in the city of Newton; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to Welcome Home, Inc. in the city of Newton for its home goods pantry; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Transgender Emergency Fund of Massachusetts, Inc. for efforts and programming including, but not limited to, supports for housing insecure and homeless individuals; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended to Housing Families, Inc. to purchase transport vans; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the city of Fitchburg for downtown
housing development and site improvement; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for Community Action Agency of Somerville, Inc. for tenant rights education and advocacy; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. for its mobile homeless outreach team for service in the cities of Everett, Malden and Medford; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended as grants to the Lynn Housing Authority to provide housing stabilization services and information and referral services to households who face significant barriers to sustaining housing, including, but not limited to, those who are currently or previously have been served with: (i) residential assistance payments under item 7004-9316; or (ii) emergency rental assistance and other services under the executive office of housing and livable communities’ 2019 novel coronavirus eviction diversion initiative; provided further, that not less than $350,000 shall be expended for Horizons for Homeless Children, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended to Northern Bristol County Assistance Collaborative, Inc. for costs associated with the construction of a low to middle-income housing dwelling with no less than 40 units, dedicated to seniors; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the United Way of Pioneer Valley, Inc. on behalf of the Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness to facilitate regional coordination across Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire counties to prevent and end homelessness with a housing first approach that centers on racial equity; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Somerville Homeless Coalition Incorporated in the city of Somerville to support programs for homeless individuals; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Quincy Community Action Programs, Inc. for homelessness prevention services; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Housing Assistance Corporation for the development of housing opportunities including but not limited to accessory development units; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Friendly House, Inc. in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Quinsigamond Community Village Center in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Charles River Center for pre-development expenses; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to NewVue Communities, Inc. and RCAP Solutions, Inc. for the purposes of launching a pilot program to address systemic challenges to accessing sustainable housing for Leominster residents with a focus on target populations that are not assisted by the existing housing ecosystem; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the Watertown housing authority for the design of new residential units at Lexington Gardens; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Scope Apparel HQ to support the Voices of Liberation program general operating and housing organizing expenses; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, Inc. to distribute to HEAL Lawrence to support victims of fires or any other disaster in the city of Lawrence and to assist victims with securing rental insurance; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for Lower Cape Cod Community Development Corporation d/b/a the Community Development Partnership; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for Housing Families homeless children program in Malden; and provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Springfield Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. $3,265,000
For a program of short-term housing assistance to help families eligible for temporary emergency shelter under item 7004-0101 in addressing obstacles to maintaining or securing housing; provided, that the assistance shall include not less than 12 months of housing stabilization and economic self-sufficiency case management services for each family receiving benefits under this item; provided further, that a family shall not receive more than $30,000 in a 24-month period from this item; provided further, the executive office of housing and livable communities shall provide household assistance in an amount up to $15,000, or a higher cap established in item 7004-0108, for a subsequent 12-month period to eligible families; provided further, that not less than $2,500,000 shall be made available to administering agencies for circumstances in which the administering agency believes an award greater than $30,000 in a 24-month period is essential to resolve a housing crisis, in accordance with guidance from the executive office of housing and livable communities; provided further, that so long as a family meets the requirements of its housing stabilization plan, a family that received household assistance under this item whose income increases shall not become ineligible for assistance due to exceeding the income limit for the first 12 months from the date their income initially increased; provided further, that a family shall not be deemed ineligible as a result of any single violation of a self-sufficiency plan; provided further, that the executive office of housing and livable communities shall take all steps necessary to enforce regulations to prevent abuse in the short-term housing transition program, including a wage match agreement with the department of revenue; provided further, that a family that was terminated from the program or did not make a good faith effort to follow its housing stabilization plan during the term of its assistance shall be ineligible for benefits under said item 7004-0101 and this item for 12 months from the last date the family received financial assistance under said item 7004-0101 and this item; provided further, that a family's housing stabilization plan shall adequately accommodate the ages and disabilities of the family members; provided further, that families receiving benefits under this program who are found ineligible for continuing benefits shall be eligible for aid pending a timely appeal under chapter 23B of the General Laws; provided further, that families who are denied assistance under this item may appeal that denial under said chapter 23B, including subsection (F) of section 30 of said chapter 23B and regulations adopted to implement said chapter 23B; provided further, that the executive office, as a condition of continued eligibility for assistance under this program, may require disclosure of social security numbers by all members of a family receiving assistance under this item for use in verification of income with other agencies, departments and executive offices; provided further, that if a family member fails to provide a social security number for use in verifying the family's income and eligibility, then the family shall no longer be eligible to receive benefits from this program; provided further, that the executive office shall administer this program through the following agencies, unless administering agencies are otherwise procured by the executive office: the Berkshire Housing Development Corporation; Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance, Inc.; Community Teamwork Inc.; the Housing Assistance Corporation; the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority; Way Finders, Inc.; Metro Housing Boston; the Lynn Housing Authority and Neighborhood Development; the South Middlesex Opportunity Council, Inc.; NeighborWorks Housing Solutions; and RCAP Solutions, Inc.; provided further, that the executive office shall reallocate
funding based on performance-based statistics from underperforming service providers to above average service providers in order to move as many families from hotels, motels or shelters into more sustainable housing; provided further, that the executive office shall use funds provided under this program for stabilization workers to focus efforts on housing retention and to link households to supports, including job training, education, job search and child care opportunities available, and may enter into agreements with other public and private agencies for the provision of such services; provided further, that a stabilization worker shall be assigned to each household; provided further, that funds shall be used to more rapidly transition families served by the program into temporary or permanent sustainable housing; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, not less than 90 days before promulgating or amending any regulation, administrative practice or policy that would alter eligibility for or the level of benefits under this program to less than the benefit level available on June 30, 2024, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate setting forth the justification for such changes including, but not limited to, any determination by the secretary of housing and livable communities that available appropriations will be insufficient to meet projected expenses; provided further, that the executive office shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means, which shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) number of families served, including available demographic information, as well as the number of children served under this item broken down by age; (ii) type of assistance given; (iii) average, minimum and maximum cost per family of said assistance; and (iv) total number of families receiving benefits under item 7004-0101 that have received assistance under item 7004-0108 during the previous 1, 2 and 3 years, including available demographic information; provided further, that the executive office shall expend funds under item 7004-0108 on families residing in temporary emergency shelters and family residential treatment or sober living programs under items 4512-0200 and 4513-1130 if said families otherwise meet all eligibility requirements applicable to emergency shelter under item 7004-0101, except that, solely for the purposes of this item, the fact that a family is residing in a temporary emergency domestic violence shelter under item 4513-1130 or in a family residential treatment or sober living program under item 4512-0200 shall not preclude said family from receiving assistance; provided further, that this item shall be subject to appropriation and, in the event of a deficiency, nothing in this item shall give rise to, any enforceable right or entitlement to services in excess of the amounts appropriated in this item; provided further, the executive office of housing and livable communities shall submit quarterly reports to house and senate committees on ways and means, which shall include, but not be limited to, efforts made to work in collaboration with the office for refugees and immigrants and resettlement agencies; and provided further, that household assistance funds shall be advanced to the administering agencies at the end of each month and before the next month's disbursement, the amount of which shall be estimated based on the prior month's expenditure with a reconciliation not less than annually ..............................................................$57,322,001

7004-0109 For the shelter workforce development initiative, to provide pathways to careers in fields related to housing and homelessness; provided, that funds shall be expended to address barriers to obtaining and sustaining...
shelter employment including, but not limited to, transportation, loan repayment, tuition or certification fee reimbursement, and child care; provided further, that, not less than $5,000,000 be made available to shelters contracted through item 7004-0101; provided further, that not less than $5,000,000 be made available to shelters contracted through item 7004-0102; and provided further, that the secretary of housing and livable communities shall submit a report to the joint committee on housing and the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than March 3, 2025, detailing the expenditures and hiring outcomes of the program..............................................................................................................$10,000,000

7004-0202 For the rapid transition of homeless individuals into sustainable permanent housing; provided, that programs under this item shall be administered by direct service providers contracted under item 7004-0102; provided further, that these programs may include, but shall not be limited to, vocational training, temporary assistance and permanent supportive housing; and provided further, that not later than January 31, 2025, the executive office of housing and livable communities shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the: (i) total number of people served; (ii) total number of people transitioned into permanent housing; (iii) types of programs implemented, (iv) vocational training programs, delineated by job type; (v) number of people participating in said training programs, (vi) the number of people who transitioned from said training programs into full time employment; (vii) the number of people exiting the shelter system as a result of full time employment; and (viii) the number of people diverted from the shelter system..............................................................................................................................................$5,000,000

7004-3036 For housing services and counseling; provided, that funds shall be expended as grants to 9 regional housing consumer education centers operated by the regional nonprofit housing authorities; provided further, that the grants shall be awarded through a competitive application process under criteria established by the executive office of housing and livable communities; provided further, that not less than $1,500,000 shall be expended for housing stabilization services for certain households served with residential assistance payments under item 7004-9316 or emergency rental assistance under the executive office’s 2019 novel coronavirus eviction diversion initiative, who face significant barriers to sustaining housing payments; and provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Regional Housing Network of Massachusetts, Inc. for coordination and information technology ..............................................................................................................$10,474,000

7004-3045 For a tenancy preservation program for neutral party consultation services in eviction cases before the housing court department of the trial court for individuals with disabilities and for families with individuals with disabilities; provided, that the disability of the program participant or family member must be directly related to the reason for eviction to be eligible for the program, prior appropriation continued..............................................................................................................$2,042,755

7004-4314 For the expenses of a service coordinators program established by the executive office of housing and livable communities to assist tenants residing in state-aided public housing; provided, that the executive office shall distribute funding for resident service coordinators in a geographically equitable manner; and provided further, that funding shall be made available for resident service coordinators that serve multiple smaller housing authorities ..............................................................................................................................................$6,500,000
For subsidies to housing authorities and nonprofit organizations, including funds for deficiencies caused by certain reduced rentals in housing for the elderly, handicapped, veterans, families and relocated persons under sections 32 and 40 of chapter 121B of the General Laws; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all housing authorities operating elderly public housing shall offer first preference for elderly public housing units that are vacant on the effective date of this act, and thereafter, to those persons 60 years of age or older as of June 30, 2024 receiving rental assistance from the Massachusetts rental voucher program; provided further, that the executive office of housing and livable communities may expend funds appropriated under this item for deficiencies caused by certain reduced rentals which may be anticipated in the operation of housing authorities for the first quarter of the subsequent fiscal year; provided further, that no funds shall be expended from this item to reimburse the debt service reserve included in the budgets of housing authorities; provided further, that no funds shall be expended from this item in the AA object class for the compensation of state employees; provided further, that the amount appropriated in this item shall be considered to meet all obligations under said sections 32 and 40 of said chapter 121B; provided further, that new reduced rental units developed in fiscal year 2025 eligible for subsidies under this item shall not cause any annualization that results in an amount exceeding the amount appropriated in this item; provided further, that all funds in excess of normal utilities, operations and maintenance costs may be expended for capital repairs; provided further, that no employee of a housing authority shall simultaneously be an elected executive officer within the same municipality in which the authority is located; and provided further, that the administration shall make every attempt to direct efforts toward rehabilitating housing authority family units requiring $10,000 or less in repairs ...........................................................$113,000,000

General Fund ..........................................................83.45%
Local Capital Projects Fund ........................................16.55%

For costs associated with the implementation of the duties of the executive office of housing and livable communities under chapter 235 of the acts of 2014; provided, that in conjunction with said duties, funds may be expended on the creation and implementation of an information technology platform for state-aided public housing to be administered by the executive office; and provided further, that the executive office, in making changes to said information technology platform, shall collaborate and coordinate with housing authorities to ensure equitable and effective systems.................................................................$1,250,000

For the Massachusetts rental voucher program to provide rental assistance for low-income families and elderly persons through mobile and project-based vouchers; provided, that the income of eligible households shall not exceed 80 per cent of the area median income; provided further, that the executive office of housing and livable communities may require that not less than 75 per cent of newly issued vouchers be targeted to households whose income at initial occupancy does not exceed 30 per cent of the area median income; provided further, that the executive office may award mobile vouchers to eligible households currently occupying project-based units that shall expire due to the non-renewal of project-based rental assistance contracts; provided further, that the executive
office, as a condition of continued eligibility for vouchers and voucher payments, may require disclosure of social security numbers by participants and members of a participant’s household in the Massachusetts rental voucher program for use in verification of income with other agencies, departments and executive offices; provided further, that if a participant or member of a participant’s household fails to provide a social security number for use in verifying the household’s income and eligibility, then that household shall no longer be eligible for a voucher or to receive benefits from the voucher program; provided further, that until the implementation of a payment standard by the executive office for all voucher holders, each household shall pay not less than 30 per cent of its monthly adjusted income but not more than 40 per cent of its monthly adjusted income for rent at initial occupancy; provided further, that until the implementation of such payment standard, the monthly dollar amount of each voucher shall be the executive office-approved monthly rent of the unit less the monthly amount paid for rent by the household; provided further, that any household that is proven to have caused intentional damage to its rental unit in an amount exceeding 2 months of rent during any 1-year period shall be terminated from the program; provided further, that if the use of a mobile voucher is or has been discontinued, then the mobile voucher shall be reassigned; provided further, that the executive office shall pay regional administering agencies not less than $50 per voucher per month for the costs of administering the program; provided further, that subsidies shall not be reduced due to the cost of inspections; provided further, that the executive office shall provide assistance using a payment standard so that the required household payment for a household choosing a unit with gross rent less than or equal to the payment standard shall be not more than 30 per cent of the household’s monthly adjusted income, with “gross rent” defined as the contract rent plus an amount allowed by the executive office for tenant-paid utilities; provided further, that the payment standard shall be set, at the discretion of the executive office, at either 110 per cent of the current area-wide fair market rent or 110 per cent of the current small area fair market rent, both as established by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the same size of dwelling unit in the same region, except as necessary as a reasonable accommodation for a household member with a disability or as otherwise directed by the executive office, except that a reduction by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in such fair market rental shall not reduce the payment standard applied to a household continuing to reside in a unit without a change in voucher size for which the household was receiving assistance at the time the fair market rent or small area fair market rent was reduced; provided further, that if the gross rent for the unit does not exceed the applicable payment standard, the monthly assistance payment for the household for both project-based and tenant-based assistance shall be equal to the gross rent less the required household payment, except that the required household payment in any project-based unit that is subsidized under another federal or state subsidy or public housing program shall be subject to applicable limits on tenant-paid rent under such federal or state program; provided further, that for a household receiving tenant-based assistance under this section, if the household chooses a unit with a gross rent that exceeds the applicable payment standard, the monthly assistance payment for the household shall be limited to the amount by which the applicable payment standard exceeds 30 per cent of the monthly adjusted income of the household; provided further, that even if a household with tenant-based assistance chooses a unit with gross rent exceeding the payment
standard, at the time the household initially leases a dwelling, the total amount that the household may be required to pay for gross rent, including the amount by which the gross rent exceeds the payment standard, shall not exceed 40 per cent of the monthly adjusted income of the household at the time the household initially receives tenant-based assistance with respect to any dwelling; provided further, that households receiving tenant-based assistance under this section may pay more than 40 per cent of the monthly adjusted income of the household, at their option; provided further, that the executive office shall establish the amounts of the mobile and project-based vouchers so that the appropriation in this item shall not be exceeded by payments for rental assistance and administration; provided further, that the executive office shall not enter into commitments that shall cause it to exceed the appropriation set forth in this item; provided further, that participating local housing authorities may take all steps necessary to enable them to transfer mobile voucher program participants from the Massachusetts rental voucher program into another housing subsidy program; provided further, that the executive office's approved monthly rent limits for mobile vouchers issued or leased on or after July 1, 2024 shall be equal to 110 per cent of the area-wide or small area fair market rent, except as necessary as a reasonable accommodation for a household member with a disability, as determined by the executive office, based on unit size as established annually by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; provided further, that the requested rent level for mobile vouchers shall be determined reasonable by the administering agency; provided further, that for mobile vouchers currently leased, the new rent limit shall not begin until the anniversary date of the lease; provided further, that the executive office may assist housing authorities at their written request, in the immediate implementation of a homeless prevention program utilizing alternative housing resources available to them for low-income families and the elderly by designating participants in the Massachusetts rental voucher program as at risk of displacement by public action through no fault of their own; provided further, that not later than December 2, 2024, the executive office of housing and livable communities shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on housing on the utilization of rental vouchers during the last 3 fiscal years under this item and item 7004-9030; provided further, that the report shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) number and average value of rental vouchers currently distributed in the commonwealth in each county and in each municipality; (ii) average number of days that it takes for a household to utilize a voucher after receiving it from the administering agency; (iii) number of households that reach the date by which they must lease up their voucher without having found an available unit; (iv) number of households that apply for an extension by the deadline to lease up their voucher and the number of extensions granted; (v) actions taken by the executive office to reduce the wait time for households to lease up their voucher; (vi) number of distributed vouchers available to be utilized; (vii) number and type of new vouchers issued after July 1, 2024; (viii) number of families on a waitlist for an available rental voucher; (ix) average number of days that it takes for project-based vouchers awarded by the executive office to be utilized after the award is made; and (x) obstacles faced by the executive office in its efforts to provide the information detailed in the preceding provisos, if applicable; provided further, that the report shall comply with state and federal privacy standards; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for The Forbes Building to provide for programming and wrap around services for elderly persons; and
provided further, that the executive office may expend funds from this item for costs related to the completion of the voucher management system, prior appropriation continued.................................................................................................................. $219,238,574

7004-9030 For the rental assistance program established in section 16 of chapter 179 of the acts of 1995; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, assistance may be provided in the form of either mobile vouchers or project-based vouchers; provided further, that the vouchers shall be in varying dollar amounts set by the executive office of housing and livable communities based on considerations including, but not limited to, household size, composition, household income and geographic location; provided further, that the executive office's approved monthly rent limits for vouchers newly issued or leased after a date set by the executive office, but not later than June 30, 2025, shall be set, at the discretion of the executive office, at either up to 110 per cent of the current area-wide fair market rent or up to 110 per cent of the current small area fair market rent, except as necessary as a reasonable accommodation for a household member with a disability or as otherwise directed by the executive office, both based on unit size as established annually by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the same size of dwelling unit in the same region; provided further, that the requested rent level for vouchers shall be determined reasonable by the administering agency; provided further, that for vouchers currently leased, the new rent limit shall not begin until the anniversary date of the lease; provided further, that any household that is proven to have caused intentional damage to its rental unit in an amount exceeding 2 months of rent during any 1-year period shall be terminated from the program; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be no maximum percentage applicable to the amount of income paid for rent by each household holding a mobile voucher; provided further, that unless the executive office implements a payment standard or utility allowance for the program, each household may be required to pay not less than 25 per cent of its net income as defined under regulations promulgated by the executive office for units if payment of utilities is not provided by the unit owner or not less than 30 per cent of its income for units if payment of utilities is provided by the unit owner; provided further, that payments for the rental assistance program may be provided in advance; provided further, that the executive office shall establish the amounts of the mobile vouchers so that the appropriation in this item is not exceeded by payments for rental assistance and administration; provided further, that the executive office shall not enter into commitments which shall cause it to exceed the appropriation set forth in this item; provided further, that the amount of a rental assistance voucher payment for an eligible household shall not exceed the rent less the household’s minimum rent obligation; and provided further, that not later than December 16, 2024, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (i) expenditures from this item; (ii) the number of outstanding rental vouchers; and (iii) the number and types of units leased, prior appropriation continued.................................................................................................................................................................................. $16,355,696

7004-9031 For capital grants to improve or create accessible affordable housing units for persons with disabilities; provided, that grants shall be administered by the executive office of housing and livable communities in consultation with the executive office of health and human services; provided further, that the executive office shall prioritize capital projects that include units
that accommodate or will accommodate voucher recipients under the alternative housing voucher program established in chapter 179 of the acts of 1995; provided further, that the projects shall be for the purpose of improved accessibility and may include, but not be limited to, the widening of entrance ways, the installation of ramps, the renovation of kitchen or bathing facilities, the installation of signage in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the implementation of assistive technologies; and provided further, that not later than February 28, 2025, the executive office shall submit a report to the joint committee on housing and the house and senate committees on ways and means including, but not be limited to, the: (i) number of eligible units created or modified; (ii) types of capital projects funded; and (iii) costs associated with these projects..........................................................$2,500,000

7004-9033 For rental subsidies to eligible clients of the department of mental health; provided, that the executive office of housing and livable communities shall establish the amounts of such subsidies so that payment of the rental subsidies and of any other commitments from this item shall not exceed the amount appropriated in this item.............................................................................................................$16,548,125

7004-9034 For a housing assistance for re-entry transition pilot program; provided, that the program shall be administered by the executive office of housing and livable communities in consultation with the executive office of public safety and security; provided further, that funds shall be expended for rental subsidies to participants in re-entry programs funded under items 8000-0655 and 8900-1100 and nonprofit reentry programs serving participants returning to the community from a county correctional facility or state prison; and provided further, that the executive office of housing and livable communities shall establish the amount of said subsidies so that executive office spending does not exceed the amount appropriated; and provided further, that not later than October 2, 2024, the executive office shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on program design and implementation, including the: (i) amount proposed for said subsidies; (ii) estimated number of individuals who would qualify for said subsidies, including the methodology for determining said subsidy amounts; (iii) number of individuals who qualify for said subsidies, including available demographic information; (iv) planned distribution of funds; (v) other reentry services and programs available to said participants; and (vi) amount of average subsidy in fiscal year 2025 compared to the preceding 2 fiscal years, prior appropriation continued ........... $3,000,000

7004-9315 For the executive office of housing and livable communities, which may expend for the administration and monitoring of the low-income housing tax credit and local administration programs not more than $3,493,584 from fees collected under these programs; provided, that funds may be expended for the costs of administering and monitoring the programs, including the costs of personnel, subject to the approval of the secretary of housing and livable communities; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the executive office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .................................................$3,493,584
For a program to provide assistance in addressing obstacles to maintaining or securing housing for families with a household income: (i) not more than 30 per cent of area median income who are homeless and moving into subsidized or private housing or are at risk of becoming homeless; or (ii) more than 30 per cent but not more than 50 per cent of area median income who are homeless and moving into subsidized or private housing or are at risk of becoming homeless due to a significant reduction of income or increased expenses; provided, that assistance shall be administered by the executive office of housing and livable communities through contracts with the regional HomeBASE agencies; provided further, that not less than 50 per cent of the funds shall be provided to households with an income not more than 30 per cent of area median income, subject to the executive office’s discretion based on data reflecting program demand and usage; provided further, that in distributing 50 per cent of the funds, the executive office shall prioritize those families most likely to otherwise require shelter services under item 7004-0101; provided further, that the amount of financial assistance shall not exceed $7,000 in any 12-month period; provided further, that residential assistance payments may be made through direct vendor payments according to standards to be established by the executive office; provided further, that the agencies shall establish a system for referring families approved for residential assistance payments, who the agencies determine would benefit from these services, to existing community-based programs that provide additional housing stabilization supports, including assistance in obtaining housing subsidies and locating alternative housing that is safe and affordable for any such families; provided further, that the program shall be administered under guidelines established by the executive office; provided further, that income verification shall be conducted by using: (a) documentation provided by the household, requiring the same documentation and process used to conduct income verification under this item in fiscal year 2024 or fewer documents as directed by the executive office; (b) third-party income verification; or (c) validated receipt of certain MassHealth or department of transitional assistance benefits demonstrating that the household earns less than 50 per cent of area median income; provided further, that the manner in which income verification is conducted shall be at the discretion of the executive office but that the executive office shall not discontinue the use of said options for income verification listed in the preceding proviso; provided further, that the executive office shall allow a short, simple application requiring minimal processing time; provided further, that the executive office shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the: (1) number of families who applied for assistance; (2) number of families approved for assistance; (3) minimum, median and average amount of financial assistance awarded; (4) total amount of assistance awarded to date, including a breakdown by income category; and (5) number of families falling into each income category; provided further, that the executive office shall track a family’s reason for assistance by the same categories used in item 7004-0101; provided further, that not less than $3,000,000 shall be expended to provide assistance to households of all sizes and configurations including, but not limited to, elders, persons with disabilities and unaccompanied youths; provided further, that household assistance funds shall be advanced to the administering agencies at the end of each month and prior to the next month’s disbursement, the amount of which shall be estimated based on the prior month’s expenditure with a reconciliation not less than annually; provided further, that notwithstanding clauses (i) and (ii), funds shall be
expended to families and individuals who are at risk of injury or harm due to domestic violence in their current housing situation and whose household income is not more than 60 per cent of the area median income; provided further, that families and individuals that are at risk of injury or harm from domestic violence who meet the qualifications of enrollment in the address confidentiality program shall be afforded the opportunity to register with and become enrolled in the address confidentiality program as offered by the secretary of the commonwealth; and provided further, that the executive office shall distribute funds under this item as well as said federal sources and other public and private sources of short-term rental and mortgage assistance in a manner that prioritizes: (aa) those communities most affected by the impacts of the 2019 novel coronavirus; and (bb) geographic equity .................................................................$197,406,952

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Office of the Secretary.

7002-0010 For the operation of the office of the secretary of economic development, including the operation of the Massachusetts permit regulatory office and the operation of the office of the director of wireless and broadband affairs; provided, that agencies within the executive office may, with the prior approval of the secretary, streamline and improve administrative operations pursuant to interdepartmental service agreements; provided, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended as a grant to the SouthCoast Community Foundation, Inc. to provide support to local or regional community-based organizations; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for the United Way of North Central Massachusetts for the Leominster Flood Relief Fund to reimburse Leominster residents for damages related to severe weather events that occurred in September 2023; provided further, that not less than $275,000 shall be expended to Greater Lowell Community Foundation, Inc. in the city of Lowell for community programs; provided further, that not less than $175,000 shall be expended to FORGE to operate a statewide program that promotes manufacturing and innovation by supporting manufacturing readiness for startups and connecting them to Massachusetts-based manufacturers to promote local supply chains and future resiliency; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for Women’s Money Matters, Inc. to provide support for financial wellness programs; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for the Beacon Communities Charitable Fund, Inc. for the Tierney learning center; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to Pal Pueblo, Inc. community organization that empowers Latinos to be agents of change to build a stronger, more inclusive community; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to Historic New England to support its welcome center, programs and exhibits; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Asian-American Women’s Political Initiative, Inc. for programming needs; provided further, that $200,000 shall be expended for the Homeless Prevention Council, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended to Nonprofit Center of the Berkshires, Inc. for the purpose of providing additional resources, support and training to over 1,000 Berkshire nonprofits to aid in strengthening their capacity to serve critical needs in the Berkshire community; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for MassCultivatED’s cannabis industry
workforce development and jobs training programs; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for MassChallenge, Inc. to provide support for entrepreneurial programs; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Gardner Community Action Committee, Inc. to facilitate their relocation and to cover certain capital needs and operations; and provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the Federacion Hispana De Comerciantes, Inc. to furnish technical assistance to business in Lawrence and Methuen, emphasizing financial management, capital acquisition, legal adherence, foundational startup concepts and certification for supplier diversity .......................$7,883,258

7002-0017  For the provision of information technology services within the executive office of economic development .................................................................$2,151,666

7002-0020  For a transfer to the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation established in section 3 of chapter 40J of the General Laws and doing business as the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, for an advanced manufacturing program that provides a fully coordinated manufacturing training system for unemployed and underemployed individuals, including veterans .........................................................$2,500,000

7002-0025  For operational support grants to community action agencies; provided, that criteria for the distribution of the grants, including minimum or maximum grant size, eligible uses, and any relevant reporting and accountability measures, shall be developed jointly with the Massachusetts Association for Community Action, Inc. or MASSCAP; and provided further, that the grants shall be used to assist the agencies in their mission to assist residents of the commonwealth living with low incomes to stabilize their lives and achieve economic prosperity, and in creating and expanding opportunity for those residents in the neighborhoods and municipalities where they live and work .........................$5,000,000

7002-0032  For the operation of the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation established in section 3 of chapter 40J of the General Laws and doing business as the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, including the John Adams Innovation Institute and the Massachusetts Broadband Institute ...........................................................................................................$2,500,000

7002-0036  For a competitive grant program to work with urban entrepreneurs to promote small businesses, create new jobs and support workforce development and training initiatives in urban communities; provided, that the program shall be administered by the executive office of economic development; and provided further, that funds may be used for planning grants to local housing authorities and municipalities in urban areas to develop new affordable rental or homeownership housing .........................$2,500,000

7002-0040  For a transfer to the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation for the small business technical assistance grant program; provided, that grants shall be disbursed to community development corporations certified under chapter 40H of the General Laws, nonprofit community development financial institutions certified by the United States Department of the Treasury or nonprofit community-based organizations to provide technical assistance or training programs to businesses with not more than 20 employees; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Lever, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to ACT Lawrence, Inc., a non-profit community development
corporation to empower residents with a range of community development initiatives and activities such as affordable housing, foreclosure prevention, first-time homebuyer education, family financial literacy and business and youth development; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to International Veteran Care Services, Inc. to mitigate food insecurity, provide housing relief, and administer other essential services to members of the veteran community within the Merrimack valley; and provided further, that priority shall be given to those organizations that focus on reaching underserved markets and to worker cooperatives and businesses governed by employee stock ownership plans; and provided further, that not later than January 31, 2025, the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on community development and small businesses detailing the: (i) community development corporations that received grants in fiscal year 2024; (ii) community development corporations that received or are expected to receive grants in fiscal year 2025; and (iii) criteria considered in the distribution of these grants ................................................................................................. $7,625,000

7002-1502 For the Transformative Development Fund established in section 46 of chapter 23G of the General Laws; provided, that not less than $750,000 shall be expended on a neighborhood stabilization initiative to assist local governments and their nonprofit partners to implement strategic neighborhood revitalization initiatives; and provided further, that the initiative shall be developed in consultation with the Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations, and The Massachusetts Institute for a New Commonwealth, Inc. and shall focus on identifying and implementing strategies for reclaiming vacant, abandoned and blighted properties and restoring them to productive use as homeownership opportunities or rental housing, as well as on capacity-building at the local level to address this need ............................................................... $1,000,000

7002-1503 For the Massachusetts Cybersecurity Innovation Fund established in section 4H of chapter 40J of the General Laws; provided, that not less than $1,500,000 shall be expended, in collaboration with community colleges and state universities, to provide regional security operations center services for the monitoring and detection of cyber threat activity to municipalities, nonprofits and small businesses and cyber range services, which shall include opportunities for cybersecurity workforce training .......... $2,450,000

7002-1508 For the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation established in section 3 of chapter 40J of the General Laws and doing business as the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative to establish programs that provide advice and training from successful, experienced entrepreneurs for startup enterprises and that create a talent pipeline to technology startups and innovation companies; provided, that funds shall be expended, in consultation with the Massachusetts Technology Development Corporation established in section 2 of chapter 40G and doing business as MassVentures, for an entrepreneur and startup mentoring program to provide assistance, mentoring and advice to startups and innovation companies by connecting early-stage entrepreneurs, technology startups and small businesses with successful, experienced business enterprises and capital financing; provided further, that the program shall make every reasonable effort to encourage diversity among participants; provided further, that all funds shall be expended for paid internships for students seeking careers in technology and innovation
industries to work with companies competing actively in those fields; provided further, that the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative shall seek private funds necessary to match contributions equal to $1 for every $1 contributed by the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative through the internship program; provided further, that as a condition of such grants being awarded, the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative shall reach an agreement with the grant recipient on performance measures and indicators that shall be used to evaluate the performance of the grant recipient in carrying out the activities described in the recipient's application; provided further, that not later than June 16, 2025, the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative shall submit an annual report summarizing each program to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies; provided further, that the paid internship program report shall include the number of placements of students in paid internships during the academic year and an analysis of the impact of the program on the ability of its participants to enter the full-time job market in the technology and innovation industries after graduation; provided further, that the entrepreneurship program report shall include an overview of the activities of the programs, the number of participants in the programs and an analysis of the impact of the programs on the success of the participants’ startup business ventures; and provided further, that the funds appropriated in this item shall not revert but shall be made available for these purposes through June 30, 2026

7002-1509 For an entrepreneur-in-residence program to be administered by the Massachusetts Technology Development Corporation, doing business as MassVentures, to encourage the part-time employment by institutions of higher education or their nonprofit affiliates of entrepreneurs who are not citizens of the United States, and who desire to move to or remain in the commonwealth on a nonimmigrant status following a period of study for a masters or doctorate degree in the sciences, technological fields, engineering, mathematics, accounting, finance, economics, business or business administration; provided, that the program shall support entrepreneurs who have established, or who have the skills and demonstrate the intention to create, a new business venture in the commonwealth; and provided further, that the program shall support entrepreneurs and part-time employers who commit to apply for a nonimmigrant H-1B visa under § 101(a)(15)(h)(i)(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 ................................................................. $220,000

7002-1510 For the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation established in section 3 of chapter 40J of the General Laws and doing business as the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative to support the operations and programming of the Center for Advanced Manufacturing ........................................ $1,200,000

7002-1517 For technical assistance to municipalities to promote compact, walkable downtowns that have a mix of commercial and residential uses, cultural and recreational amenities and access to public transportation .......................................... $600,000

7002-1518 For the Innovation Commercialization Seed Fund established in section 45B of chapter 75 of the General Laws ............................................................... $400,000

7002-2021 For a community empowerment and reinvestment grant program to be administered by the executive office of economic development to develop, strengthen and invest in communities: (i) that are disproportionately
impacted by the criminal justice system; (ii) where a high percentage of individuals’ incomes fall below 250 per cent of the federal poverty level; and (iii) with a large population of socially and economically disadvantaged and historically underrepresented groups; provided, that the board established in this item in section 2 of chapter 227 of the acts of 2020 shall make recommendations to the executive office on the criteria for making grants available to communities and organizations; provided further, that said board shall consist of individuals from and with experience advocating on behalf of said communities; provided further, that said board shall be comprised entirely of individuals who belong to a demographic of socially and economically disadvantaged and historically underrepresented groups; provided further, that eligible uses of grant funding shall include, but not be limited to, for socially and economically disadvantaged and historically underrepresented groups: (a) job training, job creation and job placement for those who face high barriers to employment in said communities; (b) transitional employment programs, social enterprise, pre-apprenticeship or other training programs; (c) school-based or community-based high school dropout prevention and re-engagement programs; (d) cooperative and small business development programs and community-based workforce development programs; and (e) programs focused on housing stabilization services, addiction treatment and trauma-informed mental health care; and provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (1) criteria established for creating grants; (2) grants approved under this item, delineated by municipality and organization; (3) grants expected to be approved under this item, delineated by municipality and organization; and (4) the status of funds distributed for approved grants .......................................................... $10,000,000

Marijuana Regulation Fund ........................................ 100%

Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation.

7006-0000 For the office of consumer affairs and business regulation, including expenses of an administrative services unit .......................................................... $1,686,160

7006-0043 For the office of consumer affairs and business regulation, which may expend not more than $807,901 from fees collected from the registration and renewal of home improvement contractor registrations under section 11 of chapter 142A of the General Laws for the administration and enforcement of the home improvement contractor registration program; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system ........................................... $807,901

Division of Banks.

7006-0010 For the operation of the division of banks; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the division shall assess 100 per cent of the amount appropriated in this item and the associated fringe benefit costs for personnel paid from this item upon financial institutions that the division currently regulates under section 2 of chapter 167 of the General Laws .......................................................... $25,279,296
For the costs incurred by the division of banks associated with licensure of loan originators under chapter 255F of the General Laws; provided, that the division may expend revenues of not more than $3,050,000 from the revenue received from administrative fees associated with the licensure fees and from civil administrative penalties collected under said chapter 255F; provided further, that not less than $1,500,000 shall be expended by the commissioner of banks as grants for the operation of a program for best lending practices, first-time homeowner counseling for nontraditional loans and not less than 10 foreclosure education centers under section 16 of chapter 206 of the acts of 2007 and that the grants shall be awarded through a competitive application process using criteria established by the division; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the division may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system

Division of Insurance.

For the operation of the division of insurance, including the expenses of the board of appeal on motor vehicle policies and bonds, the associated fringe benefit costs for personnel paid from this item, certain other costs of supervising motor vehicle liability insurance and the expenses of the fraudulent claims board; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, 100 per cent of the amount appropriated in this item and the associated fringe benefit costs for personnel paid from this item shall be assessed upon the institutions which the division currently regulates under general or special laws or regulations, except for licensed business entity producers; and provided further, that the assessment shall be in addition to any assessments currently assessed upon those institutions

Division of Occupational Licensure.

For the costs incurred by the division of banks associated with licensure of loan originators under chapter 255F of the General Laws; provided, that the division may expend revenues of not more than $3,050,000 from the revenue received from administrative fees associated with the licensure fees and from civil administrative penalties collected under said chapter 255F; provided further, that not less than $1,500,000 shall be expended by the commissioner of banks as grants for the operation of a program for best lending practices, first-time homeowner counseling for nontraditional loans and not less than 10 foreclosure education centers under section 16 of chapter 206 of the acts of 2007 and that the grants shall be awarded through a competitive application process using criteria established by the division; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the division may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system
For the operation and administration of the division of occupational licensure ................................................................. $11,701,280

For the administration of the office of public safety and inspections under the division of occupational licensure, which may expend not more than $18,968,153 in revenues collected from fees or fines for annual elevator inspections, building inspections, amusement park ride inspections, state building code trainings and courses of instruction, licensing of pipefitters and hoisting equipment operators, all licensing programs administered by the office of public safety and inspections, revenues from fines collected under section 65 of chapter 143 of the General Laws and fees for appeals of civil fines issued under section 22 of chapter 22 of the General Laws and said section 65 of said chapter 143; provided, that funds shall be expended for the administration of the office of public safety and inspections including, but not limited to: (i) inspectional services; (ii) licensing services; (iii) the architectural access board; (iv) elevator inspections; (v) building inspections; and (vi) amusement device inspections; provided further, that the division shall employ not less than 70 full-time equivalent elevator inspectors, including an additional engineer, and that funds shall be expended to address the existing elevator inspection backlog and to defray the costs associated with performing overtime elevator inspections; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for a reimbursement program to be managed by the division of occupational licensure, which shall provide for the costs associated with the testing for the presence of pyrrhotite; and provided further, that reimbursements shall be made at a rate of 100 per cent for visual testing conducted by a licensed professional engineer for not more than $600 and at a rate of 75 per cent for the testing of 2 core samples for not more than $4,000 ...........................................................................................................................................$18,968,153

Division of Standards.

For the operation of the division of standards ................................................................. $1,718,559

For the division of standards' oversight of motor vehicle repair shops ................. $320,000

For the division of standards, which may retain not more than $836,834 from registration fees and fines collected under sections 184B to 184E, inclusive, of chapter 94 of the General Laws and section 56D of chapter 98 of the General Laws to support its enforcement activities as provided under subsection (h) of section 184D of said chapter 94 and from revenues received from item-pricing violations collected through municipal inspection efforts and from weights and measures fees and fines collected from cities and towns for enforcement of weights and measures laws; provided, that notwithstanding said subsection (h) of said section 184D of said chapter 94, the division shall not fund the municipal grant program as provided under said subsection (h) of said section 184D of said chapter 94; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the
division may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system $836,834

7006-0066 For the support of municipal inspection efforts at the division of standards; provided, that not more than 15 per cent of the amount appropriated in this item shall be expended for administrative costs of the division $160,372

Department of Telecommunications and Cable.

7006-0071 For the operation of the department of telecommunications and cable; provided, that notwithstanding the second sentence of section 7 of chapter 25C of the General Laws, the assessments levied for fiscal year 2025 shall be made at a rate sufficient to produce 100 per cent of the amount appropriated in this item and the associated fringe benefit costs for personnel paid from this item $3,456,243

Massachusetts Office of Business Development.

7007-0150 For the Massachusetts office of business development for contracts with regional economic development organizations under the program established under sections 3J and 3K of chapter 23A of the General Laws; provided, that not less than $1,500,000 shall be utilized for services performed by these organizations and not for attached projects $2,000,000

7007-0300 For the operation of the Massachusetts office of business development and for marketing and promoting the commonwealth in order to attract and retain targeted businesses and industries; provided, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Center for Employee Ownership to contract for services and for other operational costs that further the mission of the center $1,526,818

7007-0500 For the operation and maintenance of the Massachusetts Biomedical Initiatives, Inc. for the commercialization of new, academic-based research and development and raising the scientific awareness of the communities of the commonwealth; provided, that the institute, in collaboration with the office of business development, shall expend not less than $250,000 for initiatives to increase diversity in the fields of life sciences and biotechnology in the commonwealth; provided further, that such initiatives may include, but shall not be limited to: (i) investments in minority-owned businesses; (ii) grants to school districts with significant minority student populations for the development of curricula, purchase of equipment and the provision of internships; (iii) planning and implementation of strategies to recruit, develop and retain a diverse workforce in the fields of life sciences and biotechnology; and (iv) identifying structural and cultural obstacles to the full inclusion of diverse population in the life sciences and biotechnology field, along with recommendations for removing those obstacles; provided further, that not later than January 31, 2025, the institute shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the development, implementation and success of these initiatives, including the disbursement of funds to specific entities as defined in this item; and provided further, that the institute shall seek out private funds necessary to match contributions equal to $1 for every $1 contributed by this item $750,000
For a state matching grant for the small business development center; provided, that no funds shall be expended from this item until the United States Small Business Administration has made a payment or has executed a contract to pay the University of Massachusetts at Amherst for the operation of the center; provided further, that the funds expended from this item shall not exceed 25 per cent of the gross operating cost of the center; provided further, that not more than $300,000 from this item shall be expended for federal procurement technical assistance services within the center; provided further, that such services shall include, but not be limited to, assisting businesses in securing federal contracts, obtaining contract financing, generating responses to requests for proposals, interpreting bid documents, providing educational workshops and seminars and for the electronic identification and tracking of federal bid opportunities; and provided further, that funds expended for federal procurement technical assistance services within the center shall be subject to the receipt of matching funds from federal or private sources, including the United States Department of Defense.................................................$1,426,222

For microlending grants, which shall be issued to established United States Treasury-certified community development financial institutions, United States Small Business Administration microlenders and United States Department of Agriculture microlenders making direct microenterprise and small business loans to borrowers on a regional basis and providing technical assistance to applicants and borrowers in order to foster business establishment and success; provided, that the funds shall be used to support the eligible organizations' lending and technical assistance activities; provided further, that not later than February 14, 2025, the Massachusetts office of business development shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means identifying the: (i) United States Treasury-certified community development financial institutions receiving grant issuances; (ii) names and loan amounts of each business receiving grant funds from the lending institution; (iii) federal dollar match received as a result of making the loan; (iv) number of jobs created through the business loans; and (v) number of failed loans; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the South Eastern Economic Development Corporation for these purposes; and provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for Common Capital, Inc. for these purposes.................................................................$1,500,000

For the operation of the Commonwealth Zoological Corporation established in chapter 92B of the General Laws; provided, that funds appropriated in this item shall be expended to promote private fundraising, achieve self-sufficiency and serve as a catalyst for urban economic development and job opportunities for local residents; provided further, that the corporation shall take all steps necessary to increase the amount of private funding available for the operation of the zoos; provided further, that funding in this item shall not be transferred through interdepartmental service agreements; provided further, that not later than January 31, 2025, the corporation shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the status of, and amounts collected from, the private fundraising and enhanced revenue efforts identified in the draft Massachusetts Zoos Business and Operations Plan dated December 1996; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Lupa Game Farm, Inc. in Ludlow; provided further, that funds may be expended on a matching program to encourage private and corporate donations to support the Franklin Park Zoo and the Walter D. Stone
Memorial Zoo; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be made available for zoos throughout the commonwealth that are not under the purview of the Commonwealth Zoological Corporation; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the Worcester Natural History Society, doing business as the EcoTarium Museum of Science and Nature, in the city of Worcester for its zoological park to support the daily care of the animals, community education programming and capital improvements to animal habitats; and provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the Zoo in Forest Park and Education Center to support workforce and economic development, travel and tourism and wildlife conservation ................................................................. $7,450,000

Massachusetts Marketing Partnership.

7008-0900 For the operation and administration of the office of travel and tourism; provided, that the office shall be the commonwealth’s official and lead agency to facilitate and attract: (i) major sports events and championships; and (ii) motion picture production and development; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for Marblehead for the costs of programing and publications related to the commonwealth’s 250th anniversary of the American Revolution; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, Inc. for an archive project that will protect irreplaceable historical materials including priceless artifacts, digital media and video footage, historical images, books and art and memorabilia and also construct comprehensive digital catalogs to preserve historic artifacts that cover the world of basketball; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended for the Bay State Games; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended for the New American Association of Massachusetts, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Germantown Neighborhood Center in Quincy; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Quincy Asian Resources, Inc. in Quincy; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to Chelmsford for the planting of shade trees along the town’s right of way in the area designated as the environmental justice community; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the DeFillipo playground in Boston; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the historic West Medford Community Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc. in Springfield; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for a matching grant program to the enrichment center located in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to No Books No Ball Basketball Program, A Non-Profit Corporation; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Boston Asian: Youth Essential Service, Inc. organization; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for the moving ahead program at the St. Francis House in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the national champion Dorchester Elite Eagles; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Museum of African American History, Incorporated; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Kingston to support Kingston’s 300th anniversary celebration events; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to The Boston Landmarks Orchestra, Inc. for the purpose of providing free public concerts in Boston; provided further,
that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to The West End Museum, Incorporated for its operations and renovations; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to Revolutionary Spaces, Inc. to address deferred maintenance and make improvements necessary for the operation of the old state house and old south meeting house in Boston; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for the Boch center’s Folk Americana Roots Hall of Fame located in Boston to support the Hall of Fame’s educational mission as well as local economic development through programming and performances at the Folk Americana Roots Hall of Fame; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Wilbraham nature and cultural council for tourism, marketing and advertising purposes; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the operation of New England Public Media, Inc. education efforts that include media lab training sessions, workplace readiness and internships for both in-person and remote instruction sessions to engage high school students in media literacy and the role of fact-based journalism in public media and to illuminate the impact of diversifying the workforce; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the Waltham Tourism Council, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended to the Point of Pines Beach Association, Inc. to support its 75th Anniversary celebration; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended for the North End Youth Organization, Inc. formally known as the Nazzaro Recreation Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Chinatown Business Association, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the Boston Children’s Museum for conservation planning to increase sustainability and protect assets by improving and updating the building envelope; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to North Shore Juneteenth Association Incorporated for community programming; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for The Josiah Quincy School Association in Boston; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended for the Let’s Row Boston program administered by Community Rowing, Inc. in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Addiction Treatment Center of New England, Inc. for the expansion of their three-quarter step unit program; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended to the office of travel and tourism to administer a grant program for places of public accommodation to install private or semi-private diaper changing stations accessible to all persons regardless of sex, gender or disability; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be transferred to the Massachusetts Tourism Trust Fund established in section 13T of chapter 23A of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the city of Newton to upgrade and develop the exhibits at Historic Newton, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $80,000 shall be expended for Irish Cultural Center, Inc. of Western New England located in the city known as the town of West Springfield for improvements to promote tourism in western Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Greater Lawrence Fellowship of the Arts, Inc. for advancement of the cultural arts in the Merrimack valley; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the office to establish an advisory commission as recommended in the report of the special commission relative to the seal and motto of the commonwealth established in chapter 2 of the resolves of 2020, which shall propose a new seal, flag and motto of the commonwealth; provided further, that members of the advisory
For the commonwealth’s local economic development projects; provided, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Lucius Beebe memorial library in Wakefield for the full removal of existing stairs, cleaning of the area, and installation of a new staircase; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for The Urban Farming Institute of
provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended for the city of Melrose for critical upgrades to the city hall front door to address security concerns; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for the purpose of updating and maintaining the public schools IT server in Millis; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for the purpose of vegetation and seepage mitigation for Mirror lake in Norfolk; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the national champion Boston Lady Raiders; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services, Inc. in Shrewsbury to provide mental health services in the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for restoration of the Shrewsbury town common gazebo; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for Parkway little league baseball in the West Roxbury section of the city of Boston for infrastructure and operating costs; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Mansfield to design, plan, and improve development in the parkway from North Main street and Chauncy street, enabling the activation of the train station revitalization district; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Plymouth fire department for the purpose of procuring rescue extricating equipment to enhance its emergency medical response and rescue capabilities; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for public service announcements to be broadcast during From The Top, Inc. ’s radio programming; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for human relations service in the town of Wellesley to address the mental and behavioral health needs of families and children; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the support of small businesses and economic development in Wellesley; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Plymouth downtown waterfront district for local economic development projects to support small business; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended for the Ashland arboretum at the former Cadillac Paint site; provided further, that not less than $70,000 shall be expended for piloting of pole-attached electric vehicle charging stations in Newburyport; provided further, that not less than $85,000 shall be expended for the NEADS, Inc. service dogs for veterans program to train service dogs for veterans; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the town of Rutland for ADA accessibility improvements at the Rutland senior and community center; provided further, that not less than $5,000 shall be expended for the acquisition of tablets and hot spots for mobile permitting in Paxton; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for improvements to the Warren senior center in Warren; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for interior improvements to the Sturbridge senior center in Sturbridge; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for web design and infrastructure improvement for the Brimfield antique show through the Chamber of Central Mass South; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Baystate Health, Inc. eastern region for a grant program to prevent and treat addiction to opioid and related substances; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the construction of Inquilinos Boricuas En Acción, Inc. la casa project; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for cultural development work by Worcester Common Ground, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for the Pond Plain
Improvement Association in the city known as the town of Weymouth; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Worcester public library to provide funding and support staff for the library in every classroom project; provided further, that not less than $5,500 shall be expended to the Hanover fire department to provide advanced medical and trauma training to paramedics; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for youth and community development initiatives by the Pleasant Street Neighborhood Network Center, Inc. in Worcester; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for repairs to the Norwell housing authority in Norwell; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Rockland public school system for special education support; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Milford for improvements to the Fino field athletic and baseball field complex; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Southborough, in support of implementing recommendations to improve municipal property relative to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended to Northborough, in support of enhancements in its downtown district; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Scituate for the Cole parkway redevelopment project; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the purpose of emergency roadway repairs in Bridgewater; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the purpose of emergency roadway repairs in Raynham; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for the Idlewell Educational Improvement Association Inc. in the city known as the town of Weymouth; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the implementation of a comprehensive lake management and maintenance study of Webster lake in Webster; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for AHA! art, history and architecture in New Bedford; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Cape Verdean Association in New Bedford, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for the Penn’s Hill Neighborhood Association, Inc. in the city of Quincy; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Frederick Douglass house in New Bedford; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the New Bedford Festival Theatre, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for production programming at Zeiterion Performing Arts Center in New Bedford; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the city of Chelsea for festivities commemorating Chelsea’s 400th anniversary; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Chelsea for a needs assessment study for a city youth center; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for updating municipal buildings in West Boylston to be more accessible to persons with disabilities and complaint with the American with Disabilities Act standard; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended for the implementation of a micro-credentialing program focused on geospatial climate resilience and coastal mapping at the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research, Inc., which is developed in collaboration with the University of Massachusetts Global; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended for the Hingham unity council to bolster the programming budget for inclusion events in the community; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to the Norton police department to be applied toward the installation of security fencing to store police vehicles and equipment; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to the
Seekonk public library to update outdated computer equipment; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to OCA-APAA-NE, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Asian business empowerment council in Boston; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in Sutton; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Fitchburg public library to develop a learning lab for resume workshops and job training; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Shirley to provide reduced-cost or no-cost summer camp for children through the summer in Shirley program; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Groton to add sidewalks on West Main street and route 40; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended for Outside The Box; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for the Ward 2 Civic Association in the city of Quincy; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the North Quabbin Chamber of Commerce, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for the History Expo, Inc. to assist in the 2025 Atholl Highlanders USA tour; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Franklin Downtown Partnership, Inc. to promote economic development in Franklin; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to I AM ME LLC's art and fashion program; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Stone Soul, Inc. festival; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the Urban League-Springfield Inc; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Middleborough mental health opioid task force to fund programming to assist those facing substance use disorders within the town; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Royall House Association and slave quarters for history and arts programming for youth in Medford; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Westfield for park and recreational rehabilitation and reconstruction; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for the Adams Presidential Center in Quincy; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for the out of town medical transportation program for the Wareham council on aging; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the non-profit organization known as Beverly 400 for the planning and celebration of the 400th anniversary of the settlement of Beverly; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended for the New Commonwealth Fund to assist in their work of expanding grant opportunities for Black and Brown-led non-profits across the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for the Garrison-Trotter Neighborhood Association, Inc. to provide community engagement and senior support programming; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation, Inc. for the maintenance and upkeep of the Massachusetts law enforcement memorial; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for sidewalks and pedestrian safety improvements in Acushnet; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Abilities Dance Incorporated to provide free community engagement adaptive movement workshops and intersectional disability equity lectures for intergenerational and multicultural spaces; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Arlington Chamber of Commerce
in Arlington; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for Groundwork Somerville, Inc. for sustainability programs in the city of Somerville; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for the purposes of the operation of the programs of Riverside Theatre Works, Inc., an arts organization located in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Sean Joyce athletic fields in the town of Holbrook; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the purposes of the operation of the programs of the Menino arts center, an arts organization located in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to LGBTQ Senior Housing Inc. to facilitate access to welcoming, safe and affordable housing for low-income LGBTQ seniors through development of affordable housing, inclusive, housing services and programming that addresses the needs of LGBTQ seniors and to support and preserve open space to serve seniors in Boston; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Project Pop Up markets to transform vacant storefronts into a dynamic retail incubator; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to sidewalk improvements in downtown Lowell; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for College Navigator services; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for staffing at the Waltham Chamber of Commerce, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $12,000 shall be expended to the Cape Cod Cape Verdean Museum and Cultural Center, Inc. in Falmouth; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Grove Hall Main Streets, Inc. in Boston to continue the Black Women Lead Banner Project honoring more than 200 Black women in the greater Boston area; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Teen Torch Program; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Entrepreneurship for All, Inc. in partnership with Team Haverhill Inc to incentivize youth and family entertainment ventures in Haverhill; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for the Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for Community InRoads, Inc. for efforts to provide education and training to professionals from underrepresented backgrounds with an interest in boards and leadership roles; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for Haverhill Downtown Boxing, Inc. in Haverhill; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Marblehead to rehabilitate the slave quarters and kitchen at the Colonial Jeremiah Lee Mansion, a national historic site; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to the North Falmouth Village Association, Inc. for renovation design and a handicap accessible renovation plan to The Junction building in North Falmouth; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended to the Friends of the Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge, Inc. for design and construction plans of a new visitor center on land provided by Mashpee for said purpose; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended for the Mobile Health Clinic in Framingham; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for improvements at the Haverhill Inner City Boxing Club, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for repairs and upgrades to the Southbridge community center/Casaubon senior center, which is the emergency shelter in Southbridge; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Charlton for the procurement of a new alerting system for
the Charlton fire department; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Mutt Rescue, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Revere and Son Heritage Trust in Canton for the Paul Revere heritage site in Canton; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the renovation of the Stoughton train depot building in Stoughton; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for structural repairs, renovations, and ADA upgrades of restrooms at Endicott park in Danvers; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the installation of a parking area on the grounds of the Topsfield Historical Society; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to the Granby Free Public Library to enhance its resources for the use of library patrons; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to Topsfield to provide funding for the downtown economic development plan; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for community development projects; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Boston Athletic Academy, Incorporated located in the Hyde Park section of Boston; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Walpole for planning and implementation of Walpole’s 300th Anniversary Celebration; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the survey, analysis, and design plans for drainage improvements on Robin road in Sharon; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for a study to begin the process of rehabilitating and converting Revere’s Mckinley school into an early childhood education center; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for drainage and structural work for Revere’s McMackin field; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for maintenance and repairs for Revere’s Rossetti Cowan senior center; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Peabody for the dredging of the upper Goldwaith brook for flood mitigation; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for the Revere Boxing Outreach program; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators to celebrate the 50th anniversary; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the historic Chevalier Theatre in Medford; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the construction of sidewalks in Tewksbury; provided further, that not less than $8,500 shall be expended to the Sandwich fire department for improvements and maintenance of the marine unit; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for Sandwich Youth Football and Cheer (SYFC) for the rehabilitation and maintenance of Sandwich Pop Warner field in Sandwich; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to the American Legion Clark-Haddad Post 188 for the rehabilitation and maintenance of Fenton field and in Sandwich; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended towards a project celebrating Fiestas Patronales to its fiscal agent Nueva Esperanza, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $9,000 shall be expended for the Puerto Rican Art Comic Conference to its fiscal agent, the Holyoke public library; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Mutual Aid Eastie to facilitate mutual aid programming in East Boston; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to East Springfield Neighborhood Council, Inc. in Springfield for neighborhood beautification, and community engagement; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to The Indian Orchard Citizens Council, Inc. in Springfield for neighborhood beautification, and community engagement; provided further, that not less
than $20,000 shall be expended to Pine Point Community Council, Inc. in Springfield for neighborhood beautification, and community engagement; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to 16 Acres Civic Association in Springfield for neighborhood beautification, and community engagement; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the North End Athletic Association, Inc. in Boston; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the LEDC of Springfield to assist new and existing small retail and dining establishments in the Main street area of Indian Orchard in the city of Springfield, in the form of mini grants and technical assistance; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Springfield Black Chambers for community outreach; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the West Brookfield fire department; provided further, that not less than $70,000 shall be expended to the Soccer Unity Project, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for the Hardwick fire department; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to The BASE for providing student-athletes access to exceptional athletics and educational support programs; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for equipment upgrades for the East Bridgewater police department; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to South End Baseball; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the Community Music Center of Boston, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for Concord for planning for the reuse and redevelopment of the former Massachusetts correctional institution in Concord; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Beacon Hill Village, Inc. to expand its capacity in the technological improvements and the provision of programming and services for older adults; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for supporting the operations of the Wachusett Business Incubator, Inc. in Gardner; provided further, that not less than $375,000 shall be expended to The Commonwealth Shakespeare Company, Inc. for their operations and free programming on the Boston Common and in the East Boston section of the city of Boston for educational theater and arts programming for elementary and secondary school students; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for Whitman-Hanson Will, a substance abuse coalition in the towns of Whitman and Hanson to combat the opioid epidemic; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to Latinos for Education, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for a child safety program in Winthrop; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the improvements to Pellegrini park in the Nonantum neighborhood of Newton, including interior improvements to the Pellegrini park fieldhouse; provided further, that not less than $175,000 shall be expended for the Western Massachusetts Sports Commission; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the expansion of the early education and care center for the West Springfield Boys’ and Girls’ Club, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Hudson Downtown Business Improvement District, Inc. for local economic development projects to support small business; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for emergency gymnasium repairs for the Immaculate Conception Parish School in Revere; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for the New North Citizens Council, Inc. in
Springfield for the Latino Health Salsa in the Parks Family Summertime Intervention; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended to the Hispanic-American Library, Inc. in Springfield; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for the Asian Community Development Corporation for the purposes of expanding their retirement matched savings program for low-income Asian elders; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Blues to Green, Inc. for the operation of the Springfield Jazz & Roots Festival; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Spirit of Springfield, Inc. to produce events that provide a sense of community, civic pride and opportunities for celebration; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Everett for the Everett square redesign to help promote economic revitalization and development of the downtown area; provided further, that not less than $225,000 shall be expended for the Ellis memorial early education center in Boston; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Clinton for sidewalk repairs for Depot square; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Berlin for IT upgrades; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Boylston for roof replacement at the Boylston elementary school; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Lancaster for library improvements; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for the purpose of ADA compliance and sensory-sensitivity accessibility features of the Stallbrook elementary school playground in Bellingham; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in Grafton; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in Northbridge; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in Upton; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for improvements to the Halloran park recreational facility in Stoughton; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the Woburn senior center for transportation and capital needs; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Boys and Girls Club of Woburn, Inc. for transportation and capital needs; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Veronica Robles Cultural Center to provide cultural education and programming to youth and the community; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the purchase, installation, and implementation of a multilingual kiosk to be located in the lobby of Framingham city hall; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to the New England Aquarium Corporation for upgrades and other improvements including those necessary for the operation of facilities operated by the New England Aquarium Corporation in the cities of Boston and Quincy; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to The Andover Historical Society to assist with the purchase or renovation of a piece of property in Andover to support cultural initiatives throughout the town; provided further, that not less than $350,000 shall be expended for the Westmass Area Development Corporation to offset and pay any and all costs incurred and related to, but not limited to, operational costs and expenses involved with the revitalization of the Ludlow Mills Industrial Complex; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended for the Forever Paws Animal Shelter, Inc. in Fall River; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for Angels Anonymous, Inc. in Fall River; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to Fall River for youth programming; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for Caribbean Integration
Community Development, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Irish Cultural Centre, Inc. of greater Boston for the restoration and improvements of the cultural center in Canton; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Non-Profit Alliance of Greater Lowell in Lowell; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Fenway Community Center, in the Fenway neighborhood of Boston; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for a fire safety equipment grant for the Auburn fire-rescue department for the purchase or reimbursement of turnout gear or other equipment; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Bunker Hill Day Parade Committee, in the Charlestown section of Boston, for promoting tourism, production and promotional expenditures; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Boston Music Project, Inc. to continue to provide music education and social-emotional learning practices; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for improvements to the Leicester senior center in Leicester; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the upgrade of the electric vehicle charging station located at the Adams library in Chelmsford; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the purchase and installation of solar panels for the senior center in Littleton; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the North End Music and Performing Arts Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for the Wharf District Council, Inc. for climate resiliency planning; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Friends of Herter Park, Inc. for the maintenance of the outdoor theater in Artesani park with approval from the department of conservation and recreation; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Charles River Watershed Association to engage with Allston-Brighton residents in understanding and reviewing the climate resilience implications of planned development in the Allston-Brighton neighborhoods of Boston; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for sidewalk repairs in Belmont; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for Belmont to update the Comprehensive and Recreation Master Plan; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the parks and recreation department in Agawam for the support of youth sports programs; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be made available to the Anchor of Hull for programming intended to bolster the organization’s regular weekly programs and recovery meetings for families and people of all ages who have been impacted by substance use disorder; provided further, that not less than $175,000 shall be expended for the Hammond Castle in the city of Gloucester for costs associated with the stabilization and repair of the castle’s ocean side towers and roof; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for the Gloucester Boxing Club; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the town of Dighton to match federal funds received for the engineering and design of the pleasant street bridge project; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Friends of Jack Foundation, for the purposes of providing healthcare programs and child life specialists in community hospitals; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Partnership for Youth, Inc. to continue delivering remote or on-site training and capacity building for school and community leaders in the areas of youth violence risk assessment and harm reduction for at-risk youth; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the town of Swansea to be applied toward
the upgrades and repairs of the crossing at Sharps lot road and Lewin brook; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for MassEnergize, Inc. to support programs for climate resilience and clean energy in the Metrowest region; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Latin American Business Organization Inc. to provide technical assistance focused on financial management, access to capital, legal compliance, startup fundamentals and supplier diversity certification to historically disadvantaged businesses in Worcester county; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Latino Economic Development Corporation, Inc. to develop an initiative for the downtown area in the city of Chicopee; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the Coalition for an Equitable Economy, Inc. to promote an equitable and inclusive small business ecosystem; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Women’s History Center, Inc. to promote civic participation through education, the arts, events and convenings; provided further, that not less than $95,000 shall be expended to the city of Beverly for coastal resiliency projects; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the League of Women for Community Service, Inc. in the city of Boston for the reconstruction of their historical headquarters; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Madison Park Development Corporation for the annual cultural district celebration curated for Nubian square residents, visitors and tourists by the social enterprise Black Market Nubian; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to Chica Project in the city of Quincy to support the organization’s innovative, trauma-informed and culturally affirming girls empowerment and mentoring program; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Equitable Opportunities Now to provide programs, services and technical assistance to support equitable economic opportunities in the cannabis industry within communities most impacted by the war on drugs; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to One Love Sports Academy Inc in the city of Boston for violence prevention programming, extracurricular activities and leadership development for at-risk and proven-risk youth in sections of the city of Boston with the highest rates of community violence and gun violence; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Chills' Diamond Ring Education Foundation Inc. in the city of Boston for development opportunities for youth, teens and young adults through mentorship, financial literacy education, business education, entrepreneurship opportunities, mental health supports, sports recreation and work readiness education; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Modern Mentor Inc. in the city of Boston for youth mentorship programming; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Marcus Anthony Hall Educational Institute (MAHEI), Inc. in the city of Boston for youth civic engagement and leadership training; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to BAMS Fest, Inc. in the city of Boston for cultural programming centered on racial equity, creative freedom and economic empowerment for creative entrepreneurs; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to OrigiNation, Inc. for the cultural arts center in the Jamaica Plain section of the city of Boston for youth programming in dance and theater arts; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the HYPPE LLC in the city of Boston to provide year-round resources and accessibility for youth to participate in dance classes and be exposed
to cultural art through community field trips; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to H.E.R.O. Nurturing Center, Inc. in the city of Boston for individual and group healing and wellness activities; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the Berkshire regional planning commission to support the work of the Berkshire Funding Focus program; provided further, that not less than $475,000 shall be expended to the town of Concord for planning the reuse and redevelopment of the former Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended for Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation, Inc. for staffing needs and enhanced programmatic offerings; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for the Hanscom Field advisory commission to study fine particulate matter near Hanscom field; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended for the Latina Circle, Inc. to promote racial equity and economic mobility; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to Urban Impact Initiative Massachusetts Nonprofit Corporation to support organizations and programs in the cities of Springfield, Chicopee and Holyoke; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to New North Citizens Council, Inc. to support the Brightwood Elderly Living Loving Apartments; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for NeighborWorks Housing Solutions in the city of Brockton to digitize their records; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the East Bridgewater public library for upgrades and maintenance; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the cleanup and beautification of the downtown area in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for staffing at Haitian Community Partners Foundation, Inc. to provide services to the citizens in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to Goodwill Industries of the Berkshires and Southern Vermont, Inc. in the city of Pittsfield for building maintenance costs; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for The Pettengill House, Inc. in the city of Amesbury for its Individual and Family Stabilization Program; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the city of Amesbury for lighting improvements in the downtown region of the city; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Andover News LLC for operational support of nonpartisan journalism in the town of Andover; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended for a downtown beautification project in the city of Attleboro for the purchasing and installation of street furniture and infrastructure including, but not limited to, benches, trash receptacles and planter boxes; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to the town of Canton to construct fences and address field safety concerns at various recreational fields in the town; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for a downtown beautification project in the town of Mansfield; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended to the town of Wilmington for roof repairs to the Wilmington Town Museum at the Col. Joshua Harnden Tavern; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the rehabilitation of the Veterans parking lot located between Central street, South street, Wall street and Cocasset street in the town of Foxborough; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to Methuen Arlington Neighborhood, Inc. to increase and enhance entrepreneurial opportunities, neighborhood investment,
revitalization activities and the self-sufficiency of low-income and moderate-income residents of the Methuen Arlington section of the city of Methuen; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Hispanic Image Smart Women’s Biz Hub, Inc. to empower and provide professional development services to underrepresented entrepreneurs; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Wayland Community Pool, Inc. for facilities improvements; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Women of Color Coalition, Inc. to build infrastructure, capacity and expand program delivery; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the growth and expansion of the BIC Manufacturing Academy at the Berkshire Innovation Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Goshen for the Re-Imagine Goshen Center Project to transform underutilized areas downtown in the town of Goshen into integrated public spaces; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the W.E.B. Du Bois Sculpture Project at the Mason Public Library in the town of Great Barrington; provided further, that not less than $12,500 shall be expended to the town of Southwick to promote economic development and encourage local shopping; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Wilder Homestead property in the town of Buckland to support restoration efforts; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for a grant program to support youth sports nonprofit programs that primarily serve low-income or marginalized students and that seek to foster improved outcomes in physical health, mental well-being, school participation and sense of community; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Lynn Disability Network for more inclusive programming in the city of Lynn; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to Casita Cultura Latina, Inc. for the Día de los Muertos event and other cultural events in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Museum of African American History, Incorporated in the town of Nantucket for security upgrades at the African Meeting House; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for the Worcester Caribbean American Carnival Association, Incorporated; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for the Black Heritage Juneteenth Festival in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Wellfleet department of community services to conduct a feasibility study of an outer Cape aquatic center including, but not limited to, swim safety courses for school-aged children; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Provincetown Theater for deferred maintenance costs; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for renovations at the Hyannis public library including, but not limited to, Americans with Disabilities Act compliance renovations; provided further, that not less than $99,820 shall be expended for the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce for professional development programs; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for the Cape Cod Canal Region Chamber of Commerce, Inc. for Cape Cod Canal Day; provided further, that not less than $36,725 shall be expended for the town of Plympton for HVAC upgrades and replacements; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for the Sandwich Chamber of Commerce, Inc. to support operations of its welcome center; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for the town of Sandwich for recreation area improvements; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to ZUMIX, Inc. in the East Boston section of the city of Boston.
for the organization of the East Boston Latino Festival in the summer of 2024; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Winthrop public schools to support the arts; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Winthrop Little League, Inc. for necessary infrastructure at the dugout to support physical health in the Winthrop little league program; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Friends of the Public Garden, Inc. to continue to preserve infrastructure for public bathroom accessibility at the Boston Common and the public garden in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Kennedy Center in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston for educational programming and family engagement; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for East End House, Inc. in the city of Cambridge to provide comprehensive support services for families; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee, Inc. in the city of Cambridge for economic stability and mobility services; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Transition House, Inc. in the city of Cambridge to address domestic violence through intervention and prevention; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Margaret Fuller House, Incorporated in the city of Cambridge for community advancement programming; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to The Spot in the city of Cambridge to provide materials and services to residents in need; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Eliot Family Resource Center in the city of Everett for comprehensive community-based services and resources; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for La Comunidad, Inc. in the city of Everett to support community programming and services; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Everett Haitian Community Center in the city of Everett for community programming, resources and services; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Chelsea Black Community, Inc. in the city of Chelsea for community-based services and resources; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. in the city of Chelsea for economic stability and mobility services; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for accessible sidewalk improvements in the town of Nahant; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the Waltham Partnership for Youth, Inc. in the city of Waltham to sustain career enhancement programs and to support its continued operation; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to Camp Harbor View Foundation, Inc. to provide programming and family services at Camp Harbor View and its leadership academy; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Brookline for the Tech Buddies program, which provides technology, technical support and educational programming to vulnerable low-income seniors and adults with disabilities living in the town of Brookline; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Brookline to further its compliance with federal standards for language access; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for the Cape Verdean Association of Boston Inc. for community programming, including English as a second language, immersion, citizenship and pathway programs for workforce and economic development purposes; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to the Wakefield Lynnfield Chamber of Commerce, Inc. for the design, purchase and installation of banners in the downtown area of the town of Wakefield; provided further, that not less
than $80,000 shall be expended to the Greater Boston Stage Company for capital improvements to its venue in the town of Stoneham; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the town of Swansea for improvements to Swansea memorial park; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the town of Lakeville for ADA-compliant improvements to enhance and improve accessibility at the Lakeville public library; provided further, that not less than $37,500 shall be expended to LexSeeHer, Inc. for the construction, installation and community education of the Lexington Women's Monument in the town of Lexington; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the construction of an outdoor stage at the Forbes library in the city of Northampton; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the New Dawn Arts Center, Inc. in the town of Ashburnham; provided further, that not less than $105,000 shall be expended for Social Capital Inc. in the city of Woburn for youth leadership and civic engaging programming, migrant support and health equity work in the city of Woburn; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the department of public works infrastructure in the town of Tyngsborough; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the town of Pepperell for municipal improvements; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Paxton for wireless internet upgrades and enhancements; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for The Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts, Inc. to support programming and operations, increase access to services, philanthropy and leadership development and enhance worker training and qualifications; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended to Franco-American War Veterans, Inc. in the city of Leominster for its continued operations; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for RAW Art Works, Inc. in the city of Lynn to support youth programming; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended to Urban Media Arts in the city of Malden for capital improvements; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for technical assistance in resiliency planning and grant applications for the town of Salisbury; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for a traffic study of state highway route 114 in the town of Middleton; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for bus shelters in the town of North Andover; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for downtown economic development and promotion in the town of Topsfield; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Daniel Webster Preservation Trust, Inc. for renovations and preservation of the historic Daniel Webster House in the town of Marshfield; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Historic Winslow House Association, Inc. for renovations of the historic Winslow House in the town of Marshfield; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended to the town of Ashby for necessary improvements to the Ashby town gazebo; provided further, that not less than $750,000 shall be expended to the Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority for downtown
housing and economic development; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended for the T-Wharf harbormaster office in the town of Rockport for public restroom ventilation upgrades; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to SAIL Home in the city known as the town of Weymouth; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Friends of Scituate FACTS, Inc. in the town of Scituate; provided further, that no less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Magical Moon Foundation, Inc. in the town of Marshfield; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Hull Lifesaving Museum, Inc. in the town of Hull; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Norwell Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. in the town of Norwell; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the ARC of the South Shore, Inc. in the town of Hingham; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the James P. Harrington Organization, Inc. in the town of Marshfield; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for public art in the city known as the town of Franklin; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for improvements to the Kingsbury Grist Mill, Dwight-Derby House and Medfield Historical Society buildings in the town of Medfield; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to implement the updated town seal and associated branding in the town of Needham; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for upgrades to the lighting systems at the Rice Recreational Complex in the town of Wrentham; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Joseph Nee South Boston Collaborative Center for substance use disorder programming; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to South Boston Neighborhood House, Inc. for community programming; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Project D.E.E.P Assoc., Inc. for an educational enrichment program in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Ella J. Baker House Inc.; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Friends of Coppens Square Inc.; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for The Pear Square Collaborative, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Caribbean American Carnival Association of Boston, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council for the operation of the South Boston St. Patrick's Day-Evacuation Day parade; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Julie's Family Learning Program, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Redefining Our Community Inc. for the beautification of the Norfolk street bridge area; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to Harry McDonough Sailing Center, Inc. to provide a free summer sailing program; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Boston Firefighter and Family Cancer Foundation Co. to support members who are diagnosed with occupational cancer; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce, Inc. in the village of Whitinsville in the town of Northbridge for workforce training, small business expansion and regional economic development initiatives; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Tufts Library in Weymouth for materials and equipment; and provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Mendon for a feasibility study related to the renovation of a former church rectory adjacent to the Taft public library. ..............................................................$22,791,545
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION.

Office of the Secretary.

7009-1700 For the operation of information technology services within the executive office of education ............................................................ $24,682,574

7009-6379 For the operation of the office of the secretary of education; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the executive office of education, in consultation with the department of elementary and secondary education and the department of higher education, shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education on the implementation and expansion of the high quality college and career pathways initiative, including but not limited to, early college, innovation pathways and dual enrollment programs; provided further, that said report shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the public schools and districts participating in early college, innovation pathways, dual enrollment or career and vocational technical education programs; (ii) the institutions of higher education partnering with public schools and districts to offer early college, innovation pathways, dual enrollment or career and vocational technical education programs; (iii) the employers and employer partners participating in the innovation pathways program; (iv) the number of students participating in high quality college and career pathways; and (v) recommendations to enhance student participation in high quality college and career pathways .................................................. $3,054,141

7009-6600 For the development and initial implementation of high-quality early college programs; provided, that such programs shall incorporate the guiding principles of designated early college pathways, as developed jointly by the department of higher education and the department of elementary and secondary education; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to Westfield State University for an Early College Program for nursing and health science pathways; provided further, that priority shall be given to programs that serve students who are currently underrepresented in college; and provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months ....... $15,150,000

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

7010-0005 For the operation of the department of elementary and secondary education; provided, that notwithstanding chapter 66A of the General Laws, the department of elementary and secondary education, the department of early education and care, the department of children and families and the disabled persons protection commission may share with each other personal data regarding students who receive services in special education programs approved, licensed, monitored or regulated by the department of elementary and secondary education and the department of early education and care to carry out their respective responsibilities under state and federal law; provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary education may fund direct support to teachers and administrators who are providing services to assist in state education initiatives; provided further, that the department
of elementary and secondary education shall conduct an assessment on the education workforce in school districts across the commonwealth; provided further, that the assessment shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the number of teachers who have completed a certification program in high-need subject areas, which may include, but shall not be limited to science, technology, mathematics, computer science, special education, and English as a second language; (ii) the number of teacher vacancies in high-need subject areas by school district; (iii) the number of vacancies in high-need subject areas as compared to the total number of teacher vacancies; and (iv) the ratio of teachers to students in each school district; and provided further, that not later than February 3, 2025, the department of elementary and secondary education, in consultation with the executive office of education, shall submit a report on its findings to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education .......... $13,125,593

7010-0012 For grants to cities, towns and regional school districts for payments of certain costs and related expenses for the program to eliminate racial imbalance established under section 12A of chapter 76 of the General Laws; provided, that funds shall be made available for payment for services rendered by the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO), Inc. and Springfield public schools; provided further, that all grant applications submitted to and approved by the department of elementary and secondary education shall include a detailed line item budget specifying how such funds shall be allocated and expended; provided further, that not later than January 3, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the joint committee on education and the house and senate committees on ways and means on the impact of the grant program on student outcomes, the expenditure of funds by districts and the extent to which the services rendered by METCO support the goals of the grant program; and provided further, that funds appropriated in this item for fiscal year 2025 shall not revert to the General Fund but shall be available until December 31, 2025 ........................................................................................................ $29,908,285

7010-0033 For literacy and early literacy grant programs; provided, that literacy and early literacy programs receiving funding through this item shall submit ongoing evaluations and documentation of outcomes to the department of elementary and secondary education; provided further, that said evaluations shall be compared to measurable goals and benchmarks developed by the department; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Essex County Community Foundation for Haverhill Promise's efforts to expand early literacy; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Haverhill public schools for the implementation of evidence-based reading curriculum; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended for The Literacy Lab for the purposes of placing recent high school graduates in classrooms or community-based early childhood centers to provide evidence-based literacy intervention services to at-risk Pre-K students, and to provide participants with training, coaching, and professional development, with the goal of diversifying the educator pipeline and educating participants on the teacher education and licensure process in Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the town of Stoneham for curriculum improvements for the Stoneham public schools; provided further, that funds provided to Reading Recovery in fiscal year 2025 may be expended through June 30, 2026; provided further, that not less than $440,000 shall be expended for HILL for Literacy; provided
further, that funds provided to HILL for Literacy in fiscal year 2025, may be expended through June 30, 2026; and provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months................................... $6,338,364

For grants to cities, towns, school districts and nonprofit entities for educational improvement projects; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no funds shall be transferred from this item to any other item of appropriation; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for upgrades to the North Reading public schools' intrusion alarm system; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the replacement of student Chromebooks in the town of North Reading; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association of Greater Lowell, Inc. for transitional services for refugees; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for Community Investors, Inc.'s PowerPlay Initiative in the town of Wellesley to support the expansion of an inclusive after-school and out-of-school-time recreational program at urban and suburban Massachusetts schools; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended to Natick public schools to support racial equity goals defined by the METCO 2.0 Coaching initiative; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Boston Green Academy for the continuation of the Environmental Science and Technology Career Pathway program; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for youth programs at Dennison Memorial Community Center in the city of New Bedford; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Beyond Soccer, Inc. for innovative health, athletic and leadership programming for low-income youth in the city of Lawrence; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to The Mystic Project youth art program in the city of Medford; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Peabody Education Foundation for its mental health initiative; provided further, that not less than $23,000 shall be expended to the Peabody department of public health for an additional school health clinician; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Westport public schools; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to the town of Mansfield for the procurement of new uniforms for the Mansfield high school band; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of North Attleborough for the construction of a new ADA-accessible playground for the Joseph W. Martin, Jr. elementary school; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the All Dorchester Sports & Leadership, Inc. for educational support, nutrition and other community benefits related to the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association of Greater Lowell, Inc. for renovations projects necessary to serve the minority Cambodian community supporting mental health, youth development and civic engagement; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for a youth sports fund in the city of Chicopee for financial assistance and waivers for applications in youth sports programs; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to complete a sprinkler system for the elementary school in the town of Avon; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Amherst regional high school performing arts department to make technological repairs and infrastructure improvements; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to the P2P basketball league for the costs to expand its programming to serve youth in the city
of Salem; provided further, that not less than $750,000 shall be expended for the United States of Readers program, administered by Scholastic Book Clubs, to bridge the literacy gap through increased book access in Title 1 elementary schools; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the city of Newton for sidewalk and accessible ramp improvements around the Underwood elementary school; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for a project to connect organic gardening, outdoor exercise, healthy food, food preparation and elementary school aged children in the greater Northampton area, operated by Grow Food Northampton; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Mary Lyon Foundation, Inc. for services and financial support to students and families in Franklin county; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Charlemont for the Mohawk Trail Regional and Hawlemont Districts sustainability study; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the city of Everett to refurbish the field at the Everett Allied Veterans stadium to support the Everett high school athletic program and youth sports programs; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Anatomage Table 10 software for anatomy and physiology education at Reading memorial high school in the town of Reading; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the restoration of the golden hills playground in the town of Saugus; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Stoneham for technology and hardware improvements for the Stoneham public schools; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended for Friends of the Children Boston for the expansion of the professional K-12 youth mentorship program; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to AteneoDominicano Del Merrimack Valley to maintain and promote Dominican culture throughout the Merrimack valley through history, literature, arts, customs and family values; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Asociación Carnavalesca de Massachusetts, Inc. in the city of Lawrence to highlight the colorful tradition of Dominican Carnival in the Merrimack valley and to provide at-risk youth with assistance programming and after school activities; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Instituto Cultural de Puerto Rico, Inc. in the city of Lawrence, to highlight the colorful tradition of Puerto Rican culture in the Merrimack valley; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the installation of vape detectors and cameras at the Huntington alternative school in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for mental health services in Braintree public schools; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Coalition for Anti-Racism and Equity, Inc. and the Commonwealth Seminar for a joint fellowship program for high school and college students from underrepresented communities of color; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Dennis-Yarmouth regional high school specific to building and instructional needs including funding for vape detectors, supplies for its ADA, technology and manufacturing career pathways, robotics program and remote phone chargers for its school safety program; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for security upgrades for Brockton public schools; provided further, that not less than $875,000 shall be expended for the Simon Wiesenthal Center’s Mobile Museum of Tolerance Bus; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Commonwealth Seminar through its fiscal sponsor Third Sector New England, Inc. to support its civic education, training, and leadership
program focused on underserved communities; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the USS Constitution Museum, Inc. for the design and construction of the Charlestown Navy Yard Gateway Center to serve as a center for education, culture and tourism for the benefits of residents and visitors; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Silver Lake regional school district for improvements to the performing arts centers in Silver Lake regional middle school and Silver Lake regional high school; and provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended to the town of Hopedale for the renovation of existing space to provide for a family resource and engagement center; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Community Recreation Association, Inc. in the town of Dalton; provided further, that not less than $210,000 shall be expended for Allston-Brighton Community Development Corporation to provide youth services for residents of the Commonwealth Development and Faneuil Gardens apartments in the Brighton section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for Zamir Chorale of Boston, Inc. to support its musical and educational programming; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended to the city of Newton to expand mental health programs, including phone-free projects, to all 4 middle schools in the city of Newton to promote student engagement and social development; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Berkshire Educational Resources K12 to provide research and organizational assistance to school districts in Berkshire county; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for improvements to the Tom Ross field at the Raymond school in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Flying Cloud Institute, Inc. in the town of Great Barrington to support the continued education of young people and educators through science and art; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Andover for the development of plans for a team room or weight room or improvements to the concession stand at Eugene V. Lovely Memorial Field at Andover high school; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to Canton high school for continuing an Italian language and cultural education curriculum with the Cultural Italian American Organization; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of North Andover for a bus pilot program between North Andover middle school and the Joseph N. Hermann Youth Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to Youth Development Organization, Inc. in the city of Lawrence to support elementary and middle school students in their participation in STEM and arts afterschool enrichment; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Girls on the Run Greater Boston, Inc to provide social-emotional learning and physical activity curriculum to elementary and middle school-aged girls in the city of Lynn and the towns of Lynnfield, Marblehead, Nahant, Saugus and Swampscott; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to the town of Boylston for safety upgrades at Boylston elementary school including roof replacement and other related repairs; provided further, that not less $50,000 shall be expended for the Together for Kids Coalition in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the Worcester Education Collaborative and the United Way of Central Massachusetts, Inc. for the Worcester Literacy Partnership; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to The REAL Program, Inc. in the city of Lynn for early education programming; provided further, that not less than $66,000 shall be expended for the
purchase of a replacement boiler at the Hubbardston Center school in the town of Hubbardston; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Calmer Choice, Inc. for the development and support of anti-addiction and mental health programs in Cape Cod school districts; provided further, that not less than $67,000 shall be expended for costs associated with new environmental science and technology and veterinary science programs, including survey and engineering service expenses, at Cape Cod Regional Technical high school in the town of Harwich; provided further, that not less than $72,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Maritime Academy for classroom seating; provided further, that not less than $32,630 shall be expended to the town of Plymouth for facility repairs; provided further, that not less than $52,781 shall be expended to the town of Pembroke for library repairs; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Winthrop in public schools for the implementation of English as a second language instruction and technological support; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the theater program at public schools in the city of Cambridge; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the music program at the high school in the city of Chelsea; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the music program at the high school in the city of Everett; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the music program at the high school in the city of Everett for student-led environmental initiatives; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Girls on the Run Greater Boston, Inc to provide social-emotional learning and physical activity curriculum to elementary and middle school-aged girls in the cities of Chelsea, Everett and Cambridge and the Charlestown section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Bunker Hill Monument Association in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston regarding the history of the Bunker Hill monument; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Courageous Sailing Center for Youth, Inc. in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston for youth programming and enrichment opportunities; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Merrimack Valley Children's Academy, Inc. for operational costs and programming; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to the SouthCoast Community Foundation, Inc. to administer a 1-time grant program to provide educational, health, wellness, nutritional, arts, cultural, housing security, safety and emergency resources to underserved residents in the Greater New Bedford area; provided further, that funds appropriated for the grant program in fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2024 shall not revert and shall be made available for the purposes of the program for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the New Bedford Youth Court program in the city of New Bedford and for the Fall River Youth Court program in the city of Fall River to support juvenile diversion programs based on the principles of peer-lead restorative justice; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended for programs and resources to support farm to school and food system literacy programming in public elementary and secondary schools and early education programs; provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary education may expend these funds to: (i) offer grants through the current operating farm to school FRESH grant program in an amount of not less than $750,000; and (ii)
expand the school wellness coaching program in an amount of $250,000; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Essex National Heritage Commission, Inc. for the Teaching Hidden Histories program; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for LEAP for Education, Inc. to provide middle and high school students with academic enrichment opportunities and post-secondary and career readiness; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the Community Music School of Springfield, Inc. in the city of Springfield for the adaptive music program; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Springfield Day Nursery Corporation in the city of Springfield to support at-risk children, address learning gaps and prepare students for school achievement; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the city of Malden for accessibility improvements to the Forestdale school playground; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the town of Dunstable for library improvements and personal protection equipment; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Girls on the Run of Western MA, Inc. to provide social-emotional learning and physical activity curricula to elementary and middle school-aged girls; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to Wessagusset Primary School Parent Council, Inc. for improvements to the Wessagusset elementary school playground in the city known as the town of Weymouth; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Ralph Talbot Primary School Parent Council for improvements to the Ralph Talbot elementary school playground in the city known as the town of Weymouth; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Partnership for Youth, Inc. to continue delivering remote or on-site training and capacity building for school and community leaders in the areas of youth violence risk assessment and harm reduction for at-risk youth; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the National History Day in Massachusetts program, operated by the Massachusetts Historical Society, to sustain and increase access to the program for students and teachers across the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Hingham Sports Partnership, Inc. to partially fund the construction of a teen fitness and wellness facility in the town of Hingham; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to Old Sturbridge, Inc. in the town of Sturbridge for an educational program providing experiential learning field trips for students; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to BizarBots Robotics, Incorporated to engage young people in science and robotics in the town of Holbrook; provided further, that not less than $95,000 shall be expended for the Bates elementary school in the city of Salem for playground renovations; provided further, that not less than $70,000 shall be expended to the town of Sutton for safety and security upgrades at Sutton public schools; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Parent Villages, Inc. in the city of Springfield; provided, that not less than $137,500 shall be expended for Arlington Youth Counseling Center, Inc. in the town of Arlington for youth mental health support; provided further, that not less than $120,000 shall be expended for English at Large, Inc. in the city of Woburn for English language tutoring and small group instruction; provided further, that not less than $700,000 shall be expended to communities in the Metrowest region, including the city of Framingham and the towns of Ashland, Holliston, Hopkinton, Medway and Natick to address mental health needs in schools; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for cultural proficiency programs
at Hopkinton public schools; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to Medway public schools for mental health programs; provided further, that not less than $106,000 shall be expended for improvements to the Swift River elementary school in the town of New Salem; and provided further, that funds shall be expended fully and on a schedule consistent with section 9B of chapter 29 of the General Laws.

For grants to support civics education programs; provided, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for the implementation of a program to support civics education learning opportunities in coordination with the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library Foundation, Incorporated, that focuses on underserved communities and other communities across the commonwealth; and provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended for the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate, Inc. to expand civics education programs, including investments in curriculum and technology.

For the implementation of a competitive grant program to school districts to support the implementation of the financial literacy standards in kindergarten to grade 12, inclusive, authorized by section 1Q of chapter 69 of the General Laws; provided, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall develop the criteria for awarding grants; and provided further, that grants shall be awarded to programs that: (i) include training and development programs to assist teachers in incorporating appropriate financial literacy concepts into classroom curriculum; and (ii) engage with a variety of organizations and leverage cost-sharing partnerships with local districts, private funders and nonprofit institutions.

For programs and services offered by Smart from the Start, Inc. to promote the healthy development of young children and their families living in underserved communities in the city of Boston through trauma-informed, multi-generational family support and community engagement.

For school-to-career connecting activities; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the board of elementary and secondary education, in cooperation with the executive office of labor and workforce development and the state workforce investment board, may establish and support a public-private partnership to link high school students with economic and learning opportunities on the job as part of the school-to-career transition program; provided further, that this program may include the award of matching grants to workforce investment boards or other local public-private partnerships involving local community job commitments and worksite learning opportunities for students; provided further, that the grants shall require at least a 200 per cent match in wages for the students from private sector participants; provided further, that the program shall include, but not be limited to, a provision that business leaders commit resources to pay salaries, to provide mentoring and instruction on the job and to work closely with teachers; provided further, that public funds shall pay for the costs of connecting schools and businesses to ensure that students serve productively on the job; provided further, that the program shall partner with the YouthWorks program at the Commonwealth Corporation to develop appropriate connections between the 2 programs; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for Triangle, Inc.’s school to career program that connects special education students with disabilities in Greater Boston to careers and their local communities; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to.
shall be expended for the Bottom Line, Inc. to provide college transition and college retention services for low-income or aspiring first-generation college students; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Marine Trades Association, Inc. to increase workforce development training opportunities and technical education in secondary and post-secondary schools for careers in the marine trades; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for research and education at The Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole in the town of Falmouth; and provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the operation of the SMART and Eureka programs at the Framingham, Holyoke, Lowell, Lynn, Pittsfield and Worcester chapters of Girls Inc. $8,143,346

7027-0020 For the implementation, operation and expansion of innovation pathway programs; provided, that such programs shall incorporate the guiding principles of innovation pathway programs, as developed jointly by the department of elementary and secondary education and the department of higher education; and provided further, that preference shall be given to programs that encourage career opportunities in high demand industries $5,386,584

7027-1004 For services that improve outcomes for English language learners, including, but not limited to, English language acquisition professional development to improve the academic performance of English language learners; provided, that funds shall be expended to implement the programs under chapter 71A of the General Laws; provided further, that funds may be expended for the professional development of vocational-technical educators who educate English language learners; provided further, that funds may be expended to administer the requirements under chapter 138 of the acts of 2017; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for adult ESL program costs at the Brazilian American Center, Inc. (BRACE); provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended on grants to high-quality, intensive English language learning programs in districts serving gateway municipalities as defined under section 3A of chapter 23A of the General Laws; provided further, that funds shall be expended for districts to provide support for middle and high school students deemed to be at risk of dropping out of school as a result of language barriers or challenges in English language acquisition; and provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months $3,697,228

7028-0031 For the expenses of school-age children in institutional schools under section 12 of chapter 71B of the General Laws; provided, that the department of elementary and secondary education may provide special education services to eligible incarcerated persons in houses of corrections; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Fundacion CEMDPCD to support, educate, and advocate on behalf of low-income parents of students with learning disabilities in the city of Lawrence; and provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall continue to collaborate with the department of youth services to align curriculum at the department of youth services with the statewide curriculum frameworks and to support the reintegration of youth from facilities at the department of youth services into regular public school settings $8,754,028
For a program to be run by the department of elementary and secondary education for planning grants and implementation grants for regional and local partnerships to expand existing and develop new career and technical education programs, including the establishment and support of career technical institutes, including technical institutes established in chapter 74 of the General Laws; provided, that preference shall be given in awarding planning and implementation grants to vocational schools with demonstrable waitlists for admission; and provided further, that funding may be used for transportation costs that are not otherwise reimbursed via the regional school transportation program .................................................. $3,500,000

For the provision and improvement of adult basic education services; provided, that grants shall be distributed to a diverse network of organizations that have demonstrated a commitment and an effectiveness in the provision of such services and that are selected competitively by the department of elementary and secondary education; provided further, that such grants shall support the successful transition of students from other adult basic education programs to community college certificate and degree-granting programs; provided further, that the grants shall be contingent upon satisfactory levels of performance as defined and determined by the department; provided further, that preference in awarding grants shall be given to organizations providing services to high percentages of parents of infants, toddlers and preschool and school-age children; provided further, that funds shall be expended to reduce the waitlist of students for English language learning services; provided further, that grants shall not be considered an entitlement to a grant recipient; provided further, that the department shall consult with community colleges and other service providers in supporting and implementing content, performance and professional standards for adult basic education programs and services; provided further, that the department shall fund a professional development system to provide training and support for adult basic education programs and services; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Latinos Unidos En Massachusetts Inc. (LUMA); provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the Olive in July, Inc. to provide adult education, English as a second language courses and citizenship courses to residents of Lawrence and Methuen; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended for Operation ABLE of Greater Boston, Inc. to provide basic workforce and skills training, employment services and job re-entry support to older workers; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the E-Team Machinist Training Program in the city of Lynn; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the E-Team Machinist Training Program in the city of Lynn for workforce training programs; provided further, that funds shall be expended on phase 2 pay-for-performance contracts based on outcomes-based contract measuring and funding services that result in employment and wage gains and that require bridge funding while final performance results are analyzed; and provided further, that efforts shall be taken to reduce the wait list .............................................................................. $59,853,278

For reimbursements to regional school districts for the transportation of pupils; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the commonwealth's obligation shall not exceed the amount appropriated in this item; provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall explore alternative transportation delivery, contracting and reimbursement models to identify
possible economical and efficient approaches by which districts can transport students to public schools and related opportunities; and provided further, that not later than February 28, 2025, the department shall submit the results of its review to the joint committee on education, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the executive office for administration and finance ........................................ $99,456,813

7035-0007 For reimbursements to cities, towns, regional vocational or county agricultural school districts, independent vocational schools and collaboratives for certain expenditures for transportation of nonresident pupils to approved vocational-technical programs of any regional or county agricultural school district, city, town, independent school or collaborative under section 8A of chapter 74 of the General Laws; provided, that if the amount appropriated in this item is insufficient to fully fund said section 8A of said chapter 74, initial reimbursements made by the department of elementary and secondary education may be prorated by the department to all eligible cities, towns, regional vocational or county agricultural school districts, independent vocational schools and collaboratives ........................................ $1,000,000

7035-0008 For reimbursements to cities, towns and regional school districts for the cost of transportation of nonresident pupils as required by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Public Law 100-77, as amended; provided, that not later than February 18, 2025, the department of elementary and secondary education shall submit with the house and senate committees on ways and means a preliminary estimate of the costs eligible for reimbursement under this item in fiscal year 2026; and provided further, that the commonwealth’s obligation shall not exceed the amount appropriated in this item........................................................................................................ $28,671,815

7035-0035 For a competitively bid, statewide, performance-based integrated program to increase participation and performance in advanced placement courses, particularly among underserved populations, to prepare students for college and career success in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and English; provided, that funds shall support all of the following program elements for each school: (i) open access to courses; (ii) identifying underserved students and increasing their rates of participation in advanced placement courses; (iii) equipment and supplies for new and expanded advanced placement courses; (iv) support for the costs of advanced placement exams; and (v) support for student study sessions; provided further, that these funds may support teacher professional development, including a College Board-endorsed advanced placement summer institute for math, science and English advanced placement teachers; provided further, that said program shall provide a matching amount of not less than $1,000,000 in private funding for direct support of educators; provided further, that funds shall be disbursed by the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year to cover costs expended between August 1, 2024 and July 31, 2025, inclusive; provided further, that this program shall work in conjunction with an existing, separately funded, statewide pre-advanced placement program; and provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months ........................................................................................................................................ $3,392,809

7053-1909 For reimbursements to cities and towns for partial assistance in the furnishing of lunches to school children, including partial assistance in the furnishing of lunches to school children under section 6 of chapter 548 of the acts of 1948, as inserted by chapter 538 of the acts of 1951, and for
supplementing funds allocated for the special milk program; provided, that
authorized payments in the aggregate for partial assistance in the
furnishing of lunches to school children shall not exceed the required state
revenue match contained in the National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C.
1751 et seq., as amended, and implementing regulations; and provided
further, that all municipalities shall publish and disseminate meal charge
policies in accordance with United States Department of Agriculture
guidance memorandum SP 46-2016, issued July 8, 2016, in a format that
is easily accessible and, if possible, made available for parents and
guardians before the start of the 2024-2025 school year, but not later than
September 30, 2024

For the school breakfast program for public and nonpublic schools and for
grants to improve summer food programs during the summer school
vacation period; provided, that within the summer food program, priority
shall be given to extending such programs for the full summer vacation
period and promoting increased participation in such programs; provided
further, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall
solicit proposals from returning sponsors and school food authorities in
time for implementation of such grant program during the summer of 2025;
provided further, that such grants shall only be awarded to sponsors who
can demonstrate their intent to offer full summer programs or increase
participation; provided further, that the department shall require sufficient
reporting from each grantee to measure the success of such grant
program; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department
shall select grantees for the program authorized by this item; provided
further, that funds shall be expended for the universal school breakfast
program through which all children in schools receiving funds under such
program shall be provided free, nutritious breakfast; provided further, that
subject to regulations by the board of education that specify time and
learning standards, breakfast shall be served during regular school hours;
provided further, that participation shall be limited to those elementary
schools mandated to serve breakfast under section 1C of chapter 69 of
the General Laws where not less than 60 per cent of the students are
eligible for free or reduced price meals under the federally-funded school
meals program; provided further, that not later than November 15, 2024,
the department shall select school sites for programs authorized by this
item and shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and
means on the preliminary results of these grants not later than February
7, 2025; provided further, that kindergarten to grade 12, inclusive, public
schools that are required to serve breakfast under said section 1C of said
chapter 69 and where not less than 60 per cent of students are eligible for
free or reduced price meals shall offer school breakfast after the
instructional day has begun and the tardy bell rings; provided further, that
not later than September 4, 2024, the department shall submit a report to
the house and senate committees on ways and means on the status of
school district compliance with this requirement including, but not limited
to, all data regarding breakfast-delivery models utilized and participation
rates; provided further, that not less than $700,000 shall be expended for
a grant with Project Bread-The Walk for Hunger, Inc., to enhance and
expand the summer food service outreach program and the school
breakfast outreach program; and provided further, that nothing in the
universal school breakfast program shall give rise to legal rights in any
party or provide enforceable entitlement to services, prior appropriation
continued

$5,314,176

$5,016,445
For school aid to cities, towns, regional school districts, counties maintaining agricultural schools, independent vocational schools and independent agricultural and technical schools to be distributed under chapters 70 and 76 of the General Laws and section 3 ........................................ $6,864,918,685

General Fund .................................................. 96.46%
Student Opportunity Act Investment Fund .......... 2.91%
Education Fund ................................................ 0.63%

For the reimbursement of extraordinary special education costs under section 5A of chapter 71B of the General Laws; provided, that the approved costs threshold for fiscal year 2025 shall be as defined in said section 5A of said chapter 71B and the program shall reimburse municipalities for both the eligible instructional costs and for the cost of required out-of-district transportation associated with implementing individual education plans of students receiving special education services in a manner consistent with said section 5A of said chapter 71B; provided further, that notwithstanding section 27 of chapter 132 of the acts of 2019, the program shall reimburse 75 per cent of all required out-of-district transportation costs eligible for reimbursement in fiscal year 2025; provided further, that reimbursements shall be prorated as necessary so that the expenses of this item shall not exceed the amount appropriated in this item; provided further, that upon receipt by the department of elementary and secondary education of required special education cost reports from school districts, the department shall reimburse districts based on fiscal year 2024 claims; provided further, that the department may expend funds to continue and expand voluntary residential placement prevention programs between the department of elementary and secondary education and other departments within the executive office of health and human services that develop community-based support services for children and their families; provided further, that the department shall provide not less than $10,500,000 to the department of developmental services for the voluntary residential placement prevention program; provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall fully cooperate in providing information and assistance necessary for the department of developmental services to maximize federal reimbursement and to effectively serve students in less restrictive settings; provided further, that not less than $750,000 shall be expended for students with intellectual disabilities through the Massachusetts chapter of Best Buddies International, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for school districts in which special education costs exceed 25 per cent of the total district costs and in which tuition and other circuit-breaker eligible costs for placements at an approved private school located within the district exceed both $1,000,000 and 25 per cent of all tuition and other circuit-breaker eligible costs for placements at approved private schools; provided further, that the department shall expend not less than $200,000:
(i) to provide books in accessible synthetic audio format that are made available through the National Instructional Materials Access Center repository; and (ii) for outreach to and training of teachers and students on the use of National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard format and the use of human speech audio digital textbooks; provided further, that the department shall expend funds for the costs of borrowing audio textbooks by special education students; provided further, that funds may be expended for the monitoring and follow-up activities of the department’s complaint management system, review and approval of local educational
For grants to school districts, charter schools and educational collaboratives to adapt, expand or strengthen multi-tiered systems of support to respond to the social emotional and behavioral health needs of students, families and educators; provided, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall develop the criteria for the grants; provided further, that grants may be awarded to school districts, charter schools and educational collaboratives that: (i) integrate equitable, culturally-competent and accessible social emotional learning skills into curriculum; (ii) implement targeted and evidenced-based supports for students at risk of not reaching social and behavioral expectations; (iii) provide professional development for staff members to recognize and respond to mental and behavioral health challenges that may arise during in-person or remote learning; and (iv) solicit feedback from a culturally and regionally diverse cross-section of students, families and caregivers to ensure that social emotional learning efforts reflect the school community’s values and priorities; provided further, that preference in awarding grants shall be given to applicants that prioritize racial equity and cultural responsiveness; provided further, that in awarding grants the department may consider the amount of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds received by a district; provided further, that, for districts that the department determines have received substantial Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funding, preference in awarding grants may be given to those districts that commit to not less than a 100 per cent match in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds; provided further, that grant awards shall not be
contingent upon a match in federal funding for those districts that the department determines have not received substantial Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funding; provided further, that the department shall, to the extent feasible, take affirmative steps to ensure the success of grant recipients in strengthening multi-tiered systems of support including, but not limited to, increased outreach and administrative support; and provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended for a pilot program to provide universal mental health screenings for students in kindergarten to grade 12, inclusive; provided further, that participants in the pilot program shall establish mental health support teams composed of existing student support personnel and screenings shall be performed by a member of such a team; provided further, that grants awarded through the program may be used to support costs related to implementation of screening protocols, professional development and technical assistance; provided further, that not later than July 1, 2025, each participant in the pilot program shall submit a report to the department of elementary and secondary education including, but not limited to, the: (a) number of students who received mental health screenings, delineated by demographic group and grade level; (b) number of students requiring additional support or follow-up screenings, including students who indicated suicidal ideation or intent to self-harm; (c) length of time between the initial screening and subsequent support services provided; (d) number of students referred for additional support services outside of the school district; and (e) types of screening tools used; provided further, that not later than September 3, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the joint committee on education, the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery and the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include: (1) a description of the participants in the pilot program; (2) a summary of the data collected from program participants; and (3) any recommendations to further expand the availability of mental health screenings for students............$6,000,000

### Behavioral Health Outreach, Access and Support Trust Fund

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<td>For the office of school and district accountability established under section 55A of chapter 15 of the General Laws; provided, that notwithstanding said section 55A of said chapter 15, the office shall perform not less than 20 school district audits for fiscal year 2025</td>
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<td>For a reserve to assist towns negatively impacted by shortfalls in federal impact aid for the education of children in families employed by the federal government on military reservations located within a town's limits; provided, that any grants provided under this item shall be expended by a school committee without further appropriation; and provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be made available to the town of Lincoln to mitigate the costs of educating the children of retired-military families</td>
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<td>For fiscal year 2025 reimbursements to certain cities, towns and regional school districts of charter school tuition and the per-pupil capital facilities component included in the charter school tuition amount for commonwealth charter schools, as calculated under subsections (ff) and (gg) of section 89 of chapter 71 of the General Laws; provided, that notwithstanding said subsection (ff) of said section 89 of said chapter 71 or any other general or special law to the contrary, the per-pupil capital facilities component of the commonwealth charter school tuition rate for</td>
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fiscal year 2025 shall be $1,188; provided further, that under section 25 of chapter 132 of the acts of 2019, the department shall provide not less than 100 per cent of the total eligible state obligation in fiscal year 2025; and provided further, that if the amount appropriated is insufficient to fully fund all reimbursements required by said section 89 of said chapter 71, the department shall fund the reimbursements in accordance with the following priorities: (i) the payment of the first year tuition for students previously enrolled in a private or parochial school or students who are homeschooled; (ii) the payment of tuition for siblings where required by subsection (i) of said section 89 of said chapter 71; (iii) the per-pupil capital facilities component; (iv) the 100 per cent increase reimbursement; and (v) the remaining increase reimbursements, beginning with the most recent year ................................................................. $198,988,065

7061-9200 For the department’s education data analysis and support for local districts ........................................................................................................................................ $1,162,475

7061-9400 For student and school assessment, including the administration of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System exam established by the board of elementary and secondary education under sections 1D and 1I of chapter 69 of the General Laws and for grants to school districts to develop portfolio assessments for use in individual classrooms as an enhancement to student assessment; provided, that the portfolio assessments shall not replace the statewide standardized assessment based on the curriculum frameworks; provided further, that funds may be expended for any further exams approved by the board under said sections; provided further, that funds may also be expended on the development and implementation of related curriculum standards and instructional support; provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall expend funds for school and student assessment in accordance with the determination made by the board of elementary and secondary education as to the method of assessment in the 2024-2025 school year; provided further, that funding may be expended for the development of new high school assessments and assessments in history and social science; and provided further, that all school assessments shall center on the academic standards embodied in the curriculum frameworks and shall involve gauges which shall be relevant and meaningful to students, parents, teachers, administrators and taxpayers under the first paragraph of said section 1I of said chapter 69 ........ $41,439,132

7061-9401 For the University of Massachusetts at Amherst to manage an alternative assessment pilot program; provided, that the program shall be administered under a contract with the Massachusetts Consortium for Innovative Education Assessment to directly support the member districts of the consortium in developing and piloting tools and practices to assess student and school performance; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the university to disseminate tools and practices developed within the consortium, making such tools and practices freely available to all schools and districts; and provided further, that the consortium shall issue an annual report that includes recommendations to the commissioner of elementary and secondary education and the joint committee on education ................................................................................................................................. $550,000

7061-9406 For a statewide college and career readiness program implemented by JFYNetWorks, a nonprofit corporation, to: (i) provide online instructional curricula to help students meet the Massachusetts State Standards at
each grade level and reduce learning loss and achievement gaps; and (ii) prepare students for required assessments and college placement tests in middle and high schools ................................................................................. $875,000

For targeted assistance and support to schools and districts at risk of or determined to be underperforming or chronically underperforming under sections 1J and 1K of chapter 69 of the General Laws, including schools and districts that have been identified as in need of “focused support/targeted support” or “broad/comprehensive support” within the state's framework for accountability and assistance under departmental regulations and guidelines; provided, that no funds shall be expended in any school or district that fails to file a comprehensive school or district plan under section 11 of said chapter 69; provided further, that the department shall only approve reform plans with proven, replicable results in improving student performance, using research-based effective practices for turnaround to build multi-tiered systems of support; provided further, that the department shall only prioritize funding for turnaround efforts which are based on the turnaround practices identified by the department as key focus areas for successful school turnaround including, but not limited to: (i) leadership, shared responsibility and professional collaboration; (ii) intentional practices for improving student instruction; (iii) student specific supports and instruction provided to all students; and (iv) school climate and culture that provide a safe, orderly and respectful environment for students and families; provided further, that in carrying out this item, the department may contract with school support specialists, turnaround partners and such other external assistance as necessary in the expert opinion of the commissioner of elementary and secondary education to successfully turn around failing school and district performance; provided further, that no funds shall be expended on targeted assistance unless the department has approved, as part of the comprehensive district improvement plan, a professional development plan that addresses the needs of the district as determined by the department; provided further, that grants made under this item shall be awarded in coordination with the departments of early education and care and higher education; provided further, that funds shall be available for the establishment of a new school leadership initiative through cohort-based training and coaching; provided further, that funds may be expended for the purchase of instructional materials under section 57 of chapter 15 of the General Laws; provided further, that no funds shall be expended on instructional materials except where the purchase of such materials is part of a comprehensive plan to align the school or district curriculum with the Massachusetts curriculum frameworks; provided further, that preference in distributing funds shall be given to proposals that coordinate reform efforts within all schools in a district in order to prevent conflicts between multiple reforms and interventions among the schools, and which demonstrate innovative approaches that have improved student performance including, but not limited to, partnerships between community-based organizations and school districts; provided further, that not later than January 15, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education describing and analyzing all targeted assistance efforts funded by this item; provided further, that no funds shall be expended on recurring school or school district expenditures unless the department and school district have developed a long-term plan to fund such expenditures from the district’s operational budget; provided further, that funds may be expended
for programs or activities during the summer months; and provided further, that any funds distributed from this item to a city, town or regional school district shall be deposited with the treasurer of such city, town or regional school district and held in a separate account and shall be expended by the school committee of such city, town or regional school district without further appropriation..........................................................$16,403,545

7061-9412 For grants to cities, towns and regional school districts for planning and implementing expanded learning time in the form of longer school days or school years at selected schools; provided, that implementation grants shall only be provided from this item to schools and school districts that have submitted qualifying applications that were approved by the department of elementary and secondary education in fiscal year 2024 and plan to implement an appropriate amount of additional time to allow for meaningful teacher collaboration and professional development, academic support and enrichment opportunities for all children attending that school or school district; provided further, that in approving expanded learning time implementation grant applications, preference shall be given to districts with high poverty rates or schools requiring assistance or intervention on the state accountability system, districts with proposals that have the greatest potential for districtwide impact, districts that plan to utilize partnerships with community-based organizations and institutions of higher education effectively aligned to schoolwide priorities and districts with proposals that include a comprehensive restructuring of the entire school day or year to maximize the use of the additional learning time; provided further, that the department shall approve implementation proposals that include an appropriate mix of additional time spent on core academics, additional time spent on enrichment opportunities, including small group tutoring, homework help, music, art, sports, physical activity, health and wellness programs, project-based experiential learning and additional time for teacher preparation or professional development; provided further, that not later than August 15, 2024, the department shall review all qualified proposals and award approved grants; and provided further, that appropriated funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months ..........................................................$2,400,000

7061-9601 For the department of elementary and secondary education, which shall expend not more than $2,612,438 for teacher preparation and certification services from fees related to such services; provided, that for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system..........................................................$2,612,438

7061-9607 For the administrative and programmatic costs of recovery high schools; provided, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall work collaboratively with the bureau of substance addiction services for the successful transition and continued operation of the recovery high schools model; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) number of youths served per high school; and (ii) outcomes measured for youths; and provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the implementation of recovery high schools ..........................................................$2,919,704
For grants or subsidies for after-school and out-of-school programs; provided, that preference shall be given to after-school proposals developed collaboratively and that support quality enhancements and increased access to after-school and summer learning programs by public and nonpublic schools and private community-based programs; provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall fund only those applications which contain accountability systems and measurable outcomes, under guidelines to be determined by the department in consultation with the department of early education and care; provided further, that applicants shall detail funds received from all public sources for existing after-school and out-of-school programs and the types of programs and students served by the funds; provided further, that funds shall be expended for services that actively include children with disabilities in after-school programs that also serve nondisabled children, and services that include children for whom English is a second language and children identified as low-income; provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall consult with the executive office of health and human services and the department of early education and care to maximize the provision of wrap-around services and to coordinate programs and services for children and youths during after-school and out-of-school programs; provided further, that not later than September 30, 2024, the department of elementary and secondary education shall select the grant recipients and shall report on the preliminary results of said grants not later than January 10, 2025 to the secretary of administration and finance, the joint committee on education and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months; provided further, that funds shall be expended to convene regional networks to work with the department of elementary and secondary education and the department of early education and care to support the implementation of school and community partnerships; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the continued operation of a pilot data-sharing program designed to provide school districts with funds to partner with local community-based organizations and share identifiable student data to the extent allowed by law; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for the YWCA Central Massachusetts, Inc. for youth swimming lessons as part of summer programming for children who identify as low income, as well as necessary infrastructure to comply with Christian’s Law; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the Associação Caboverdiana de Brockton, Inc/The Immigrant Assistance Center of Greater Brockton for employment positions for at-risk youth within their YEP! We Can summer program; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Steps to Success to provide academic and personal support for low-income students from 4th grad to college graduation; provided further, than not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Girls Design Academy in the city of New Bedford department of community services; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for the Boston Debate League, Incorporated for its after-school debate league program; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended for the tutoring and mentoring program Homework House Inc. provides in collaboration with the Holyoke public schools; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Boston Partners for Education to support school programming needs; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended for the Recreation Worcester program in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be...
expended to the Old Colony YMCA to provide free summer swimming lessons at the Lawrence Cosgrove Pool for children of low income families in Brockton; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Stoneham for extra-curricular programs; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended for the Junior Achievement of Greater Boston, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended as a grant to the Crystal Springs school in the town of Freetown to support programs and services for children, adolescents and young adults with developmental disabilities; and provided further, that not later than June 30, 2025, the grantee shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the effects of the pilot program on students participating in the programs partnered with the school districts.

General Fund .................................................................85.99%
Youth Development & Achievement Fund ..........14.01%

For the implementation of subsection (f) of section 1P of chapter 69 of the General Laws to create safe and supportive school environments; provided, that funds shall be expended for the safe and supportive schools grant program and for a full-time staff member devoted to carrying out the responsibilities under said subsection (f) of said section 1P of said chapter 69; provided further, that funds shall be expended for: (i) an annual statewide safe and supportive schools conference that shall highlight the grant program, include presentations by grantee schools and districts about their work, teach attendees about the safe and supportive schools framework and self-assessment tool, include presentations about the grant application process and emphasize best practices for incorporating developmentally appropriate input from students into safe and supportive schools grant applications and school-wide action plans; (ii) expert technological assistance in upgrading the usability of the online self-assessment tool; and (iii) an evaluation of the grant program; provided further, that funds shall be expended for leadership summits to assist superintendents and principals with developing safe and supportive school and district cultures including, but not limited to, the implementation of the online self-assessment tool; provided further, that grants shall be awarded to schools and school district teams that create schoolwide action plans based on all the elements of the safe and supportive schools framework and self-assessment tool; provided further, that grant awards shall be prioritized for applications that include a process for developmentally appropriate input from students who are reflective of the school population; provided further, that schools receiving continuation grants to implement schoolwide action plans shall incorporate such action plans into their school improvement plans developed under section 1I of said chapter 69; provided further, that the safe and supportive schools commission shall conduct an analysis of such school-wide action plans and school improvement plans, which the department shall provide to the commission, and shall include in its annual report the results of such analysis and any recommendations, including any recommendations related to improving the framework or the self-assessment tool; provided further, that not later than November 1, 2024, grant awards under this item shall be allocated by the department of elementary and secondary education to schools and school districts; provided further, that districts shall create district plans that support recipient schools; and provided further, that any unexpended funds in this item shall not revert to the
General Fund but shall be made available for this item until June 30, 2026
...............................................................................................................................$661,461

7061-9619 For the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology; provided, that the institute shall have access to the Massachusetts education computer system; and provided further, that the institute may join the state buying consortium.............................................................................................................................$1

7061-9624 For the School of Excellence program at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute; provided, that every effort shall be made to recruit and serve equal numbers of male and female students; provided further, that sending districts of students attending the Institute shall not be required to expend any funds for the cost of these students while in attendance at the Institute; and provided further, that the Massachusetts Academy of Math and Science at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute shall provide professional development activities at the academy, including salary and benefits for teachers and visiting scholars.................................................................$2,000,000

7061-9626 For grants to the members of the Massachusetts YouthBuild Coalition, Inc., for the purpose of providing comprehensive education, workforce training and skills development to youth...............................................................$3,000,000

7061-9634 For the Mass Mentoring Partnership, Inc., which shall be responsible for administering a competitive statewide grant program for public and private agencies to start or expand youth mentoring programs according to current best practices and for purposes including advancing academic performance, self-esteem, social competence and workforce development; provided, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall transfer the amount appropriated in this item to the Mass Mentoring Partnership, Inc., for these grants; provided further, that in order to be eligible to receive funds from this item, each public or private agency shall provide a matching amount equal to $1 for every $1 disbursed from this item; and provided further, that not later than March 14, 2025, the Mass Mentoring Partnership, Inc. shall submit a report to the department detailing the impact of the grants, expenditure of funds and the amount and source of matching funds raised..............................................................................$1,800,000

7061-9650 For the Supporting Healthy Alliances Reinforcing Education (SHARE) grant program to provide an integrated student wellness grant program to assist schools with addressing non-academic barriers to student success; provided, that grants shall be used to support school districts establishing an infrastructure to facilitate integrated coordination of school and community-based resources including, but not limited to, social services, mental health and behavioral health resources; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be awarded by the department to schools and school districts serving high percentages of low-income students; provided further, that said supports may include funding to assist public school districts in contracting with licensed community-based health care service providers, including mental and behavioral health providers; provided further, that said program shall be administered by the department of elementary and secondary education in coordination with the executive office of health and human services; provided further, that the department shall prioritize applications for such services that are submitted by school districts whose applications are consistent with infrastructure and coordination efforts linking schools to community-based resources in accordance with item 7061-9612 of section 2 of chapter 154 of the acts of
2018; provided further, that such support grants may be expended to assist school districts in connecting students with community-based services to maximize coordination with service providers and establish more comprehensive continuums of care; provided further, that such grants may also be expended to support increased professional development opportunities for public school employees to identify students in need of mental and behavioral health support; provided further, that not later than December 30, 2024, the department shall issue a report outlining all student support efforts funded by this item; provided further, that the report shall be provided to the senate president, the speaker of the house, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education; provided further, that for the purposes of this item, appropriated funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months; provided further, that any unexpended funds in this item shall not revert but shall be made available for the purposes of this item until August 29, 2025; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any funds distributed from this item to a city, town or regional school district shall be deposited with the treasurer of such city, town or regional school district without further appropriation $2,000,000

For programs to encourage graduates of the commonwealth’s public institutions of higher education to work as public school educators; provided, that not less than $5,000,000 shall be expended to fund the tomorrow’s educators scholarship program established pursuant to section 19D of chapter 15A of the General Laws as amended by this act; provided further, that not less than $5,000,000 shall be expended for a student loan repayment assistance program for public school educators; provided further, that the student loan repayment assistance program shall be administered by the executive office of education and that funds for the program may be expended to enhance existing loan repayment assistance programs, if appropriate; provided further, that the student loan repayment assistance program shall provide assistance of not more than $7,500 per eligible individual; provided further, that said program shall prioritize the recruitment and retention of racially, culturally, ethnically and linguistically diverse educators consistent with chapter 132 of the acts of 2019 to diversify the educator workforce; provided further, that to be eligible for loan repayment assistance under this item, an individual shall: (a) have completed a bachelor’s degree program at a public institution of higher education as defined in section 5 of chapter 15A of the General Laws and including Quincy College, after January 1, 2020; (b) have outstanding educational debt that was incurred to pay tuition, fees or additional costs of attendance as calculated by the institution of higher education, including, but not limited to, room and board, books and supplies, transportation, child care and personal expenses, while enrolled in an undergraduate degree or post-baccalaureate program at the institution; and (c) commit to and work for 4 years in a school district, as defined in section 2 of chapter 70 of the General Laws, as a teacher, instructional or program paraprofessional, or in any other position that requires a license or other form of certification issued by the department of elementary and secondary education or other state agency; provided further, that the executive office of education shall promulgate regulations for the administration and enforcement of the student loan repayment assistance program which shall include repayment procedures if a participating individual fails to comply with the program requirements; provided further,
that if the funds appropriated for the program are insufficient to cover costs of all eligible individuals, priority shall be given to educators working in school districts with higher shares of students who are designated as low income as defined in said section 2 of said chapter 70; provided further, that not less than 45 days prior to the obligation of funds for the loan repayment assistance program, the executive office of education shall submit a comprehensive program plan to the executive office for administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education; and provided further, that funds from this item may be expended on a public awareness campaign on the loan repayment assistance program ........................................ $10,000,000

7061-9813 For rural school aid to eligible towns and regional school districts, excluding vocational schools, independent agricultural, technical schools and charter schools; provided, that a school district shall be eligible for rural school aid if a school district has a student density of not more than 35 students per square mile and an average annual per capita income of not more than the average annual per capita income for the commonwealth for the same period; provided further, that rural school aid shall be allocated equitably in the following priority order: (i) school districts serving less than 11 students per square mile; (ii) school districts serving not more than 21 students per square mile; and (iii) school districts serving not more than 35 students per square mile; provided further, that not later than December 1, 2024, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (a) its recommendations for additional adjustments to the rural school aid calculation for fiscal year 2026 to improve the accuracy and equity of the student density component and the per capita income component; and (b) the calculation and planned distribution of funds to school districts; provided further, that not later than January 31, 2025, any district receiving funds under this item shall submit a plan to the department of elementary and secondary education outlining steps the district will take to increase regional collaboration, consolidation or other efficiencies over the next 3 fiscal years; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall submit a report to the joint committee on education and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing steps that participating districts have taken in regionalization and consolidation; and provided further, that funds distributed from this item shall not be considered chapter 70 aid for the calculation of the minimum required local contribution for fiscal year 2026 ..... $16,000,000

7061-9814 For a competitive grant program to support the development and expansion of high-quality, comprehensive summer learning opportunities for students in districts with high concentrations of low-income students; provided, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall develop the criteria for grants; provided further, that grants shall be awarded to programs that: (i) include not less than 150 hours of programming with a focus on academic and college and career readiness skills, including critical thinking, collaboration and perseverance; (ii) are research-based summer programs; and (iii) engage with a variety of organizations and leverage cost-sharing partnerships with local districts, private funders and nonprofit institutions; provided further, that in awarding grants, the department may consider the amount of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funding received by a district; provided further, that, for districts that the department determines have received substantial Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief
funding, preference in awarding grants may be given to those districts that commit to not less than a 100 per cent match in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds; provided further, that grant awards shall not be contingent upon a match in federal funding for those districts that the department determines have not received substantial Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funding; and provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months ................................................................. $3,000,000

7061-9815 For a grant program administered by the department of elementary and secondary education in coordination with the executive office of public safety and security for the prevention of hate crimes, as defined under section 32 of chapter 22C of the General Laws, and incidences of bias in public schools; provided, that grants shall be used for education, professional development, prevention or community outreach; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Mosaic: Interfaith Youth Action for interfaith programming for middle and high school students to prevent bias and promote intercultural understanding; and provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall develop guidelines for grant distribution including, but not limited to, prioritizing schools that have experienced hate crimes or incidences of bias within the last 2 years ................................................................. $1,025,000

Department of Higher Education.

7066-0000 For the operation of the department of higher education; provided, that the department shall recommend savings proposals that permit public institutions of higher education to achieve administrative and program cost reductions, resource reallocation and program reassessment and to utilize resources otherwise available to such institutions; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended to Quincy College for student supports; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for Thrive Scholars to support college to career services; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended for the state university internship incentive program established in item 7066-0000 of section 2 of chapter 139 of the acts of 2012; provided further, that the commonwealth shall contribute funds to each institution in an amount necessary to match private contributions in the current fiscal year to the institution's internship incentive program; provided further, that the commonwealth's contribution shall be equal to $1 for every $1 privately contributed to each university's board of trustees or foundation; provided further, that the maximum total contributions from the commonwealth shall be not more than the amount appropriated in this item; provided further, that funds from this program shall not result in a direct or an indirect reduction in the commonwealth's appropriations to the institutions for operations, scholarships, financial aid or any state appropriation and the department shall promulgate regulations and criteria for the program; provided further, that in order to meet the estimated costs of employee fringe benefits provided by the commonwealth on account of employees of the Massachusetts State College Building Authority and the University of Massachusetts Building Authority and in order to meet the estimated cost of heat, light, power and other services, if any, to be furnished by the commonwealth to projects of these authorities, the boards of trustees of the community colleges, state universities and the University of Massachusetts shall transfer to the General Fund, from the funds received from the operations of the projects, the costs, if any, as shall be incurred by the commonwealth for these
purposes in the current fiscal year as determined by the appropriate building authority, verified by the commissioner of higher education and approved by the secretary of administration and finance; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for a campus violence prevention administrator and such other activities as are needed to fund the full implementation of chapter 337 of the acts of 2020 to advance statewide campus safety initiatives, including sexual violence prevention; provided further, that funds shall be expended to meet existing statutory requirements and provide orientation, professional development and support for the boards of trustees in areas including, but not limited to, recruitment, training and accountability; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the training resources and internship networks, or TRAIN, grant program established in section 179 of chapter 46 of the acts of 2015; provided further, that not less than $1,500,000 shall be expended for monthly stipends and other support services for participants in order to facilitate participation in the program; provided further, that not more than $100,000 shall be expended for administrative costs for the program; provided further, that the department shall seek additional proposals to expand the TRAIN grant program to additional community colleges in fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less than $450,000 shall be expended for the Journey into Education & Teaching, Inc. program; and provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to public institutions of higher education with supportive substance abuse recovery student housing to provide opioid antagonists to treat overdoses and to provide training to students, faculty and staff in the administration of opioid antagonists and responses to overdoses ...............................................................$6,733,511

7066-0009 For the New England Board of Higher Education...........................................$378,525

7066-0015 For the community college workforce training incentive grant program established under section 15F of chapter 15A of the General Laws; provided, that eligible incentive revenues under this program may also include workforce training contracts administered or paid through public agencies, municipalities, public grants, nonprofit organizations or private gifts.............................................................................................................................................$1,360,000

7066-0016 For a program of financial aid to support the matriculation at public and private institutions of higher education of persons in the custody of the department of children and families under a care and protection petition upon reaching 18 years of age or persons in the custody of the department matriculating at such an institution at an earlier age; provided, that no such person shall be required to remain in the custody of the department beyond 18 years of age to qualify for such aid; provided further, that said aid shall not exceed $6,000 per recipient per year; and provided further, that said aid shall only be granted after exhausting all other sources of financial support.........................................................................................................................$1,485,000

7066-0019 For the department of higher education to support the dual enrollment program allowing qualified high school students to take college courses; provided, that public and private institutions of higher education may offer courses in high schools in addition to courses offered at the institutions or online if the number of students is sufficient; provided further, that preference in awarding grants for early college programs shall be given to public institutions of higher education; and provided further, that appropriated funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months .................................................................$13,100,000
7066-0021  For reimbursements to public institutions of higher education for foster and adopted child fee waivers under section 19 of chapter 15A of the General Laws; provided, that no funds shall be distributed from this item before certification by the state universities, community colleges and the University of Massachusetts of the actual amount of tuition and fees waived for foster and adopted children attending public institutions of higher education under said section 19 of said chapter 15A that would otherwise have been retained by the campuses according to procedures and regulations promulgated by the board of higher education; and provided further, that reimbursements to public institutions of higher education for fee waivers granted in prior fiscal years may be expended from this item..........................................................$7,294,911

7066-0025  For the Performance Management Set Aside incentive program for the University of Massachusetts, the state universities and the community colleges; provided, that funds shall be distributed by the commissioner of higher education to public institutions of higher education through a competitive grant process based on priorities determined by the board of higher education in pursuit of operational efficiency and strategic goals; provided further, that priorities may include support of workforce programs that train students for high-quality employment and for outreach programs that engage surrounding communities with high-quality educational programs, and programs that focus on timely or accelerated student completion of associate and bachelor's degree programs with lower and more predictable student costs; provided further, that not later than January 31, 2025, the department of higher education shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing campuses receiving funds through this item and the criteria used to award funds; and provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months.............................................$2,552,156

7066-0036  For science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) Starter Academy programs to be implemented through the department of higher education at the Massachusetts community colleges to benefit student populations identified by the department as having expressed a high level of interest in STEM majors and STEM careers and yet are underperforming on STEM academic assessments; provided, that the STEM Starter Academy program shall incorporate best practice design elements from established STEM career pathways initiatives including, but not limited to, those recognized by the Massachusetts' Plan for Excellence in STEM Education and any subsequent STEM plans recognized by the department; provided further, that the STEM Starter Academy shall incorporate employer and industry collaboration to address workforce needs in high-demand fields, industry contextualized STEM curriculum, embedded mathematics and English language remediation and student supports and other STEM education research-based strategies that promote enrollment, enhance retention and increase post-secondary graduation rates and pathways to job placement or transfer to 4-year degree programs; provided further, that appropriated funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months; and provided further, that not later than September 30, 2024, the department of higher education shall submit to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on higher education and the joint committee on education an evaluation of this program and its impact............$4,750,000
For adult college transition services focused on low-income and entry-level workers; provided, that funds shall be awarded competitively by the board of higher education to adult basic education providers, including local education agencies, community-based organizations, community colleges and correctional facilities with recognized success in bridging academic gaps of underserved populations and resulting in college entrance, retention and completion; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for Jewish Vocational Service, Inc. with a targeted focus on academic and coaching support for immigrants and refugees; provided further, that not later than February 14, 2025, program awardees shall report to the department of higher education on attendees' successful transition to college and that the department of higher education shall deliver to the joint committee on education and the house and senate committees on ways and means an evaluation of the program and its impact on student achievement, particularly as it relates to closing achievement gaps; and provided further, that appropriated funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months. $500,000

For student behavioral health services at state universities, community colleges and municipally-owned colleges including, but not limited to, crisis services, therapy, the assessment of learning disorders, responses to sexual assault, substance use disorder services and assistance to students struggling with stress, anxiety or other mental health needs; provided, that funds from this item shall be administered by the department of higher education; provided further, that not less than $2,000,000 shall be distributed amongst the community colleges; provided further, that not less than $2,000,000 shall be distributed amongst the state universities; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to support the administration, management and distribution of funds from this item; and provided further, that not later than February 1, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the methodology used to distribute funds from this item, prior appropriation continued. $4,228,000

For additional operational funding for state universities; provided, that funds from this item shall be distributed in accordance with the funding formula in line item 7066-1400 of section 2 of chapter 165 of the acts of 2014; provided further, that funding from this item shall be contingent upon approval of a funding formula that incorporates equity by the board of higher education; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the state universities shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the total balance in all budgeted and off-budget funds; and provided further, that the allocation of funds shall be approved by the board of higher education. $7,311,484

Education Fund. 100.00%

For a discretionary grant program to provide funds to school districts and public institutions of higher education partnering together to offer inclusive concurrent enrollment programs for school age children with disabilities, as defined in section 1 of chapter 71B of the General Laws, who are between the ages 18 and 22, inclusive; provided, that the grant program shall be limited to students who are considered to have severe disabilities and, in the case of students age 18 or 19, shall be limited to students with severe disabilities who have been unable to achieve the competency determination necessary to pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive
Assessment System exam; provided further, that on a discretionary basis, public institutions of higher education may choose to additionally include students with severe developmental disabilities over 21 years of age through said grant program; provided further, that such students with disabilities shall be offered enrollment in credit and noncredit courses that include students without disabilities, including enrollment in credit and noncredit courses in audit status for students who may not meet course prerequisites and requirements; provided further, that the partnering school districts shall provide supports, services and accommodations necessary to facilitate a student’s enrollment; provided further, that the department of higher education shall develop guidelines to ensure that the grant program promotes civic engagement and mentoring of faculty in public institutions of higher education and supports college success, work success, participation in student life of the college community and provision of a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment; provided further, that the department shall develop strategies and procedures to help sustain and replicate the existing inclusive concurrent enrollment programs initiated through the grant program including, but not limited to: (i) providing funds to retain employment specialists; (ii) assisting students in meeting integrated competitive employment and other transition-related goals; (iii) adopting procedures and funding mechanisms to ensure that new partnerships of public institutions of higher education and school districts providing inclusive concurrent enrollment programs fully utilize the models and expertise developed in existing partnerships; and (iv) conducting evaluations and research to further identify student outcomes and best practices; provided further, that the department shall develop a mechanism to encourage existing and new partnerships to expand the capacity to respond to individual parents and schools in underserved areas that request an opportunity for their children to participate in the inclusive concurrent enrollment initiative; provided further, that tuition for courses shall be waived by the state institutions of higher education for students enrolled through this grant program; provided further, that the department shall maintain the position of inclusive concurrent enrollment coordinator who shall be responsible for administering the grant program, coordinating the advisory committee, developing new partnerships, assisting existing partnerships in creating self-sustaining models and overseeing the development of videos and informational materials as well as evaluation and research through the institute for community inclusion to assist new colleges and school districts; provided further, that not later than July 15, 2024, the department shall select grant recipients and shall distribute a request for grant proposals subject to future appropriation not later than May 30, 2025; provided further, that not later than January 31, 2025, the department of higher education, in consultation with the department of elementary and secondary education, shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on education and the joint committee on higher education on (i) student outcomes in programs funded under this item; and (ii) progress report on efforts to implement the higher education access law in accordance with sections 12, 35, 36, 165 and 168 of chapter 126 of the acts of 2022; provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months; and provided further, that not less than $2,000,000 shall be transferred to the Massachusetts Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Initiative Trust Fund established in section 2VVVVV of chapter 29 of the General Laws..............................................$5,000,000
For a scholarship program to provide financial assistance to Massachusetts students enrolled in and pursuing a program of higher education in any approved public or independent college, university, school of nursing or any other approved institution furnishing a program of higher education; provided, that funds from this item may be expended on the administration of said scholarship program; provided further, that the commissioner of higher education, in coordination with the Massachusetts state scholarship office, shall follow adopted guidelines governing the eligibility for and the awarding of financial assistance; provided further, that the priority application deadline for the MASSGrant program shall be August 1, 2024; provided further, that funds from this item shall be made available for the MASSGrant or MASSGrant Plus programs in an amount not less than the amount made available in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that not less than $22,000,000 shall be made available for the Massachusetts Gilbert Matching Student Grant Program (GMSGP); provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended toward academic and financial support services for students of The Urban College of Boston, A Two-Year College, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $5,000,000 shall be made available for early educator scholarships; provided further, that funds from this item shall be made available for paraprofessional grants in amounts not less than the amounts made available in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that not less than $480,000 shall be made available for One Family, Inc. for any costs in connection with the One Family Scholars; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be made available for the Chief Justice Ralph D. Gants Scholarship program, administered by the Massachusetts Bar Foundation to provide stipends for judicial internships to current law students with demonstrated financial need; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for financial assistance to students enrolled in independent, nonprofit vocational-technical institutions of higher education in the commonwealth that are minority-serving institutions as defined by the United States Department of Education at least once in the previous 3 years and whose majority of students are eligible for Pell grants, prior appropriation continued $175,938,311

For the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University; provided, that funds shall be expended under a resident veterinary tuition remission plan as approved by the commissioner of higher education for supportive veterinary services provided to the commonwealth; provided further, that funds from this item may support collaborative arrangements that may include teaching partnerships, articulation agreements or both with community colleges and vocational-technical schools that offer veterinary technician programs, veterinary health care programs or both approved by the board of higher education; provided further, that the school may work in consultation with the Norfolk county agricultural high school on veterinary programs; provided further, that the school may work in consultation with the Bristol county agricultural high school on veterinary programs; and provided further, that funds appropriated in this item shall support bioterrorism prevention research conducted in consultation with emergency authorities in the commonwealth relative to diseases that can be transmitted from animals to humans $7,000,000

For funding to community college campuses; provided, that funds shall be expended for the continued implementation of community college reform, for continued initiatives to strengthen the connections between the colleges, local businesses and regional workforce investment boards and

$7,000,000
to improve workforce training at the colleges; provided further, that funding shall be allocated among the campuses using a formula that incorporates equity, developed by the commissioner of higher education in consultation with the secretaries of education, labor and workforce development and economic development; provided further, that the department of higher education, in consultation with the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges shall convene a working group to review and update the performance funding formula; provided further, that the working group membership shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the secretary of education or a designee; (ii) the commissioner of the department of higher education or a designee; (iii) the chair of the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges or a designee; (iv) 2 presidents of community colleges; (v) a representative from the Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education; (vi) a representative from the Massachusetts Business Roundtable; (vii) a representative from the Massachusetts Community College Council; and (vii) the house and senate chairs for the joint committee on higher education; provided further, that said working group shall evaluate outcomes for student success and workforce alignment at the community colleges, including but not limited to, student completion rates, supports for socially and economically disadvantaged students, program alignment with workforce needs, and operational goals of each community college; provided further, that said working group may evaluate tuition and fee disparities between campuses; provided further, that said working group shall provide recommendations for an updated formula-based funding system; provided further, that said working group shall submit recommendations on or before March 14, 2025, to the secretary of education, the secretary of administration and finance, the board of higher education, and house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges shall convene a working group to study and recommend administrative efficiency and effectiveness initiatives at the community colleges; provided further, that the working group membership shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the secretary of education or a designee; (ii) the commissioner of the department of higher education or a designee; (iii) 2 presidents of community colleges; (iv) 2 chief financial officers of the public community colleges; provided further, that said working group shall evaluate current and future shared service delivery models for administrative services among the public community colleges, including but not limited to the following functions: (a) procurement; (b) information technology; (c) accounting; (d) human resources; and (e) payroll; provided further, that the working group shall submit recommendations on or before March 15, 2025, to the secretary of education, secretary of administration and finance, the board of higher education, and house and senate committees on ways and means; and provided further, that the allocation of funds shall be approved by the board of higher education

Education Fund .......................................................... 100.00%

7100-4002 For Supporting Urgent Community College Equity through Student Services (SUCCESS) grants to community colleges to provide wraparound supports and services to improve outcomes for their most vulnerable populations, which may include, but shall not be limited to, low-income, first-generation, minority and disabled students and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning students; provided, that funds shall be disbursed based on a formula and criteria developed in consultation with the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges;
provided further, that eligible wraparound support activities shall include, but not be limited to, peer mentors, academic skills workshops, field trips to 4-year schools and targeted academic, career, transfer and scholarship advising; provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months; provided further, that all funds distributed may be spent solely on personnel costs at the discretion of the college; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the purpose of Holyoke Community College Thrive program for wraparound services to vulnerable students; and provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department shall report to the joint committee on higher education and the house and senate committees on ways and means on the progress made on implementing and funding this program, including any regulations, guidelines or criteria used to distribute the funds, and on the final distribution of funds to campuses, prior appropriation continued..........................................................$14,746,079

Marijuana Regulation Fund........................................100.00%

7100-4003 For the department of higher education to support a hunger-free campus initiative in order to address food insecurity at 2- and 4-year public institutions of higher learning and minority-serving institutions as defined by the United States Department of Education; provided, that the department may award grants to campuses that maximize student enrollment in federal nutrition benefit programs, promote on-campus grocers that accept nutrition benefit program benefits, increase access to available meal cards and meal swipe options where feasible, maximize student access to on-campus or area food pantries in collaboration with regional food banks and support other campus-designed projects to address college student food insecurity that are developed through task forces that include students with lived experience in food insecurity; provided further, that the department shall issue a request for proposals through which colleges may apply and award grants based on the demonstrated need and a proposed implementation plan submitted by each applicant; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, within 90 days following the enactment of the general appropriations act, the commissioner of higher education shall submit to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on higher education and the clerks of the house of representatives and senate a report that identifies the date by which the request for proposals will be issued to eligible colleges and the deadline for responses ..........................................................$500,000

7518-0120 For state university and community college collaboration and efficiency efforts through the Partnership to Advance Collaboration and Efficiencies initiative ..........................................................$300,000

7520-0424 For a health and welfare reserve for eligible personnel employed at the community colleges and state universities .........................................................$6,529,017

University of Massachusetts.

7100-0200 For the operation of the University of Massachusetts; provided, that not later than January 31, 2025, the university shall meet with the chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and means and the chairs of the joint committee on higher education to review: (i) the 5-year projected spending plan for academic years 2024 through 2029, including
anticipated cost savings initiatives and efforts to reduce student tuition and fees; and (ii) a comprehensive report on spending over the previous academic year; provided further, that the report shall include, but not be limited to: (a) personnel costs, delineated by staff type and type of pay, including, but not limited to, base pay and bonus pay; (b) the number of full-time equivalent employees, delineated by staff type; (c) non-instructional administrative costs; (d) costs related to asset management and acquisition; (e) annual enrollment growth; (f) annual tuition and fee growth; (g) fee structure; (h) expenditures on direct student financial aid; and (i) average financial aid award per financial aid recipient; provided further, that funding for each center and institute at the University of Massachusetts at Boston shall be provided at an amount not less than in fiscal year 2018; provided further, that if, as a result of extraordinary or unforeseen circumstances, the university deems it necessary to reduce funding to any of said institutions, the university shall submit a report detailing: (1) the reasons for such reductions; (2) all steps taken to avoid such reductions including, but not limited to, the identification of other sources of existing funds, raising of new revenues and the pursuit of savings initiatives and efficiencies; and (3) a mitigation plan to ameliorate the effects on students and university staff of such reductions, for which input from students and university staff shall be solicited; provided further, that the report shall be submitted to the joint committee on higher education and the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 120 days prior to any such funding reduction or institutional closure; provided further, that not later than January 3, 2025, the University of Massachusetts at Boston shall submit a report to the joint committee on higher education and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the progress made implementing the April 2019 taskforce on centers and institutes' recommendations; provided further, that the university shall expend funds for the University of Massachusetts at Amherst Cranberry Station; provided further, that the university shall expend funds for the operation of the Massachusetts office of public collaboration at the University of Massachusetts at Boston and for annual operations of the advanced technology and manufacturing center in the city of Fall River; provided further, that funds may be expended for the operation of the Future of Work Research Initiative at the University of Massachusetts Labor Centers at the university's Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth and Lowell campuses; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for the University of Massachusetts at Amherst health services to support access to women's health care; provided further, that not less than $4,000,000 shall be expended by the university on student behavioral health services including, but not limited to, crisis services, therapy, the assessment of learning disorders, responses to sexual assault, substance use disorder services and assistance to students struggling with stress, anxiety or other mental health needs; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Africana Studies department at the University of Massachusetts at Boston for a program of community organizing, outreach and civic engagement related to public safety and public health in the Dorchester, Roxbury and Mattapan sections of the city of Boston; and provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to Hillel House at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst, Inc. to address security concerns and support student safety

General Fund ...........................................................................99.51%
Education Fund........................................................................0.49%

$764,695,874
For the operation of the community mediation center grant program administered by the office of public collaboration at the University of Massachusetts at Boston under section 47 of chapter 75 of the General Laws; provided, that funding from this item shall be made available for pre-court mediation services to promote housing stabilization; and provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts prisoner re-entry mediation program, prior appropriation continued.$3,013,465

For the Center for Portuguese Studies and Culture at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth; provided, that funds shall be allocated directly to the center.$250,000

For the Institute for Asian American Studies at the University of Massachusetts at Boston to study the history and experiences of anti-Asian racism in the United States and in the commonwealth.$300,000

State Universities.

For Bridgewater State University; provided, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Racial Equity and Justice Institute at Bridgewater State University for the expansion of professional development and consultive supports to aid in the closing of racial educational equity gaps in higher education.$68,417,701

For Fitchburg State University $41,993,969

For Framingham State University $41,290,595

For the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts $23,114,994

For Gallery 51 at the Berkshire Cultural Resource Center in the city of North Adams to be administered by the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts $50,000

For Salem State University $63,026,026

For the Frederick E. Berry Institute for Politics and Civic Engagement at Salem State University; provided, that the institute shall promote public service and civic engagement through programs, educational opportunities and related events that offer inclusive and firsthand civic learning experiences for students $200,000

For Westfield State University $39,637,534

For Worcester State University; provided, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Latino Education Institute and precollegiate programs at Worcester State University $38,924,136

For the Massachusetts College of Art and Design $25,862,609

For the Massachusetts Maritime Academy $24,311,925

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associated with these events, event staff, utilities and capital needs of the facility shall be funded from this item; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the college may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .................................................................$2,500,000

7516-0100 For Middlesex Community College .................................................................$31,969,817

7518-0100 For Bunker Hill Community College; provided further, that not less than $190,000 shall be expended for the Boston Welcome Back Center at Bunker Hill Community College to assist internationally-educated nurses to become licensed to practice in commonwealth .................................................$37,150,150

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY.

Office of the Secretary.

8000-0038 For the operation of a witness protection program under chapter 263A of the General Laws ........................................................................................................................................ $250,000

8000-0070 For the research and analysis of the committee on criminal justice, established in section 156 of chapter 6 of the General Laws; provided, that funds may be expended to support the work of the Massachusetts sentencing commission, established in section 1 of chapter 211E of the General Laws ........................................................................................................................................ $141,866

8000-0202 For the purchase and distribution of sexual assault evidence collection kits ........................................................................................................................................ $93,631

8000-0313 For local public safety projects and grant programs; provided, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to the Norton police department for the installation of security fencing to store police department vehicles and equipment; provided further, that not less than $26,000 shall be expended to CASA Project, Inc. in the city of Worcester for its court-appointed special advocates program in Worcester county; provided further, that not less than $55,000 shall be expended to the town of Spencer for improvements at the police department and for the purchase of a rescue truck for the fire department; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Dorchester Armory in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston to provide event safety; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to Compete with Purpose, Inc. for the Score4More, Inc.’s annual Save R Streets event, a 2-day basketball tournament and peace weekend aimed at reducing violence in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $5,000 shall be expended for the police department in the town of Carlisle for equipment to collect and study traffic data; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to BlueForce Strategies Inc. to provide law enforcement organizations in the commonwealth with no-cost training in areas such as de-escalation, stress mitigation and management through its Community First Project; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the purpose of the removal...
and replacement of failing insulation and drop ceiling tiles at the Brookfield police department; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to Sisters@Heart, Inc. for the purchase, installation, maintenance and related costs of publicly accessible automatic external defibrillators in the city of Attleboro, town of Norton and other nearby communities; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended to NEMLEC Police Foundation, Inc. for the purchase of a drone and supportive equipment for use by member communities, including, but not limited to, the cities of Amesbury and Haverhill and the towns of Andover, Merrimac and North Andover, and for other necessary related expenditures; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the town of Washington to acquire a vehicle for use by its police department; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended to the Westfield police department to purchase transportation equipment; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended to the Holyoke Safe Neighborhood Initiative for community programming; provided further, that not less than $750,000 shall be expended to provide law enforcement agencies with access to critical incident stress management and peer support programs to address police officer mental wellness and suicide prevention under section 118 of chapter 253 of the acts of 2020; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the police department in the town of Georgetown for weapons replacement; provided further, that not less than $70,000 shall be expended for the replacement of a dispatch system at the fire department and police department in the city of Gloucester; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to the city of Gloucester for automatic external defibrillators; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for the police department in the town of Groveland to equip an all-terrain vehicle with search and rescue equipment; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended for the police department in the town of Newburyport for the replacement of radios; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to the town of North Reading for defibrillators; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for roadway safety improvements in the town of West Newbury; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the town of Ipswich for the improvement of accessibility and functionality of town meeting rooms; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for the Sandwich fire department for peer support services; provided further, that not less than $5,282 shall be expended for the town of Plympton for acquiring a patrol vehicle; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the town of Kingston for public safety efforts; provided further, that not less than $30,582 shall be expended for the Plymouth fire department to purchase equipment; provided further, that not less than $44,000 shall be expended to the town of Auburn for the purchase and installation of a backup repeater and related equipment; provided further, that not less than $44,000 shall be expended to Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School for the purchase and installation of new HVAC units; provided further, that not less than $32,000 shall be expended to the town of Millbury for improvements and equipment for the police station in the town of Millbury; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Shrewsbury for a comprehensive code review and building assessment; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Shrewsbury for Maple avenue park improvements; provided further, that not less than $12,500 shall be expended for Southwick Firemen's Association, Inc. for equipment upgrades in the town of Southwick;
provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to the town of Berlin for renovations to the public safety complex; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for the Attleboro Vincentian Immersion Reentry Project operated by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul District Council of Attleboro in the city of Attleboro that serves incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals throughout Bristol county; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Cohasset police department to purchase an off-road utility task vehicle; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended to the Hull police department to purchase advanced technology equipment; provided further, that not less than $45,000 shall be expended to the Duxbury fire department to purchase equipment and resources; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended to the police department of the town of Abington for the purchase of a utility vehicle; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the police department of the town of Abington for the purchase of a drone for law enforcement use; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the Milton police department for dedicated speed prevention patrols on state highway route 138 in the town of Milton; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the Milton police department for dedicated speed prevention patrols on state highway route 28 in the town of Milton; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the Randolph police department for dedicated speed prevention patrols on state highway route 28 in the city known as the town of Randolph; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the cities of Springfield and Chicopee for C3 police management in low-income and downtown neighborhoods to facilitate community involvement; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the family services unit of the Braintree police department; provided further, that not less than $294,000 shall be expended for a police training program offered by Greenfield Community College; provided, that not less than $25,000 shall be provided for a side-by-side vehicle for the police department in the town of Groveland; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for funding to repair the Middle street bridge in the town of West Newbury; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for new PFAS-free firefighting gear and other equipment for the Natick fire department and EMS services; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for an employee wellness program for law enforcement officers in the town of Northborough; provided further, that not less than $27,000 shall be expended for the purchase of radios for ambulances in the town of Westborough; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for critical incident training and de-escalation for the Lunenberg police department; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for a police cruiser retrofit for the Ashby police department; provided further, that not less than $45,000 shall be expended for updates to the Dunstable police department; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for Recidiviz Inc; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for the North Reading community impact team; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for turnout gear, radios, training AEDs and CPR training equipment in the town of Newbury; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for firearm and safety equipment replacement and a feasibility study of the public safety building in Georgetown; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for a gun violence prevention community programming in the city of Lynn; provided further, that not less $150,000 shall be expended for the Dismas House of
Massachusetts, Inc. in Worcester; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended for costs related to a fire mutual aid network radio for the town of Boxford; provided further, that not less $20,000 shall be expended for the purchase a new keyless entry security system for the Saugus police department; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for Portal to Hope, a community based domestic violence program, for the communities of Everett, Lynn, Malden, Medford, and Winthrop; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for purchasing a drone, supportive equipment, training, and other necessary expenditures for the Wilmington police department; provided further, that not less than $37,500 shall be expended for fire department safety gear in the town of Dover; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in the town of Wakefield; provided further, that not less than $8,125 shall be expended to purchase and equip a kennel insert for a patrol-rated police vehicle in the town of Plympton; and provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for a K9 explosive detection vehicle for the Fall River police department.

8000-0600
For the office of the secretary of public safety and security, including the highway safety bureau, to provide matching funds for a planning and administration grant under 23 U.S.C. section 402 and the costs associated with the implementation of chapter 122 of the acts of 2019; provided, that the executive office of public safety and security staff may provide administrative processing for departments under the executive office's purview; and provided further, that local police departments, sheriffs' offices, the department of state police, the department of correction and other state agencies, authorities and educational institutions with law enforcement functions as determined by the secretary that receive funds for the cost of the replacement of bulletproof vests through the office of the secretary may expend without further appropriation these funds to purchase additional vests in the fiscal year in which they receive such reimbursements.

8000-0601
For the operation of the project safe neighborhood grant program; provided, that not later than March 3, 2025, the executive office of public safety and security shall submit a report to the joint committee on public safety and homeland security and the house and senate committees on ways and means which shall include, but not be limited to: (i) established grant criteria for the program; (ii) a list of grant applicants; (iii) a list of successful grant applicants, including grant amounts; and (iv) summaries of the successful grant proposals.

8000-0605
For efforts to combat human trafficking, including a competitive grant program to be administered by the executive office of public safety and security; provided, that not later than March 3, 2025, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing expenditures from this item, including a list of grant recipients.

8000-0655
For a grant program to be administered by the executive office of public safety and security for emerging adults re-entry programs to reduce recidivism among individuals between the ages of 18 and 25, inclusive, who are returning to the community from state prisons and county correctional facilities; provided, that the secretary of public safety and security shall distribute funds through a competitive grant program;
provided further, that grants shall be awarded to applicants that: (i) are community-based nonprofit programs; (ii) have a demonstrated commitment from the department of correction or a sheriff’s office to work collaboratively to deliver services in their respective facilities; (iii) provide both pre-release and post-release services to individuals between the ages of 18 and 25, inclusive, who are returning to the community from state prisons and county correctional facilities including, but not limited to, probationers and parolees; (iv) provide a continuum of programming from state prisons or county correctional facilities into the community; (v) provide pre-release services for all participating individuals that include transition plans, education programs, workforce readiness and life skills programs and counseling; (vi) provide post-release services that include case management for not less than 12 months after participating individuals have been released; and (vii) provide a plan for ensuring that proposed programs shall be implemented with adherence to a research-based, evidence-based or evidence-informed program design; provided further, that not more than 6 grants shall be awarded; provided further, that not more than 7.5 per cent of the total appropriation in this item shall be used to provide administrative support and training to grantees, including program design, technical assistance and program evaluation, and to provide training and technical assistance to any other organization or institution working on emerging adult justice initiatives; provided further, that contracts for grantees may be awarded for periods of not more than 5 years grantee; and provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to, the: (a) successful grant applications and the services they provide; (b) amount of funds awarded to each grant recipient; (c) criteria used to evaluate grant applications; (d) number of participants served by each program and the communities they are returning to; and (e) outcomes and recidivism rates of the participants in each of the programs, prior appropriation continued........ $7,000,000

Marijuana Regulation Fund...........................................100%

8000-1001 For the Boston regional intelligence center, or BRIC, to upgrade, expand and integrate technology and protocols related to anti-terrorism, anti-crime, anti-gang and emergency response; provided, that intelligence developed shall be shared with the BRIC communities and other state, municipal and federal agencies as necessary; and provided further, that the BRIC shall provide technology required to access the intelligence with its municipal partners, the department of state police, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, the Massachusetts Port Authority and appropriate federal agencies to assure maximum interagency collaboration for public safety and homeland security..........................$850,000

8000-1127 For a nonprofit security grant program to provide support for target hardening and other security enhancements to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attacks or hate crimes, as defined under section 32 of chapter 22C of the General Laws; provided, that prioritization shall be given to nonprofit organizations that have experienced instances of terrorist attacks or hate crimes, as defined in said section 32 of said chapter 22C; provided further, that: (i) at least 1 such grant shall be awarded to a nonprofit organization in the eastern region of the commonwealth; (ii) at least 1 such grant shall be awarded to a nonprofit organization in the central region of the commonwealth; and (iii) at least 1 such grant shall be awarded to a nonprofit organization in the western
region of the commonwealth; provided further, that the grants shall be distributed in a geographically equitable manner across the eastern, central and western regions of the commonwealth; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the executive office of public safety and security shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) number of grant applicants; (ii) successful grant applicants; (iii) criteria used to evaluate grant applications; and (iv) amount of funds awarded to each grant recipient; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Springfield Jewish Community Center, Inc. in Longmeadow to upgrade and purchase new lighting for the parking lot areas to ensure safety and security; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended by the executive office for a security personnel program to be piloted at nonprofits that have demonstrated to be at high risk for terrorist attacks or hate crimes; and provided further, that the participating nonprofits shall contribute matching funds to the pilot program equal to $1 for every $1 contributed by the commonwealth .......................................................................................................................... $5,250,000

8000-1213 For the school of reentry; provided, that funds may be spent on the credible messenger program ................................................................................................................ $1,601,672

8000-1225 For the operation of the office of grants and research; provided, that not later than March 1, 2025, the executive office of public safety and security shall submit to the joint committee on public safety and homeland security, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the clerks of the house of representatives and senate a report on the state of hate in the commonwealth including, but not limited to, the number of bias-motivated incidents, without regard to whether the incidents constitute hate crimes, and any recommendations for combating prejudice in the commonwealth .......................................................................................................................... $293,193

8000-1700 For the provision of information technology services within the executive office of public safety and security ................................................................................................................ $23,562,681

8100-0111 For a grant program to be known as the Senator Charles E. Shannon, Jr. community safety initiative, to be administered by the executive office of public safety and security to support regional, multidisciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through coordinated programs for prevention and intervention, coordinated law enforcement, including regional gang task forces and regional crime mapping strategies, focused prosecutions and reintegration strategies for formerly incarcerated persons; provided, that the secretary of public safety and security shall distribute grant funds through a competitive grant program that gives preference to applications that: (i) demonstrate high levels of youth violence, gang problems and substance use in a region; (ii) demonstrate a commitment to regional, multi-jurisdictional strategies to deal with such community safety issues, including written commitments for municipalities, law enforcement agencies, community-based organizations and government agencies to work together; (iii) clearly outline a comprehensive plan that establishes measurable outcomes for municipalities to work with law enforcement, community-based organizations and government agencies to address gang activity; (iv) outline measurable outcomes that demonstrate program success, detail a plan for collecting data related to achieving said measurable outcomes and commit to sharing the data with the executive office; (v) make a written commitment to match grant funds with a 25 per cent match provided by either municipal or private contributions; and (vi)
identify a local governmental unit to serve as the fiscal agent; provided further, that clusters of municipalities, in partnership with nonprofit organizations and other agencies, including district attorneys’ offices, may apply for such grant funds; provided further, that such grant funds shall be considered 1-time grants awarded to public agencies and shall not annualize into fiscal year 2026 or subsequent years; provided further, that administrative costs for successful grant applications shall not exceed 10 per cent of the value of the grant; provided further, that no grant funds shall be awarded to the department of state police; provided further, that not later than August 15, 2024, the executive office shall publish guidelines and an application for the competitive portion of the grant fund program; provided further, that not later than December 16, 2024, grant funds shall be made available to applicants; provided further, that not later than 60 days after the distribution of grant funds, the executive office shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the distribution of the grant funds; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (a) the number of young adults served by the grant program during fiscal year 2025; (b) executive summaries of the programs currently operating under the grant program; and (c) outcomes and findings that demonstrate program success from the grant awards fiscal year 2024; provided further, that not less than $400,000 shall be expended for targeted violence prevention initiatives at state or federally-assisted housing sites; provided further, that preference shall be given to sites that have been subject to enforcement actions by the United States Department of Justice; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the Racism-based Violence Injury & Prevention Lab at Boston College to conduct a study evaluating the impacts of early life trauma on those incarcerated in the commonwealth for violent offenses; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of correction shall permit investigators funded from this item access to inmates in correctional facilities for the purpose of completing said study.

Chief Medical Examiner.

8000-0105 For the operation of the office of the chief medical examiner established in section 2 of chapter 38 of the General Laws; provided, that not later than January 16, 2025, the office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the current caseload of the office and each of its medical examiners and the caseload for fiscal year 2024; (ii) the number of procedures performed in fiscal year 2024; (iii) the current turnaround time and backlogs; (iv) the current response time to scenes; (v) the number of cases completed in fiscal year 2024; (vi) the current status of accreditation with the National Association of Medical Examiners; (vii) progress in identification and completion of reports; and (viii) progress in improving delays in decedent release .................................................................$18,973,088

8000-0122 For the office of the chief medical examiner, which may expend for its operations not more than $6,888,616 in revenues collected from fees for services provided by the office; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment
Department of Criminal Justice Information Services.

8000-0110 For the operation of the department of criminal justice information services, including criminal justice information services, criminal offender record information services, firearms support services and victim services; provided, that funds may be expended to enable housing authorities to have access to criminal offender record information when qualifying applicants for state-assisted housing.................. $6,888,616

8000-0111 For the operation of the public safety information system and the criminal records review board within the department of criminal justice information services, which may expend for the operation of the board not more than $4,000,000 in revenues collected from fees for services provided by the board; provided, that funding from this item may be retained and expended from fees charged and collected under section 172A of chapter 6 of the General Laws; provided further, that funds may be expended to assist formerly incarcerated persons in obtaining and maintaining employment and to provide education and assistance regarding criminal records under said section 172A of said chapter 6; provided further, that the commissioner of criminal justice information services may make funds from this item available for a competitive grant process to provide such training and education; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the board may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system; and provided further, that any unexpended funds in this item shall not revert but shall be made available for this item until June 30, 2026................................. $3,331,614

Sex Offender Registry.

8000-0125 For the operation of the sex offender registry including, but not limited to, the costs of maintaining a computerized registry system and the classification of persons subject to the registry; provided, that the registration fee paid by convicted sex offenders under section 178Q of chapter 6 of the General Laws shall be retained and expended by the sex offender registry board; and provided further, that not later than December 16, 2024, the sex offender registry shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means outlining: (i) the utilization of data-sharing agreements with state agencies to find addresses of offenders that are out of compliance; (ii) plans to establish new data-sharing agreements with other executive branch agencies; and (iii) detailed plans to improve overall data collection and registry maintenance to enhance public safety........ $7,120,954

Department of State Police.

8100-0006 For the department of state police, which may expend for the costs of private police details, including administrative costs, not more than $37,250,000 from fees charged for such details; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained
revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system ................................................. $37,250,000

8100-0012 For the department of state police, which may expend for the costs of security services provided by state police officers, including overtime and administrative costs, not more than $3,500,000 from fees charged for said services; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system ......................................................... $3,500,000

8100-0018 For the department of state police, which may expend not more than $3,205,922 from revenues collected for certain police activities provided under agreements authorized in this item; provided, that for fiscal year 2025, the colonel of the state police may enter into service agreements with the commanding officer or other person in charge of a military reservation of the United States located within the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency and any other service agreements as necessary to enhance the protection of persons, assets and infrastructure from possible external threat or activity; provided further, that said agreements shall establish the responsibilities pertaining to the operation and maintenance of police services including, but not limited to: (i) provisions governing payment to the department for the cost of regular salaries, overtime, retirement and other employee benefits; and (ii) provisions governing payment to the department for the cost of furnishings and equipment necessary to provide the police services; provided further, that the department may charge any recipients of police services for the cost of the services under this item; provided further, that the colonel may expend from this item for costs associated with joint federal and state law enforcement activities from federal reimbursements received; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system ................................................. $3,205,922

8100-0102 For the costs associated with state police personnel assigned to the Massachusetts Port Authority, which may expend for the costs of police activities provided by state police officers, including overtime and administrative costs, not more than $49,000,000 from fees collected for such activities; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department of state police may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system ......................... $49,000,000

8100-0515 For the expenses of hiring, equipping and training state police recruits to maintain appropriate staffing levels for the state police; provided, that funds shall be expended to promote diversity and inclusion in the hiring of police recruits; and provided further, that funds shall be expended to
implement comprehensive racial bias training within the department of state police to address racial inequities in policing practices.......................... $10,645,944

8100-1001

For the administration and operation of the department of state police; provided, that the department shall expend funds from this item to maximize federal grants for the operation of a counter-terrorism unit and the payment of overtime for state police officers; provided further, that the department shall maintain the division of field services, which shall include, but not be limited to, the bureau of metropolitan district operations; provided further, that not less than 40 officers shall be provided to the department of conservation and recreation to patrol its watershed property; provided further, that the department of state police shall enter into an interagency agreement with the department of conservation and recreation to provide police coverage on department of conservation and recreation properties and parkways; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the administration and operation of an automated fingerprint identification system and for the motor carrier safety assistance program; provided further, that the creation of a new or an expansion of the existing statewide communications network shall include the office of law enforcement in the executive office of energy and environmental affairs at no cost to or compensation from the executive office; provided further, that the department of state police may expend funds from this item for the administration of budgetary, procurement, fiscal, human resources, payroll and other administrative services of the office of the chief medical examiner, the municipal police training committee and the department of criminal justice information services; provided further, that not less than $95,000 shall be expended for designated seasonal state police patrols in the Wollaston beach, Quincy shore drive and Furnace Brook parkway areas of Quincy; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the payroll costs of the state police to perform directed patrols and traffic enforcement functions on the Harry Truman parkway, Neponset Valley parkway and Dedham parkway in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $1,170,000 shall be expended for the payroll costs of the state police directed patrols; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for Troop A to conduct mounted, directed patrols throughout Revere beach, the Lynn Fells and the Middlesex Fells reservation park, among other identified areas; provided further, that, subject to appropriation, communities receiving funds for directed patrols in fiscal year 2008 shall receive an equal disbursement of funds in proportion to the current appropriation in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that funds shall be expended for directed patrols at Constitution beach in East Boston; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the directed patrols in the South Boston section of the city of Boston including, but not limited to, Day boulevard, Carson beach, M street beach, Marine park, and Castle Island; provided further, that the department shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that each report shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the total compensation paid to each trooper, delineated by category of payout; (ii) the total compensation paid to each troop in the aggregate, delineated by regular and overtime compensation; (iii) the average hours of overtime accumulated, delineated by trooper and reason for the use of overtime; (iv) the average hours of overtime accumulated, delineated by troop in the aggregate; and (v) a detailed plan outlining steps to decrease overtime usage and increase accountability and oversight within the department; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for
upgrades at the New Braintree Regional Dispatch Center, including for a replacement radio system; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the department of state police Troop H to conduct dedicated patrols along the Southwest Corridor park in the Back Bay, Roxbury and South End sections of the city of Boston and the Paciusk Memorial circle, Southampton street bridge, Edward Everett square and Old Harbor reservation areas in the South Boston and Dorchester sections of the city of Boston; and provided further, that the department may enter into an interagency service agreement with the Suffolk sheriff's office to assist with public safety needs for events, including the South Boston St. Patrick’s Day-Evacuation Day Parade .......................................................... $384,473,231

State Police Crime Laboratory.

8100-1004 For the operation and related costs of the state police crime laboratory, including the analysis of samples used in the prosecution of controlled substance offenses conducted at the former department of public health facilities; provided, that the analysis of narcotic drug synthetic substitutes, poisons, drugs, medicines and chemicals shall be funded from this item in order to support the law enforcement efforts of the district attorneys, the state police and municipal police departments; provided further, that the practices and procedures of the state police crime laboratory shall be informed by the recommendations of the forensic science oversight board; provided further, that the department of state police shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the caseload of each lab; (ii) all relevant information regarding turnaround time and backlogs by type of case; and (iii) the accreditation status of each lab; provided further, that not later than October 3, 2024, the first such report shall be submitted; and provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025 the state police shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (a) the status of phase II of the processing of sexual assault evidence kits; (b) an anticipated timeline for completion of phase II; and (c) the year to date cost of processing sexual assault evidence kits as part of phase II .......................................................... $28,477,752

8100-1005 For the analysis of narcotic drug synthetic substitutes, poisons, drugs, medicines and chemicals at the University of Massachusetts medical school to support the law enforcement efforts of the district attorneys, the department of state police and municipal police departments.......................... $829,250

Municipal Police Training Committee.

8200-0200 For the operation of veteran, reserve and in-service training programs conducted by the municipal police training committee; provided, that no expenditures authorized by this item shall be charged to item 8200-0222; provided further, that not less than $45,000 shall be expended for a training facility feasibility study for the Yarmouth police department; and provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be provided to the town of Boylston as compensation for hosting a municipal police training academy.......................................................... $21,460,758

General Fund .......................................................... 93.48%
Public Safety Training Fund................................. 6.52%
For the municipal police training committee, which may collect and expend not more than $2,800,000 to provide training to new recruits; provided, that the committee shall charge $3,200 per recruit for the training; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the committee shall charge a fee of $3,200 per person for training programs operated by the committee for all persons who begin training not later than July 1, 2024; provided further, that said fee shall be retained and expended by the committee; provided further, that the trainee or, if the trainee is a recruit, the municipality in which the recruit shall serve, shall provide the fee in full to the committee not later than the first day of orientation for the program in which the trainee or recruit has enrolled; provided further, that no recruit or person shall begin training unless the municipality or the person has provided the fee in full to the committee; provided further, that for recruits of municipalities, upon the completion of the program, the municipality shall deduct the fee from the recruit’s wages in 23 equal monthly installments unless otherwise negotiated between the recruit and the municipality in which the recruit shall serve; provided further, that if a recruit withdraws from the training program prior to graduation, the committee shall refund the municipality in which the recruit was to have served a portion of the fee according to the following schedule: (i) if a recruit withdraws from the program prior to the start of week 2, 75 per cent of the fee shall be refunded; (ii) if a recruit withdraws from the program after the start of week 2 but prior to the start of week 3, 50 per cent of the fee shall be refunded; (iii) if a recruit withdraws from the program after the start of week 3 but prior to the start of week 4, 25 per cent of the fee shall be refunded; and (iv) if a recruit withdraws after the start of week 4, the fee shall not be refunded; provided further, that a recruit who withdraws from the program shall pay the municipality in which the recruit was to have served the difference between the fee and the amount forfeited by the municipality according to the schedule; provided further, that the schedule shall also apply to trainees other than recruits who enroll in the program; provided further, that no expenditures shall be charged to this item that are not directly related to new recruit training; provided further, that no expenditures shall be charged to this item that are related to chief, veteran, in-service or reserve training or any training not directly related to new recruits; provided further, that the committee shall submit a report on the status of recruit training, including the number of classes, start and end dates of each class, total number of recruits enrolled and graduating in each class, cost per recruit and cost per class for fiscal years 2024 and 2025; provided further, that not later than January 8, 2025, the report shall be submitted to the house and senate committees on ways and means; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the committee may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system ...................................................... $2,800,000

Department of Fire Services.

For the administration of the department of fire services, including the office of the state fire marshal, the hazardous materials emergency response program, the board of fire prevention regulations established in section 4 of chapter 22D of the General Laws, the expenses of the fire safety commission and the Massachusetts firefighting academy, including the Massachusetts fire training council certification program, municipal
and non-municipal fire training and expenses of the council; provided, that the fire training program shall use the split days option; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, 100 per cent of the amount appropriated in this item for the administration of the department of fire services, the office of the state fire marshal, the Massachusetts firefighting academy, critical incident stress management programs, the On-Site Academy, other fire department training academies, the regional dispatch centers, the radio and dispatch center improvements and the associated fringe benefit costs of personnel paid from this item for these purposes shall be assessed upon insurance companies writing fire, homeowners multiple peril or commercial multiple peril policies on property situated in the commonwealth and paid within 30 days after receiving notice of this assessment from the commissioner of insurance; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, 100 per cent of the amount appropriated in item 8100-1001 for all purposes related to fire and arson investigation shall be assessed upon insurance companies writing fire, homeowners multiple peril or commercial multiple peril policies on property situated in the commonwealth, and paid within 30 days after receiving notice of this assessment from the commissioner of insurance; provided further, that not more than 10 per cent of the amount designated for the arson prevention program shall be expended for the administrative cost of the program; provided further, that not less than $1,250,000 shall be provided for the Boston, Cambridge and Everett fire department hazardous material response teams; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for the Boston fire department training academy; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, 100 per cent of the amount appropriated in this item for the operation of the hazardous materials emergency response program and the associated fringe benefit costs of personnel paid from this item for these purposes shall be assessed upon insurance companies writing commercial multiple peril, non-liability portion policies on property situated in the commonwealth and commercial auto liability policies as referenced in line 5.1 and line 19.4, respectively, in the most recent annual statement on file with the commissioner of insurance; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be allocated by the department for critical incident stress management; provided further, that not less than $1,500,000 shall be expended by the department for the On-Site Academy for critical incident stress management services in support of emergency medical services, fire, corrections officers, and law enforcement officers; provided further, that not less than $2,000,000 shall be allocated by the department for the student awareness fire education program; and provided further, that funds shall be expended for the hazardous materials emergency response program under chapter 21K of the General Laws..................................................$42,054,215

8324-0050  For the commonwealth's local fire departments; provided, that not less than $70,000 shall be expended for the purchase of a new pickup truck for the fire department in the town of Barre; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for firefighter turnout gear and emergency preparedness enhancements for the Leicester fire department; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Randolph fire department for obtaining personal protective equipment in the town of Randolph; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Hanson fire department for rescue training and cardiac screening programs in the town of Hanson; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Barnstable county for fire training
programs and equipment; provided further, that not less than $57,000 shall be expended to the town of Westborough for the purchase of gear and equipment for the Westborough fire department; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for thermal imaging cameras at the Boxford fire department; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended for hose replacements at the Newburyport fire department; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Quaboag regional school district to support the Quaboag fire district program to train students and support workforce development in the region; provided further, that not less than $32,000 shall be expended to the Norton fire department for the purchase of turnout gear; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the firefighter cadet program at South Shore vocational technical high school in the town of Hanover; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Quincy fire department for communications infrastructure; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the Holbrook fire department for professional development and programming; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended for a municipal grant program administered by the fire marshal for firefighter cancer screenings, including advanced blood testing and imaging; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the purchase of a new set of electric jaws of life for the West Bridgewater fire department; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the purchase of new positive pressure ventilation fans for the Easton fire department; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the purchase of extrication equipment for the Randolph fire department; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for emergency medical equipment and vehicles for the Stoughton fire department; and provided further, that not less than $65,000 shall be expended to the town of Freetown fire department for the purchase of turnout gear; provided, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for design funds for the fire department project in the town of Weston; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for the purchasing of radio equipment for the fire department in the town of Wellesley; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the Firefighter Foundation of Lawrence, Inc. to bolster fire prevention education within the city of Lawrence community; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended for 35 thermal imaging cameras for the Taunton fire department; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for design funds for the fire department project in the town of Westwood; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the purchasing of firefighting equipment by the Adams fire warden department; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to purchase portable communication radios for the Granby fire department; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Holbrook regional emergency communications center; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the procurement of multi-band portable communication radios for the Wenham fire department; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended to purchase turnout gear and other equipment for Amherst fire department; provided further, that not less than $12,500 shall be expended for a fire rescue watercraft for the town of Sharon; provided further, that not less than $65,000 shall be expended for the purchase of gear and equipment for Saugus fire department; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for the development of an installation of new firefighting cisterns in the town of Stow; provided further,
that not less than $55,000 shall be expended to the city of Quincy for a hazardous materials emergency response program; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Fire Chiefs' Association of Plymouth County, Inc. to maintain and upgrade emergency communication systems to provide for mass casualty and major operations incident planning and training and to enhance mutual aid operations in Plymouth County; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Easton fire department; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to updated radio transmission equipment for the city of Fall River fire department; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for equipment for the Braintree fire department; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for necessary safety equipment and repair of facilities of the Dracut fire department; and provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for necessary safety equipment for the Tyngsborough fire department.

8324-0304 For the department of fire services, which may expend for enforcement and training not more than $8,500 from revenue generated under chapter 148A of the General Laws; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system $8,500

8324-0500 For the department of fire services, which may expend not more than $2,299,910 in revenues collected from fees for annual issuance of boiler and pressure vessel certificates and inspections; provided, that funds shall be expended for the operation of the department and to address the existing boiler and pressure vessel inspection backlog; provided further, that funds shall be expended for hiring additional engineering inspectors or engineers; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system $2,299,910

Military Division.

8700-0001 For the operation of the military division, including the offices of the adjutant general and state quartermaster, the operation of the armories, the Camp Curtis Guild rifle range and certain national guard aviation facilities; provided, that notwithstanding chapter 30 of the General Laws, certain military personnel in the military division may be paid salaries according to military pay grades; provided further, that the division may expend funds appropriated in this item for the administration of budgetary, procurement, fiscal, human resources, payroll and other administrative services; provided further, that the adjutant general shall maintain a roster of Massachusetts veterans as directed by section 15 of chapter 33 of the General Laws; and provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to support mental health services for military personnel $13,730,282

8700-1140 For the military division, which may expend for the costs of national guard missions and division operations not more than $1,900,000 from fees
charged for the nonmilitary rental or use of armories and from reimbursements generated by national guard missions; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the division may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .......................................................... $1,900,000

8700-1150 For reimbursement of the costs of the national guard tuition and fee waivers under section 19 of chapter 15A of the General Laws; provided, that no funds shall be distributed from this item prior to certification by the state universities, community colleges and the University of Massachusetts of the actual amount of tuition and fees waived for national guard members attending public institutions of higher education under said section 19 of said chapter 15A that would otherwise have been retained by the campuses according to procedures and regulations promulgated by the military division; provided further, that funds from this item may be expended for the reimbursement of the tuition and fees waived for classes taken during the summer months; and provided further, that the funds appropriated under this item shall not revert but shall be made available for these purposes until June 30, 2026................................................................. $9,616,761

8700-1160 For life insurance premiums under section 88B of chapter 33 of the General Laws........................................................................................................ $1,075,964

Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.

8800-0001 For the operations of the Massachusetts emergency management agency; provided, that expenditures from this item shall be contingent upon the prior approval of the proper federal authorities; provided further, that the funds appropriated under this item shall not revert but shall be made available for these purposes through June 30, 2025; provided further, that the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed $5,000,000 in excess of the current appropriation; and provided further, that such expenditures shall be approved by the secretary of public safety and security, who shall cite a state of emergency declaration for each approved expenditure, in consultation with the secretary of administration and finance.......................................................................................... $6,969,100

Department of Correction.

8900-0001 For the operation of the department of correction; provided, that not later than January 16, 2025, the commissioner of correction and the secretary of public safety and security shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on public safety and homeland security on the point score compiled by the department's objective classification system for all prisoners confined in each prison operated by the department; provided further, that to maximize bed capacity and re-entry capability, the department shall submit quarterly reports, utilizing standardized reporting definitions developed mutually with the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. on caseload, admissions, classification, releases and recidivism of all pre-trial, sentenced and federal incarcerated persons; provided further, that the department shall submit the reports on a quarterly basis not later than 30 days following the last day of the quarter; provided further, that the
The department shall submit biannual reports to the joint committee on the judiciary, the joint committee on public safety and homeland security and the house and senate committees on ways and means on the use of solitary confinement, also known as segregation, in state prisons; provided further, that 1 of the reports shall cover the period from July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, inclusive, and 1 of the reports shall cover the period from January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025, inclusive; provided further, that such reports shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) number of prisoners subjected to solitary confinement and their voluntarily disclosed sexual orientation as defined under section 3 of chapter 151B and gender identity as defined in section 7 of chapter 4; (ii) length of time spent in solitary confinement; (iii) number of prisoners with mental illness subjected to solitary confinement, delineated by diagnosis; (iv) number of prisoners 21 years of age or younger subjected to solitary confinement; (v) number of prisoners subjected to multiple stays in solitary confinement in a given reporting period; (vi) number of prisoners released directly into the community from solitary confinement or released into the community not later than 30 days after having been in solitary confinement; and (vii) rate of recidivism for individuals that were subject to solitary confinement; provided further, that the department shall validate each educational program offered to incarcerated persons against an evidence-based model chosen by the secretary of public safety and security at least once every 3 years; provided further, that the department shall collaborate with the executive office of education in order to ensure high-quality educational programming at the department and to support the reintegration of formerly incarcerated persons into the community from state prisons; provided further, that not later than February 3, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the joint committee on public safety and homeland security and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing efforts undertaken to ensure high-quality educational programming for incarcerated persons under the department’s supervision; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended for Disability Law Center, Inc. to monitor the efficacy of service delivery at Bridgewater state hospital, including units at the Old Colony correctional center and the treatment center; provided further, that the Disability Law Center, Inc. may investigate the physical environment of said facilities, including infrastructure issues, and may use methods including, but not limited to, testing and sampling the physical and environmental conditions, whether or not they are utilized by patients or incarcerated persons; provided further, that the Disability Law Center, Inc. may monitor the continuity of care for persons who are discharged from Bridgewater state hospital to county correctional facilities or department of mental health facilities, including assessment of the efficacy of admission, discharge and transfer planning procedures and coordination between the department of correction, Wellpath LLC, the department of mental health and county correctional facilities; provided further, that at least once every 6 months, the Disability Law Center, Inc. shall report on the impact of these reforms on those served at Bridgewater state hospital and submit biannual reports to the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery, the joint committee on the judiciary, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the senate president and the speaker of the house of representatives; and provided further, that not less than $1,200,000 shall be expended for municipalities hosting department of correction facilities.
8900-0002  For the operation of the Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center $23,745,896

8900-0003  For the implementation of mandated reforms to mental and behavioral health and residential treatment related to the department of correction under chapter 69 of the acts of 2018; provided, that funds from this item may be expended for contracted service providers specializing in relevant areas including, but not limited to, behavioral health and residential treatment; and provided further, that said funds shall only be expended in the AA or DD object classes if said funds are to be utilized for counselors, teachers, mental health personnel, medical personnel or additional legal staff $5,002,943

8900-0010  For prison industries and farm services; provided, that the commissioner of correction or a designee shall determine the cost of manufacturing motor vehicle registration plates and certify to the comptroller the amounts to be transferred from the Commonwealth Transportation Fund established in section 2ZZZ of chapter 29 of the General Laws to the department of correction revenue source; and provided further, that not later than March 11, 2025 the department shall submit a report to the executive office of public safety and security, the joint committee on the judiciary, the joint committee on public safety and homeland security and the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) a comprehensive quantitative analysis of the impact that the program has on participating incarcerated persons as compared to non-participating incarcerated persons, including their disciplinary record while in custody, their recidivism rate after release and their employment rate after release; (ii) information on the demographics of participants; (iii) information on the customers of the program, including whether they are a public entity, a private business or a nonprofit; and (iv) the compensation rates for participants $6,317,247

8900-0011  For the prison industries and farm services program, which may expend for the operation of the program not more than $5,600,000 in revenues collected from the sale of products, for materials, supplies, equipment, maintenance of facilities and compensation of employees; provided, that the commissioner of correction may allocate year-end net profits to the cost of drug, substance use and rehabilitative programming; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department of correction may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system $5,600,000

8900-0050  For the department of correction, which may expend not more than $8,600,000 in revenues collected from existing assessments, and the state criminal alien assistance program; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system $8,600,000
8900-1100 For re-entry programs at the department of correction that are intended to reduce recidivism rates; provided, that programs shall be in addition to such provided in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that not less than $80,000 shall be expended for the department of correction to cover costs associated with coordinating and supporting partnerships with higher education institutions that provide post-secondary education programs in state prisons; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to support bond insurance coverage comparable to the Federal Bonding Program established by the United States Department of Labor for employers who hire sentenced individuals directly upon release from a department of correction facility or custody; provided further, that not later than January 15, 2025, the department shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on re-entry programming at the department; and provided further, that said report shall include information on the type of programs provided and the recidivism rate of the offenders who successfully completed said programs .................................................................$1,624,594

Parole Board.

8950-0001 For the operation of the parole board .................................................................$25,149,674
8950-0002 For the victim and witness assistance program under chapter 258B of the General Laws ........................................................................................................... $261,999

Sheriffs.

Hampden Sheriff's Office.

8910-0102 For the operation of the Hampden sheriff's office; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be determined by the executive office of public safety and security, to the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of public safety and security and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism rates for all pre-trial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning in the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; and provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 .............................................$88,872,411

8910-0104 For the operation of a regional section 35 program, under section 35 of chapter 123 of the General Laws, in western Massachusetts for the counties of Hampden, Hampshire, Worcester, Franklin and Berkshire that provides involuntary commitment to a treatment facility for not more than 90 days of an individual who has an addiction to alcohol or drugs; provided, that the program shall be located in Hampden county to provide treatment, case management, medical and mental health services, withdrawal management and ongoing monitoring, medication addiction treatment and safety and security staffing as well as release planning and after care services; and provided further, that additional costs associated with said program shall include medication, food, clothing, medical needs and psychiatric services ........................................................................................................... $2,536,272
For the Hampden sheriff’s office, which may expend for the operation of a prison industries program not more than $3,631,252 in revenues collected from the sale of products for materials, supplies, equipment, maintenance of facilities, reimbursement for community service projects and compensation of employees of the program; provided, that not later than March 14, 2025, the office shall submit a report to the executive office of public safety and security, the joint committee on the judiciary, the joint committee on public safety and homeland security and the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) a comprehensive quantitative analysis of the impact that the program has on participating incarcerated persons as compared to non-participating incarcerated persons, including their disciplinary record while in custody, their recidivism rates after release and their employment rates after release; (ii) information on the demographics of participants; (iii) information on the customers of the program, including whether they are a public entity, a private business or a nonprofit organization; and (iv) the compensation rates for participants; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system $3,631,252

For the operation of a regional behavioral evaluation and stabilization unit to provide forensic mental health services within existing physical facilities for incarcerated persons in the care of correctional facilities; provided, that the unit shall be located in Hampden county to serve the needs of incarcerated persons in the care of Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester counties; provided further, that the services of the unit shall be made available to incarcerated persons in the care of the department of correction; provided further, that the Hampden sheriff’s office shall work in cooperation with the Middlesex sheriff’s office to determine a standardized set of definitions and measurements for patients at both regional behavioral evaluation and stabilization units; provided further, that not later than February 14, 2025, the Hampden sheriff’s office, in cooperation with the department of correction and the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc., shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) number of incarcerated persons in facilities located in counties that were provided services in each unit; (ii) number of incarcerated persons in department of correction facilities that were provided services in each unit; (iii) alleviation of caseload at Bridgewater state hospital associated with fewer incarcerated persons in the care of counties being attended to at the hospital; (iv) estimated and projected cost savings in fiscal year 2025 to the sheriffs’ offices and the department of correction associated with the regional units; and (v) deficiencies in addressing the needs of incarcerated women; and provided further, that the department of mental health shall maintain the monitoring and quality review functions of the unit $1,390,472

For costs related to department of correction incarcerated persons with not more than 2 years of their sentence remaining who have been transferred to the care of the Hampden sheriff’s office $656,711
For the operation of the western Massachusetts regional women’s correctional center........................................................................................................ $4,965,798

Worcester Sheriff’s Office.

For the operation of the Worcester sheriff’s office; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be determined by the executive office of public safety and security, to the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of public safety and security and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism rates for all pre-trial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning in the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; and provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110.......................... $59,417,150

Middlesex Sheriff’s Office.

For the operation of the Middlesex sheriff’s office; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be determined by the executive office of public safety and security, to the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of public safety and security and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism rates for all pre-trial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning in the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; and provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110.......................... $77,426,623

For the Middlesex sheriff’s office, which may expend not more than $100,000 in revenues collected from public or private entities or persons for community programs; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system ........................................ $100,000

For the Middlesex sheriff’s office, which may expend for the operation of a prison industries program not more than $75,000 in revenues collected from the sale of products, for materials, supplies, equipment, recyclable reimbursements, printing services, maintenance of facilities and compensation of employees of said program; provided, that not later than March 14, 2025, the office shall submit a report to the executive office of public safety and security, the joint committee on the judiciary, the joint committee on public safety and homeland security and the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) a comprehensive quantitative analysis of the impact that the
program has on participating incarcerated persons as compared to non-participating incarcerated persons, including their disciplinary record while in custody, their recidivism rates after release and their employment rates after release; (ii) information on the demographics of participants; (iii) information on the customers of the program, including whether they are a public entity, a private business or a nonprofit organization; and (iv) the compensation rates for participants; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system $75,000

8910-1101 For the operation of a regional behavioral evaluation and stabilization unit to provide forensic mental health services within existing physical facilities for incarcerated persons in the care of correctional facilities; provided, that the unit shall be located in Middlesex county to serve the needs of incarcerated persons in the care of the counties of Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes County, Essex, Nantucket, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth and Suffolk; provided further, that the services of the unit shall be made available to incarcerated persons in the care of the department of correction; provided further, that the Middlesex sheriff’s office shall work in cooperation with the Hampden sheriff’s office to determine a standardized set of definitions and measurements for patients at both regional behavioral evaluation and stabilization units; provided further, that not later than February 14, 2025, the Middlesex sheriff’s office, in cooperation with the department of correction and the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc., shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) number of incarcerated persons in facilities located in counties that were provided services in each unit; (ii) number of incarcerated persons in department of correction facilities that were provided services in each unit; (iii) alleviation of caseload at Bridgewater state hospital associated with fewer incarcerated persons in the care of counties being attended to at the hospital; and (iv) estimated and projected cost savings in fiscal year 2025 to the sheriffs’ offices and the department of correction associated with the regional units; and provided further, that the department of mental health shall maintain the monitoring and quality review functions of the unit $1,822,285

Hampshire Sheriff’s Office.

8910-0110 For the operation of the Hampshire sheriff’s office; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be determined by the executive office of public safety and security, to the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of public safety and security and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism rates for all pre-trial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning in the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; and provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 $17,755,313
For the operation of the Berkshire sheriff’s office; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be determined by the executive office of public safety and security, to the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of public safety and security and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism rates for all pre-trial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning in the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Berkshire county opioid education and awareness task force; and provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110. $21,048,851

For the operation of the Berkshire aquaponics program at the Berkshire County house of correction. $150,000

For the Berkshire sheriff’s office, which may expend not more than $400,000 in revenues generated from the operation of the Berkshire county communication center’s 911 dispatch operations and other law enforcement-related activities, including the Berkshire sheriff’s prison industries program; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system. $400,000

For the Berkshire sheriff’s office, which may expend for the costs of private police details, including administrative costs, an amount not more than $1,500,000 from fees charged for such details; provided, that notwithstanding any general or specific law to the contrary, for accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system. $1,500,000

For the operation of the Franklin sheriff’s office; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be determined by the executive office of public safety and security, to the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of public safety and security and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism rates for all pre-trial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning in the quarter ending
September 30, 2024 and shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be provided for a pilot program for training active bystanders; and provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended for the Franklin county opioid education and awareness task force .................................................................$20,824,660

Essex Sheriff’s Office.

8910-0618  For the Essex sheriff’s office, which may expend for the costs of private police details, including administrative costs, an amount not more than $1,850,000 from fees charged for those details; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.........................................................$1,850,000

8910-0619  For the operation of the Essex sheriff’s office; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be determined by the executive office of public safety and security, to the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of public safety and security and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism rates for all pre-trial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning in the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; and provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 .......................................................$88,103,829

Massachusetts Sheriffs Association.

8910-7110  For the operation of the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc.; provided, that the sheriffs shall appoint persons to serve as executive director, assistant executive director, research director and other staff positions as necessary for the coordination and standardization of services and programs, the collection and analysis of data related to incarceration, recidivism and generation of reports, technical assistance and training to ensure standardization in organization, operations and procedures; provided further, that said staff shall not be subject to section 45 of chapter 30 of the General Laws or chapter 31 of the General Laws and shall serve at the pleasure of a majority of the sheriffs; provided further, that not later than January 30, 2025, the executive director of the association shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the amounts of all grants awarded to each sheriff’s office in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that the association shall post on its website the average daily incarcerated persons population for the month by the fifteenth day of the subsequent month; provided further, that not later than August 15, 2024, the first such post shall be completed; provided further, that each sheriff’s office, in conjunction with the association, shall provide
specific data to the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism rates for all pre-trial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning in the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; provided further, that each sheriff's office shall submit said report directly to the executive office for administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on public safety and homeland security, the executive office of public safety and security, the association and the department of correction; provided further, that not later than January 30, 2025, the association shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing, for each sheriff's office: (i) all services and goods provided to incarcerated persons in which the sheriff's office receives revenue; (ii) all fees imposed on incarcerated persons, delineated by services or goods provided; (iii) the mechanism used to inform incarcerated persons of such fees and of their opportunities to waive certain fees; and (iv) all commissary and trust funds administered, including the total revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2024, revenue projections for fiscal years 2025 and 2026 and the current balances of such funds; and provided further, that all expenditures made by the sheriffs' offices shall be subject to chapter 29 of the General Laws and recorded on the state accounting system ......................................................... $736,794

Barnstable Sheriff's Office.

8910-8200 For the operation of the Barnstable sheriff's office; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be determined by the executive office of public safety and security, to the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of public safety and security and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism rates for all pre-trial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning in the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; and provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 ......................................................... $33,085,852

8910-8213 For the Barnstable sheriff's office, which may expend not more than $1,500,000 in revenues collected from municipalities and other entities for regional emergency and public safety communication services to support the operations, development, membership and maintenance of the office; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system ................................................................. $1,500,000

Bristol Sheriff's Office.

8910-8300 For the operation of the Bristol sheriff's office; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be determined by the
executive office of public safety and security, to the executive office for
administration and finance, the executive office of public safety and
security and the house and senate committees on ways and means;
provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the executive
office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism
rates for all pre-trial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated
persons on a quarterly basis beginning in the quarter ending September
30, 2024 and shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each
quarter; and provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to
the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of
all requirements under item 8910-7110 ...........................................
$61,447,280

Dukes County Sheriff's Office.

8910-8400  For the operation of the Dukes County sheriff's office; provided, that not
later than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive
inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be
determined by the executive office of public safety and security, to the
executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of
public safety and security and the house and senate committees on ways
and means; provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to
the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting
of recidivism rates for all pre-trial, county sentenced and state sentenced
incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning in the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and shall be due not later than 30 days after the last
day of each quarter; and provided further, that the office shall provide
relevant data to the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for
the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 .........................
$3,897,546

8910-8401  For the Dukes County sheriff's office, which may expend not more than
$300,000 in revenues collected from municipalities and other entities for
regional emergency and public safety communication services to support
the operations, development, membership and maintenance of the office;
provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary,
for accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained
revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the
comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of
this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the
state accounting system ................................................................. $300,000

Nantucket Sheriff's Office.

8910-8500  For the operation of the Nantucket sheriff's office; provided, that not later
than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive
inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be
determined by the executive office of public safety and security, to the
executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of
public safety and security and the house and senate committees on ways
and means; provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to
the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting
of recidivism rates for all pre-trial, county sentenced and state sentenced
incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning in the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and shall be due not later than 30 days after the last
day of each quarter; and provided further, that the office shall provide
relevant data to the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for
the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 .........................
$864,315
Norfolk Sheriff's Office.

8910-8600  For the operation of the Norfolk sheriff's office; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be determined by the executive office of public safety and security, to the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of public safety and security and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism rates for all pre-trial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning in the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; and provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110.......................................................... $40,278,095

8910-8629  For the Norfolk sheriff's office, which may expend not more than $55,430 in revenues collected from municipalities and other entities for regional emergency and public safety communication services to support the operations, development, membership and maintenance of the office; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .......................................................... $55,430

8910-8630  For the Norfolk sheriff's office, which may expend not more than $160,000 in revenues collected from public or private entities or persons for community programs; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .................. $160,000

Plymouth Sheriff's Office.

8910-8700  For the operation of the Plymouth sheriff's office; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be determined by the executive office of public safety and security, to the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of public safety and security and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism rates for all pre-trial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning in the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; and provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110.......................................................... $72,199,442
For the Plymouth sheriff’s office, which may expend not more than $300,000 in revenues collected from municipalities and other entities for regional emergency and public safety communication services to support the operations, development, membership and maintenance of the office; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system $300,000

Suffolk Sheriff’s Office.

For the operation of the Suffolk sheriff’s office; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be determined by the executive office of public safety and security, to the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of public safety and security and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism rates for all pre-trial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning in the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; and provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 $128,710

For the Suffolk sheriff’s office, which may expend for the operation of the Suffolk county regional lockup not more than $1,800,000 in revenue; provided, that the office shall enter into agreements to provide detention services to various law enforcement agencies and municipalities and shall determine and collect fees for such detentions from the law enforcement agencies and municipalities; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system $1,800,000

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ELDER AFFAIRS.

Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

For the operation of the executive office of elder affairs and the regulation of assisted living facilities; provided, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the LGBTQIA+ Aging Project of Fenway Health to support the permanent commission on older lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender adults and their caregivers established in section 71 of chapter 3 of the General Laws $5,711,892

For health care services provided to MassHealth members who are older adults eligible for community-based waiver services; provided, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to
recipients in prior fiscal years; provided further, that subject to the assessed needs of consumers or the terms of the waiver, the funding for benefits of community-based waiver services shall not be reduced below the level of services provided in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that the eligibility requirements for this program shall not be more restrictive than those established in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that funds shall be expended from this item to implement the pre-admission counseling and assessment program under the fourth paragraph of section 9 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, which shall be implemented on a statewide basis through the Aging and Disability Resource Consortia; and provided further, that funds from this item may be expended for the clinical assessment and eligibility program and the comprehensive service and screening model program ..........................................................$303,085,276

9110-1455 For the costs of the subsidized catastrophic prescription drug insurance program under section 39 of chapter 19A of the General Laws and for the operations of the consolidated MassOptions, prescription advantage and 800-age-info customer service centers; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary or unless otherwise prohibited by federal law, prescription drug coverage or benefits payable by the executive office of elder affairs and the entities with which it has contracted for administration of the subsidized catastrophic prescription drug insurance program under said section 39 of said chapter 19A shall be the payer of last resort for this program for eligible persons with regard to any other third-party prescription drug coverage or benefits available to eligible persons; provided further, that the executive office shall take steps for the coordination of benefits with the Medicare prescription drug benefit created under the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, Public Law 108-173, as amended, to ensure that residents of the commonwealth take advantage of this benefit; provided further, that residents shall also be eligible to enroll in the program at any time within a year after reaching age 65; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the operation of the pharmacy outreach program under section 4C of said chapter 19A; provided further, that the executive office shall seek to obtain maximum federal funding for discounts on prescription drugs available to the executive office and to prescription advantage enrollees; provided further, that amounts received by the executive office’s vendor as premium revenue for this program may be retained and expended by the vendor for the program; provided further, that not less than 90 days before any action to limit or cap the number of enrollees in the program, the executive office shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that not less than 30 days before any coverage or benefits expansions, the executive office shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that not less than $2,000,000 shall be expended for the Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone, or SHINE, program, administered by the executive office in partnership with local community-based organizations including, but not limited to, councils on aging, aging service access points and others, in order to support the operational costs incurred by these programs; and provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be divided equally by the Fall River housing authority between 6 senior centers including Mitchell heights, Oliveira apartments, Doolan senior apartments, O’Brien senior apartments, Niagara senior center and South main street senior center for their recreational use .......... $20,832,247
For the operation of the supportive senior housing program at state or federally assisted housing sites; provided, that for fiscal year 2025 the executive office of elder affairs shall maintain at least the same number of sites that were provided for in section 2 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be granted to Hearth, Inc. for upgrades and other improvements, including those necessary for the operation of facilities operated by Hearth, Inc. in the city of Boston; and provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the North Shore Community Health, Inc. for costs associated with the El Centro project; prior appropriation continued $11,719,484.

For the operation of the elder home care program, including contracts with aging service access points or other qualified entities for the home care program, home care, health aides, homemaker, personal care, supportive home care aides, home health and respite services, geriatric behavioral health services and other services provided to older adults; provided, that sliding-scale fees shall be charged to qualified older adults; provided further, that the secretary of elder affairs may waive collection of sliding-scale fees in cases of extreme financial hardship; provided further, that not more than $16,000,000 in revenues accrued from sliding-scale fees shall be retained by the individual home care organizations without reallocation by the executive office of elder affairs and shall be expended for the home care program, consistent with guidelines to be issued by the executive office; provided further, that no rate increase shall be awarded in fiscal year 2025 that would cause a reduction in client services or the number of clients served; provided further, that no funds shall be expended from this item to pay for salary increases for direct service workers who provide state-funded homemaker and home health aide services that would cause a reduction in client services; provided further, that the secretary may transfer an amount not more than 3 per cent of the funds appropriated in this item to item 9110-1630 for case management services and the administration of the elder home care case management program, including contracts with aging service access points or other qualified entities for home care case management services and the administration of the home care organizations funded through item 9110-1630; provided, that the contracts shall include the costs of administrative personnel, home care case managers, travel, rent and other costs deemed appropriate by the executive office of elder affairs; and provided further, that the secretary of elder affairs may transfer an amount not more than 3 per cent of the funds appropriated in this item to item 9110-1630 $236,882,945.

For the operation of the elder home care case management program, including contracts with aging service access points or other qualified entities for home care case management services and the administration of the home care organizations funded through item 9110-1630; provided, that the contracts shall include the costs of administrative personnel, home care case managers, travel, rent and other costs deemed appropriate by the executive office of elder affairs; and provided further, that the secretary of elder affairs may transfer an amount not more than 3 per cent of the funds appropriated in this item to item 9110-1630 $95,153,249.
For the elder protective services program including, but not limited to, protective services case management, guardianship services, the statewide elder abuse hotline, money management services and the elder-at-risk program .......................................................... $47,886,211

For a grant program administered by the secretary of elder affairs that focuses on advanced skill training for the home care aide workforce that serves consumers of the elder home care program administered by the department of elder affairs; provided, that not later than March 3, 2025 the executive office of elder affairs shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (i) the number of students currently enrolled in the online training program, outreach measures to encourage enrollment; (ii) the cost of the course to students, the number of students who have completed the course; and (iii) the number of former students currently working as home care aides in Massachusetts ........................................................................................................ $1,207,262

For the geriatric mental health program, including outreach, counseling, resource management and system navigation for community-dwelling older adults with mental health needs .......................................................... $2,509,293

For congregate and shared housing services, naturally occurring retirement communities for older adults, and for the long-term care ombudsman program to include assisted living residences; provided, that not less than $856,000 shall be expended for providers of naturally occurring retirement communities with whom the executive office of elder affairs entered into service agreements in fiscal year 2024 and shall maintain at proportions of total available funding equal to those provided in fiscal year 2024 ........................................................................................................ $3,381,393

For assessment, placement and homelessness prevention services for homeless and at-risk older adults .......................................................... $286,000

For the elder nutrition program; provided, that not less than $750,000 shall be expended for the Meals on Wheels Program for older adults; and provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the senior farm share program .......................................................... $12,657,217

For grants to the councils on aging and for grants to or contracts with nonpublic entities that are consortia or associations of councils on aging; provided, that notwithstanding the preceding proviso, all funds appropriated in this item shall be expended under the distribution schedules for formula and incentive grants established by the secretary of elder affairs; provided further, that the formula grant portion of this item shall be $15 per elder; provided further, that not later than February 7, 2025, the distribution schedules shall be submitted to the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Millis for a study to examine the strategies that could be utilized by both Millis and Medway to share senior services; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Woodhaven Elderly Housing Complex in Sherborn for updated security features, including exterior lighting improvements; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended to the Monson Senior Center for an ADA compliant van to transport seniors to medical appointments, adult day care facilities and events as well as a small cargo van to deliver meals on wheels to home bound seniors;
provided further, that not less than $12,500 shall be expended for programming at the Adams Senior Center; provided further, that not less than $12,500 shall be expended for programming at the North Adams Senior Center; provided further, that not less than $12,500 shall be expended for programming at the Williamstown Senior Center; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended to the Amherst Senior Center to furnish and equip a game room and create materials to promote participation; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Chelsea Senior Center; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the Burlington Council on Aging in the town of Burlington for the salary of a full-time social worker; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Maynard Council on Aging to support programming for seniors in the town of Maynard; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the town of Rowley for structural and ADA improvements at Town Hall and the Senior Center; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Sterling for an electronic sign at the Council on Aging; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for the senior medical rides program and related elderly and veteran outreach efforts operated by Deja New Leicester, Incorporated, the Council on Aging in the town of Leicester, and Project New Hope, Incorporated; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for Parkway in Motion, Inc. to provide programming for seniors in the SW Boston neighborhoods; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the costs associated with care and services provided at the Whipple Senior Center in the city known as the town of Weymouth; provided further, that not less than $160,000 shall be allocated to OutstandingLife, Inc. for the operation of a statewide virtual senior center for LGBTQIA+ older adults; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Methuen Senior Activity Center for operational costs; provided further, that not less than $65,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of North Attleborough to purchase furniture, exercise equipment, movie projection equipment, a welcome desk and other needs associated with the establishment of the North Attleborough Council on Aging in its new location; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for new kitchen appliances and upgrades for the Pepperell Council on Aging senior center kitchen; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Brookline Council on Aging to support the Council’s food insecurity programs; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Chelmsford Council on Aging to meet the nutritional needs of elders; provided further, that not less than $70,000 shall be expended for the replacement of a wheelchair accessible minivan for the council on aging in the town of Milton; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for the grab-and-go meals provided by the council on aging in the town of East Bridgewater; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the council on aging in the city of Melrose to purchase an accessible transport van; provided further, that not less than $80,000 shall be expended to the town of Clinton for infrastructure upgrades for the Clinton senior center; provided further, that not less than $85,000 shall be expended for an accessible minivan equipped with a wheelchair lift for the Holliston council on aging; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Russell council on aging to purchase a new vehicle; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the council on aging in the city known as the town of Agawam for new furniture, equipment and improvements to the patio area;
provided further, that not less than $23,000 shall be expended to the
council on aging in the town of Abington for programming and services;
provided further, that not less than $23,000 shall be expended to the
department of elder affairs in the city known as the town of Braintree for
programming and services; provided further, that not less than $32,500
shall be expended to the council on aging in the town of Hanover for
programming and services; provided further, that not less than $32,500
shall be expended to the council on aging in the town of Holbrook for
programming and services; and provided further, that not less than
$32,500 shall be expended to the council on aging in the town of Rockland
for programming and services .................................................................$29,631,000

LEGISLATURE.

Senate.

For the operation of the senate; provided, that not less than $100,000 shall
be expended for a fellowship pipeline program in the senate, which shall
seek to promote inclusive and diverse participation and exposure to long-
term employment opportunities in the public service sector for traditionally
underserved populations.................................................................................$29,266,738

House of Representatives.

For the operation of the house of representatives .................................................$47,505,185

Joint Legislative Expenses.

For the joint operations of the legislature .........................................................$10,724,567

SECTON 2B.

SECTION 2B. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the agencies listed in this section
may expend the amounts listed in this section for the provision of services to agencies listed in section 2.
All expenditures made under this section shall be accompanied by a corresponding transfer of funds from
an account listed in said section 2 to the Intragovernmental Service Fund established in section 2Q of
chapter 29 of the General Laws. All revenues and other inflows shall be based on rates published by the
seller agency that are developed in accordance with cost principles established by the United States Office
of Management and Budget Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments.
All rates shall be published within 30 days after the effective date of this section. No expenditures shall be
made from the Intragovernmental Service Fund which would cause that fund to be in deficit at the close of
fiscal year 2025. All authorizations in this section shall be charged to the Intragovernmental Service Fund
and shall not be subject to section 5D of said chapter 29. Any balance remaining in that fund at the close
of fiscal year 2025 shall be transferred to the General Fund.

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

For the costs of providing electronic and other publications purchased from
the state bookstore, for commission fees, notary fees and for direct access
to the secretary's computer library .................................................................$16,000

TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL.
0699-0018  For the cost of debt service for the clean energy investment program and other projects or programs for which an agency has committed to fund the associated debt service; provided, that the state treasurer may charge other appropriations and federal grants for the cost of the debt service ...........$34,654,312

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER.

1000-0005  For the cost of the single state audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; provided, that the comptroller may charge other appropriations and federal grants for the cost of the audit ...........................................$1,817,632

1000-0008  For the costs of operating and managing the state management accounting and reporting system accounting system for fiscal year 2025; provided, that any unspent balance at the close of fiscal year 2025 in an amount not to exceed 5 per cent of the amount authorized shall remain in the Intergovernmental Service Fund and is hereby re-authorized for expenditures for such item in fiscal year 2026..............................................$4,286,929

1000-0601  For the office of the comptroller which may, on behalf of the office, the human resources division and the executive office of technology services and security, charge and collect from participating state agencies a fee sufficient to cover administrative costs and expend such fees for goods and services rendered in the administration of the human resources compensation management system program.........................................................$2,371,752

EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE.

Office of the Secretary.

1100-1701  For the cost of information technology services provided to agencies of the executive office for administration and finance.............................................$27,084,188

Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance.

1102-3224  For the costs for the Leverett Saltonstall building lease and occupancy payments, as provided in chapter 237 of the acts of 2000 .........................$15,479,810

1102-3226  For the operation and maintenance of state buildings; provided, that the division of capital asset management and maintenance may also charge for reimbursement for overtime expenses, materials and contract services purchased in performing renovations and related services for agencies occupying state buildings or for services rendered to approved entities using state facilities ..................................................$13,950,568

Reserves.

1599-2040  For the payment of prior year deficiencies based upon schedules provided to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the comptroller may certify payments on behalf of departments for certain contracted goods or services rendered in prior fiscal years for which certain statutes, regulations or procedures were not properly followed; provided further, that the department that was a party to the transaction shall certify in
writing that the services were performed or goods delivered and shall
provide additional information that the comptroller may require; provided
further, that the comptroller may charge departments’ current fiscal year
appropriations and transfer to this item amounts equivalent to the amounts
of any prior year deficiency, subject to the conditions stated in this item;
provided further, that the comptroller shall assess a chargeback to that
current fiscal year appropriation that is for the same purpose as that to
which the prior year deficiency pertains or, if there is no appropriation for
that purpose, to that current fiscal year appropriation which is most similar
in purpose to the appropriation to which the prior year deficiency pertains
or is for the general administration of the department that administered the
appropriation to which the prior year deficiency pertains; provided further,
that no chargeback shall be made which would cause a deficiency in any
current fiscal year item; provided further, that the comptroller shall report
with such schedule a detailed reason for the prior year deficiency on all
chargebacks assessed that exceed $10,000 including the amount of the
chargeback, the item and object class charged; provided further, that the
comptroller shall report on a quarterly basis on all chargebacks assessed,
including the amount of the chargeback, the item, object class charged
and the reason for the prior year deficiency; and provided further, that the
comptroller shall include in the schedules the amount of each prior year
deficiency paid, the fiscal year and appropriation to which it pertain, the
current fiscal year appropriation and object class to which it was charged
and the department’s explanation for the failure to make payment in a
timely manner ................................................................. $50,000,000

1599-3100  For the cost of the commonwealth’s employer contributions to the
Unemployment Compensation Fund and the Medical Security Trust Fund
established in section 48 of chapter 151A of the General Laws; provided,
that the secretary of administration and finance shall authorize the
collection, accounting and payment of these contributions; and provided
further, that in executing these responsibilities, the comptroller may
charge, in addition to individual appropriation accounts, certain non-
appropriated funds in amounts that are computed based on rates
developed in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget
circular A-87, including expenses, interest expense or related charges ........$38,000,000

1599-3101  For the cost of the commonwealth’s employer contributions to the Family
and Employment Security Trust Fund established in section 7 of chapter
175M of the General Laws; provided, that the secretary of administration
and finance shall authorize the collection, accounting and payment of
these contributions; and provided further, that in executing these
responsibilities the comptroller may charge, in addition to individual
appropriation accounts, certain non-appropriated funds in amounts that
are computed based on rates developed in accordance with the Office of
Management and Budget circular A-87, including expenses, interest
time expense and related charges...............................$50,000,000

Human Resources Division.

1750-0101  For the cost of goods and services rendered in administering training
programs, including the cost of training unit staff; provided, that the human
resources division shall charge to other items for the cost of participants
enrolled in programs sponsored by the division or to state agencies
employing such participants; provided further, that the division may collect
from participating state agencies a fee sufficient to cover administrative
costs of the commonwealth’s performance recognition programs and to expend such fees for goods and services rendered in the administration of these programs; provided further, that the division may charge and collect from participating state agencies a fee sufficient to cover administrative costs and expend such fees for goods and services rendered in the administration of information technology services related to the human resources compensation management system program; and provided further, that the division may charge and collect from participating state agencies fees sufficient to cover the costs of shared services .................. $367,343

1750-0105 For the cost of the commonwealth’s workers’ compensation program, including the workers’ compensation litigation unit; provided, that the secretary of administration and finance shall charge state agencies for workers’ compensation costs, including related administrative expenses, incurred on behalf of the employees of those agencies; provided further, that the personnel administrator shall administer those charges on behalf of the secretary and may establish regulations considered necessary to implement this item; provided further, that the personnel administrator shall notify agencies regarding the chargeback methodology to be used in fiscal year 2025 and the amount of their estimated workers’ compensation charges and shall require agencies to encumber sufficient funds to meet the estimated charges, including any additional amounts considered necessary under the regulations; provided further, that for any agency that fails within 60 days of the effective date of this act to encumber funds sufficient to meet the estimated charges, the comptroller shall encumber funds on behalf of that agency; provided further, that the personnel administrator shall: (i) determine the amount of the actual workers’ compensation costs incurred by each agency in the preceding month, including related administrative expenses; (ii) notify each agency of those amounts; (iii) charge those amounts to each agency's accounts as estimates of the costs to be incurred in the current month; and (iv) transfer those amounts to this item; provided further, that any unspent balance in this item at the close of fiscal year 2025 shall be re-authorized for expenditure in fiscal year 2026; and provided further, that prior year costs for hospital, physician, benefit and other costs may be funded from this item..........................................................$65,785,628

1750-0106 For the workers’ compensation litigation unit, including the costs of personnel .......................................................... $944,177

1750-0600 For the cost of core human resources administrative processing functions .................................................................................................. $8,198,893

Operational Services Division.

1775-0800 For the purchase, operation and repair of vehicles and for the cost of operating and maintaining all vehicles that are leased by other agencies, including the costs of personnel..........................................................$8,110,717

1775-1000 For the provision of printing, photocopying, mailing and related graphic art or design work, including all necessary incidental expenses and liabilities......$11,021,378

EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR VETERANS’ SERVICES.

Office of the Secretary.
1410-0110 For the cost of central services provided to agencies of the executive office of veterans’ services ........................................................................................................... $5,000,000

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND SECURITY.

1790-0200 For the cost of computer resources and services provided by the executive office of technology services and security; provided, that any unspent balance at the close of fiscal year 2025 shall remain in the Intragovernmental Service Fund and may be expended for the item in fiscal year 2026 .................................................................................................................... $104,069,675

1790-0201 For the costs of any information technology or telecommunications product, service or equipment incurred by the executive office of technology services and security in delivering necessary information technology and telecommunications services and products to its customers, but not including any administrative costs; provided, that any unspent balance at the close of fiscal year 2025 shall remain in the Intragovernmental Service Fund and may be expended for the item in fiscal year 2026 ........................................................................................................................ $30,000,000

1790-1701 For core technology services and security, including those previously funded through item 1790-0200; provided, that any unspent balance at the close of fiscal year 2025 shall remain in the Intragovernmental Service Fund and may be expended for the item in fiscal year 2026 ............................................................................................................. $37,734,891

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS.

Office of the Secretary.

2000-1701 For the cost of information technology services provided to agencies of the executive office of energy and environmental affairs ........................................................................ $6,500,000

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

Office of the Secretary.

4000-0102 For the cost of transportation services for health and human services clients and the operation of the health and human services transportation office ........................................................................................................................ $20,241,260

4000-0103 For the costs of core administrative functions performed within the executive office of health and human services; provided, that the secretary of health and human services, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, may identify administrative activities and functions common to the separate agencies, departments, offices, divisions and commissions within the executive office and may designate those functions as core administrative functions in order to improve administrative efficiency and preserve fiscal resources; provided further, that common functions may be designated core administrative functions including, but not limited to, human resources, financial management, leasing and facility management; provided further, that all employees performing functions so designated may be employed by the executive
office; provided further, that upon the designation of a function as a core administrative function, the employees of each agency, department, office or commission who perform these core administrative functions may be transferred to the executive office of health and human services; provided further, that the executive office shall charge the agencies, departments, offices, divisions and commissions for the services under this item; provided further, that the reorganization shall not impair the civil service status of any transferred employee who immediately before the effective date of this act either holds a permanent appointment in a position classified under chapter 31 of the General Laws or has tenure in a position by reason of section 9A of chapter 30 of the General Laws; and provided further, that nothing in this item shall impair or change an employee’s status, rights or benefits under chapter 150E of the General Laws

4000-1701 For the cost of information technology services provided to agencies of the executive office of health and human services $31,489,176

Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

4125-0122 For the costs of interpreter services provided by commission staff; provided, that the costs of personnel may be charged to this item; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the commission may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system $450,000

4125-0124 For the costs of contracted communication access services incurred by the commission for the deaf and hard of hearing to deliver necessary communication access services to commonwealth agencies, but not including any administrative costs; provided, that any unspent balance at the close of fiscal year 2025 shall remain in the Intragovernmental Service Fund and may be expended for the item in fiscal year 2026 $6,000,000

Department of Public Health.

4510-0108 For the costs of pharmaceutical drugs and services provided by the state office for pharmacy services; provided, that the state office shall notify all agencies listed below of their obligations under this item by December 30, 2024; provided further, that the state office shall continue to be the sole provider of pharmacy services for the following agencies currently under the state office: (i) the department of public health; (ii) the department of mental health; (iii) the department of developmental services; (iv) the department of correction; (v) the sheriffs’ offices of Barnstable, Berkshire, Bristol, Essex, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, Middlesex, Norfolk and Plymouth; and (vi) the Soldiers’ Homes in the cities of Holyoke and Chelsea; provided further, that the state office shall become the sole provider of pharmacy services to the sheriffs’ offices of Worcester and Suffolk; provided further, that these agencies shall not charge or contract with any other alternative vendor for pharmacy services other than the state office; provided further, that the state office shall validate previously-submitted pharmacy expenditures including HIV Drug Assistance Program drug reimbursements during fiscal year 2025;
provided further, that the state office shall continue to work to reduce medication costs, provide standardized policies and procedures in a clinically responsible manner, provide comprehensive data analysis and improve the quality of clinical services; and provided further, that not later than April 16, 2025, the state office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing recommendations for the inclusion of other entities that may realize cost savings by joining the state office. $66,484,657

4590-0901 For the costs of medical services provided at department of public health hospitals and charged to other state agencies $159,135

4590-0903 For the costs of medical services provided at the department of public health Lemuel Shattuck hospital to incarcerated persons in the care of houses of correction; provided, that the costs shall be charged to items 8910-0102, 8910-0105, 8910-0107, 8910-0108, 8910-0110, 8910-0145, 8910-0619, 8910-8200, 8910-8300, 8910-8400, 8910-8500, 8910-8600, 8910-8700 and 8910-8800 of section 2 $3,087,132

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Office of the Secretary.

7002-0018 For the cost of information technology services provided to agencies of the executive office of economic development $6,846,468

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION.

Office of the Secretary.

7009-1701 For the cost of information technology services provided to agencies of the executive office of education $3,000,000

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY.

Office of the Secretary.

8000-1701 For the cost of information technology services provided to agencies of the executive office of public safety and security $11,464,504

Department of State Police.

8100-0002 For the costs associated with department of state police personnel assigned to roadways of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, the district attorneys’ offices, the attorney general, the Massachusetts gaming commission and other state agencies; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system $49,348,913
For the costs associated with the use and maintenance of the statewide telecommunications system
.............................................................................................................. $156,375

Military Division.

For the costs of utilities and maintenance associated with state armory rentals and related services and for the implementation of energy conservation measures with regard to the state armories
................................................................................................. $100,000

Department of Correction.

For costs related to the production and distribution of products produced by prison industries and for the costs of services provided by incarcerated persons; provided, that the commissioner of correction may allocate year-end net profits to the cost of drug, substance abuse and rehabilitative programming
...................................................................................................... $14,650,000

SECTION 2D.

The amounts set forth in this section are hereby appropriated from the General Federal Grants Fund. Federal funds received in excess of the amount appropriated in this section shall be expended only in accordance with section 6B of chapter 29 of the General Laws. The amount of any unexpended balance of federal grant funds received before June 30, 2024 and not included as part of an appropriation item in this section is hereby made available for expenditure during fiscal year 2025 and shall be in addition to any amount appropriated in this section.

JUDICIARY.

Supreme Judicial Court.

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State Court Improvement Basic Grant
.................................................................................................................. $635,508

Committee for Public Counsel Services.

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Massachusetts Juvenile Indigent Defense
.................................................................................................................. $51,597

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Massachusetts Collaboration to Correct Wrongful Convictions
.................................................................................................................. $19,703

Trial Court.

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MISSION Mill Cities
.................................................................................................................. $400,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MISSION Springfield
.................................................................................................................. $400,000

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS.

Worcester District Attorney.
For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program ................................................................. $421,237

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Worcester County Drug Diversion and Drug Endangered Children (FCOSSAPDEC) ........................................ $600,000

Plymouth District Attorney.

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY21 Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) ................................................................. $678,271

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Combat Human Trafficking ................................................................. $81,015

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, BJA FY21 Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program ................................................................. $114,513

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Plymouth County First Response to Substance Use & Recovery ................................................................. $431,003

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Human Trafficking 2nd Round ................................................................. $250,000

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Historic Preservation Survey and Planning ................................................................. $1,157,066

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, National Maritime Heritage Grant Program ................................................................. $142,500

TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL.

Massachusetts Cultural Council.

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Folk and Traditional Arts ................................................................. $35,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Basic State Grant ................................................................. $824,100

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Arts in Education ................................................................. $62,900

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Youth Reach State and Regional Programs ................................................................. $282,900

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Office of the Attorney General.

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY21 COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force Grant Program ................................................................. $1,846,396

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY21 COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force Grant Program ................................................................. $1,558,000
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<td>For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY23 OVC Victim Compensation Formula</td>
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**Victim and Witness Assistance Board.**

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**MASSACHUSETTS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL.**

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<td>$1,552,698</td>
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<td>1100-1704</td>
<td>For the purposes of a federally funded technical assistance grant entitled, Maintain and Further Development of Developmental Disabilities Suite; provided, that in order to qualify for said grant, this item shall be exempt from the first $36,000 of fringe benefits and indirect cost charges under section 6B of chapter 29 of the General Laws</td>
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<td>1100-1713</td>
<td>For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Expanding the Public Health Workforce within the Disability Networks: State Councils on Developmental Disabilities; provided, that in order to qualify for said grant, this account shall be exempt from the first $4,800 of fringe benefits and indirect cost charges pursuant to section 6B of chapter 29 of the General Laws</td>
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**Disabled persons protection commission.**

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE.**

**Massachusetts Office on Disability.**

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS.

Office of the Secretary.

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management Program Implementation ........................................ $3,403,990

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Coastal Zone Management ILJA Capacity .......................................................... $1,977,777

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, National Parks Service Land and Water Conservation Fund ...................................... $22,181,238

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Buzzards Bay Estuary Program ........................................................................ $3,369,875

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Joint Enforcement Agreement Between NOAA-OLE-Fisheries .............................. $1,772,280

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Port Security Grant Program ........................................................................ $521,771

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Recreational Boating Safety Program ............................................................... $2,395,281

Department of Public Utilities.

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Rail Fixed Guideway Public Transportation System State Safety Oversight ................ $3,613,584

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Pipeline Security .................................................. $2,700,966

Department of Environmental Protection.

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Water Quality Management Planning ................................................................. $533,885

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Leaking Underground Storage Tank Cooperative Agreement ....................... $592,159

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Department of Defense State Memorandum of Agreement .................................. $1,000,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Superfund Block Grant ................................................................................ $743,293

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Brownfields Assessment Program ................................................................. $100,791
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Department of Fish and Game.
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Wetlands Conservation Grant Program ............................................ $1,000,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Chronic Wasting
Disease Education Program, Prevent Strategies, MA ......................... $100,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Land Acquisition ....... $3,500,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Clean Vessel Act
Grant Program ................................................................................. $1,300,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Commercial
Fisheries Statistics ........................................................................... $230,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Boating Infrastructure ........................................... $200,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Interstate Fisheries
Management Support ....................................................................... $500,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, ACCSP
Implementation Strategic Plan ............................................................. $100,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Turtle
Disengagement ................................................................................ $650,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Age and Growth
Project Segment One ......................................................................... $375,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Sport Fish
Restoration Coordination ................................................................. $250,000

Department of Agricultural Resources.

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Food Safety Program ........................................................................ $575,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Local Food Purchase Assistance ................................................................. $5,000,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Massachusetts
Pesticide Enforcement Grant ............................................................... $500,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Cooperative
Agricultural Pest Survey ..................................................................... $150,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Farm and Ranch
Lands Protection Program ................................................................ $2,000,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Country of Origin
Labeling - Retail Surveillance ............................................................. $20,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, National Animal
Identification System ....................................................................... $60,000
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4000-1826 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Money Follows the Person Y4 .................................................................................................................. $800,000

Office for Refugees and Immigrants.

4003-0808 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Youth Mentoring .......... $222,663

4003-0818 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Elderly Refugee Services ...................................................................................................................... $101,903

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Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

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4110-3028

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Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission.

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Soldiers’ Home in Massachusetts.

4180-0101

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Department of Transitional Assistance.

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Department of Children and Families.

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4800-0009  For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title IV-E Independent Living Program ................................................................................. $2,936,386
4800-0013  For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program Title IV-B Subpart 2 and Caseworker Visitation ........ $7,027,948
4800-0084  For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Education & Training Voucher Program ................................................................................ .... $1,026,068
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4899-0001  For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title IV-B Child Welfare Services ....................................................................................................... $3,528,747
4899-0021  For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, National Center for Child Abuse and Neglect ................................................................................ $1,897,966

Department of Mental Health.

5012-9123  For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Healthy Transitions ........ $266,823
5012-9179  For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, ARPA for Block Grants for Community Mental Health Services .......................................................... $6,990,615
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For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Section 811 Project Based Rental Assistance Demonstration Program $5,520,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Program $9,900,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, the Family Self-Sufficiency Program $966,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Emergency Housing Vouchers (ARPA) $19,320,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Home Investment Partnerships $22,250,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, National Housing Trust Fund $20,000,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Home Investment Partnership (ARPA) $15,000,000

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION.

Department of Early Education and Care.

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Head Start Collaboration $175,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) $1,104,617

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention - ARPA $1,434,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Preschool Development Grant Birth to Five (PDG B-5) $12,000,000

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For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, March 2-3, 2018 Severe Winter Storm Flooding ................................................ $50,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, COVID-19 Presidential Declaration Mitigation Grant Program ................................................. $10,000,000

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For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY2022 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program Management Costs ................................................ $250,000

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For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY2020 Flood Mitigation Assistance Management Costs ................................................ $100,000

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For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, January 26-28, Severe Winter Storm ................................................ $130,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, March 2-3, 2018 Severe Winter Storm & Flooding ................................................ $500,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, March 13-14, 2018 Severe Winter Storm & Flooding ................................................ $500,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, COVID-19 Pandemic ................................................ $30,000,000
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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ELDER AFFAIRS.**

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For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, ARPA Long Term Care Ombudsman 23.........................................................$375,355

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Ombudsman One Care Plan Initiative...............................................................$315,000

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Older Americans Act.................................................................$23,221,529

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Nutrition Services Incentive Program.........................................................$8,137,637

For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Senior Community Service Employment Program .................................................$1,748,857

SECTION 2E.

SECTION 2E. The sums set forth in this section are hereby appropriated for transfer from the General Fund to the trust funds named within each item unless specifically designated otherwise in this section, for the purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this section and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Items in this section shall not be subject to allotment under section 9B of chapter 29 of the General Laws or reduction under section 9C of said chapter 29 without express authorization from the general court. Notwithstanding section 19A of said chapter 29, any transfer under this section shall be made by the comptroller in accordance with a transfer schedule to be developed for each item by the comptroller after consulting with the appropriate agency secretary, the secretary of administration and finance and the state treasurer. The schedule for each appropriation shall provide for transfers in increments considered appropriate to meet the cash flow needs of each fund; provided, however, that the sum of the incremental transfers shall equal the sum set forth in this section and all transfers under the schedule shall be completed not later than June 30, 2025. Not later than 7 days after the schedules receive final approval by the comptroller, they shall be reported to the house and senate committees on ways and means.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

Office of the Secretary.

For an operating transfer to the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund established in section 2WWW of chapter 29 of the General Laws.......................$10,000,000

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

For a transfer to the State Athletic Commission Fund established in section 2AAAA of chapter 29 of the General Laws for the costs of operating and administering the state athletic commission .............................................. $500,000

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER.

For an operating transfer to the Commonwealth Care Trust Fund established in section 2OOO of chapter 29 of the General Laws.......................$35,000,000
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE.

1599-6152  For an operating transfer to the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund established in section 24 of chapter 32A of the General Laws $550,000,000

1595-6153  For an operating transfer to the Communications Access Trust Fund established pursuant to section 2XXXXX of chapter 29 of the General Laws; provided, that not later than March 10, 2025, the executive office for administration and finance shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (a) the distribution of the funds appropriated in this item to sheriffs’ offices and the department of corrections; (b) the barriers to providing calls free of charge to incarcerated individuals; and (c) the current volume of calls at sheriffs’ offices and the department of corrections $10,000,000

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS.

1595-6232  For the Clean Energy Investment Fund, established in section 15 of chapter 23J of the General Laws; provided, that funds shall be appropriated for environmental sector workforce development and investments to support emissions reductions in the energy, transportation and buildings sectors, as directed by the Massachusetts clean energy and climate plan for 2050; and provided further, that not later than April 3, 2025, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include: (i) the number of workforce development programs receiving funds in fiscal year 2025; (ii) the number of individuals served by said programs; and (iii) the status of projected progress towards the goals outlined in the Massachusetts clean energy and climate plan for 2050 $20,000,000

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

Office of the Secretary.

1595-1068  For an operating transfer to the MassHealth provider payment account under the Medical Assistance Trust Fund established in section 2QQQ of chapter 29 of the General Laws; provided, that these funds shall be expended for: (i) services provided; (ii) public hospital transformation and incentive initiative payments; (iii) health equity incentive payments; or (iv) Medicaid care organization payments under 42 CFR 438.6(c); provided further, that all payments from the Medical Assistance Trust Fund shall be: (a) subject to the availability of federal financial participation; (b) made only under federally-approved payment methods; (c) consistent with federal funding requirements and all federal payment limits as determined by the secretary of health and human services; and (d) subject to the terms and conditions of an agreement with the executive office of health and human services; provided further, that the secretary of health and human services shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on health care financing of increases or decreases in any payments made within the term of the current 1115 waiver or other state plan amendments within 15 days of said payments; and provided further, that the secretary of health and human services shall utilize funds from the Medical Assistance Trust Fund to make payments of up to $433,000,000
to the Cambridge public health commission or to Medicaid care organizations for payment to the Cambridge public health commission if the Cambridge public health commission, in anticipation of receiving such payments, first voluntarily transfers an amount equal to the nonfederal share of such payments to the Medical Assistance Trust Fund using a federally-permissible source of funds .................................................................$682,202,000

1595-1069  For an operating transfer to the Health Information Technology Trust Fund established in section 35RR of chapter 10 of the General Laws; provided, that these funds shall be expended for operating costs for the statewide health information exchange and integrated eligibility system; and provided further, that not later than December 16, 2024, the executive office of health and human services shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on health care financing detailing utilization in fiscal year 2024 of the Health Information Technology Trust Fund established in said section 35RR of said chapter 10, including the: (i) total dollar amount billed to the Health Information Technology Trust Fund; (ii) total dollar amount of federal reimbursement; (iii) initiatives and programs paid for out of the Health Information Technology Trust Fund; and (iv) amount disbursed from the Health Information Technology Trust Fund to each program and initiative outlined in the enabling statute.................................................................$14,177,900

1595-1070  For an operating transfer to the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund established in section 2AAAAA of chapter 29 of the General Laws; provided, that these funds shall be expended pursuant to the Safety Net Provider eligibility criteria and payment methodology approved in the MassHealth demonstration waiver under section 1115 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1315; provided further, that all payments from the fund shall be: (i) subject to the availability of federal financial participation; (ii) made only under federally-approved payment methods; (iii) consistent with federal funding requirements and all federal payment limits as determined by the secretary of health and human services; and (iv) subject to the terms and conditions of an agreement with the executive office of health and human services; and provided further, that not later than March 14, 2025, the executive office of health and human services shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the: (a) payments made to each provider; (b) investments each provider has made with said payments for pursued reforms related to incentives outlined in said demonstration waiver; and (c) assessments of recipient providers based on quality measures under the delivery system reform incentive program.................................................................$17,328,861

1595-1071  For an operating transfer to the Community Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention Trust Fund established pursuant to section 35GGG of chapter 10 of the General Laws, inserted by section 7 of chapter 208 of the acts of 2018................................................................. $200,000

Department of Public Health.

1595-4506  For an operating transfer to the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Trust Fund established in section 35MMM of chapter 10 of the General Laws.................................................................$2,700,000

Department of Mental Health.
1595-4512 For an operating transfer to the Behavioral Health Outreach, Access and Support Trust Fund established in section 2GGGGG of chapter 29 of the General Laws; provided, that funds shall support initiatives to expand access to and utilization of behavioral health services including, but not limited to, public awareness campaigns, loan forgiveness for behavioral health professionals and pilot programs to address barriers to equitable behavioral health care............................................................................ $20,000,000

1595-6368 For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund established under section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws; provided, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for a feasibility study for the restoration and preservation of the Norwood Central commuter rail station to be conducted by the historical commission in the town of Norwood; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for a transportation and traffic study that shall include a feasibility analysis on building ramps along interstate highway route 93 including, but not limited to, a ramp to enter and exit the site of the Flower Exchange; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Northborough for the design of a drainage repair project in Assabet Hill; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the city of Worcester to develop an Americans with Disabilities Act transition plan to identify how noncompliant traffic signals, streets, sidewalks and curb ramps will be addressed to improve access; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to improve pedestrian safety and access to local businesses on state highway route 38 at Billings avenue in the city of Medford; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the implementation of a pedestrian safety program in the business district in the Brighton section of the city of Boston to be administered by Brighton Main Streets, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the planning and engineering costs associated with Phase 2 of the Route 128/Exit 19 Interchange Improvement Project in Beverly; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for downtown pedestrian safety improvements to the city of Easthampton; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended for street design and permitting to create safe streets around Hadley elementary school in the town of Swampscott; and provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for rural infrastructure improvements to the town of Bolton ................................................................. $538,596,082

Commonwealth Transportation Fund............................................. 100%

1595-6369 For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority under clause (1) of subsection (d) of section 2ZZZ of chapter 29 of the General Laws; provided, that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall submit quarterly reports to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means which shall include an accounting of the funds provided for in this item including: (i) the amount of money received under this transfer; (ii) the amount of money expended under this transfer; (iii) a description of items and services for which funds have been expended; and (iv) the
status of ongoing and planned capital projects under the purview of the authority; provided further, that the authority shall submit these reports on a quarterly basis not later than 30 days following the last day of the quarter; provided further, that funds included in this item over the total amount of funds made available in this item in the prior fiscal year shall not be used for capital spending; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to study the feasibility of creating and implementing a quiet zone for the area abutting the Walpole commuter rail station in the town of Walpole; provided further, that not less than $80,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to install bird netting and to perform platform tile repair at Andrew station; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority police department for additional dedicated patrols at train stations disproportionately impacted by the opioid epidemic; provided further, that the authority shall conduct a feasibility study of implementing year-round fare free bus pilot programs including, but not limited to, in areas outside of the city of Boston; provided further, that the authority shall submit a proposed design for establishing said programs, including methods for data collection; provided further, that the authority may establish evaluative criteria for potential route selection including, but not limited to: (a) whether a municipality has identified a route for a fare free pilot program; (b) opportunities for increased ridership; (c) increased service accessibility to low-income individuals; (d) opportunities for increased reliability of on-time performance due to dual-door boarding; (e) potential cost savings arising from elimination of contracted farebox equipment and enforcement personnel; (f) opportunities to reduce or eliminate rider and driver altercations; and (g) geographic equity; provided further, that the authority, in developing the study and report, shall consult with community advocacy organizations including, but not limited to, LivableStreets Alliance and Transportation for Massachusetts; and provided further, that not later than March 1, 2025, the authority shall submit a report to the joint committee on transportation and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing findings related to the feasibility of such programs .................................................................$314,280,000

Commonwealth Transportation Fund.......................100%

1595-6370 For an operating transfer to the regional transit authorities organized under chapter 161B of the General Laws, or any prior laws, under clause (2) of subsection (d) of section 2ZZZ of chapter 29 of the General Laws; provided, that each regional transit authority receiving assistance under this item shall deliver not later than January 6, 2025, a copy of its most recent audited financial statement to the chief financial officer of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, the secretary of administration and finance, the treasurer of the commonwealth, the comptroller of the commonwealth, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on transportation .......................$94,000,000

Commonwealth Transportation Fund.......................100%

1595-6379 For the operation of the motor vehicle insurance merit rating board, including the rent, related parking and utility expenses of the board; provided, that the amount appropriated in this item and the associated fringe benefit costs shall be borne by insurance companies doing motor vehicle insurance business within the commonwealth under section 57A of chapter 6C of the General Laws; and provided further, that
notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no safe driver insurance plan shall require the payment of an unsafe driver point surcharge for the first offense for a non-criminal motor vehicle traffic violation as described in chapter 90C of the General Laws.................................$11,671,807

Commonwealth Transportation Fund..........................100%

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION.

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

1595-0035 For an operating transfer to the Twenty-First Century Education Trust Fund established in section 35NNN of chapter 10 of the General Laws; provided, that funds may be used for effective and sustainable improvement initiatives in public schools designated as in need of assistance pursuant to the school accountability system established by the board of elementary and secondary education and for the purpose of addressing persistent disparities in achievement among student subgroups, improving educational opportunities for all students, sharing best practices for improving classroom learning and supporting efficiencies within and across school districts..............................................................$1,000,000

1595-0115 For the Civics Project Trust Fund established in section 2CCCCC of chapter 29 of the General Laws to promote civics education............................$2,500,000

1595-0116 For the Genocide Education Trust Fund, as established in section 2MMMMM of chapter 29 of the General Laws; provided, that said funds shall be distributed by the commissioner of the department of elementary and secondary education for purposes related to the instruction of middle and high school students on the history of genocide, including but not limited to: (i) development of curricular materials detailing the underlying causes, international reaction, progression and aftermath of genocide; and (ii) professional development training, including, but not limited to, the provision of trainings, seminars, conferences and materials, for educators to use in the teaching of genocide .................................................................$3,000,000

Department of Higher Education.

1595-7066 For the support of the Massachusetts Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Grant Fund, referred to as the Pipeline Fund, established in section 2MMM of chapter 29 of the General Laws ......................$1,000,000

SECTION 2F.

SECTION 2F. The sums set forth in this section are hereby appropriated from the Education and Transportation Fund for the purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this section and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. All appropriations in this section shall not be subject to section 5D of chapter 29 of the General Laws.

TRANSPORTATION.

Massachusetts Department of Transportation.
For programs to improve the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority’s physical infrastructure; provided, that the authority shall consult with the executive office for administration and finance on the projects to be funded by this appropriation; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the authority shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means including, but not limited to: (i) the criteria used for distributing funds from this item; and (ii) a list and description of the projects funded through this item or planned to be funded through this item, including the estimated cost for each project and the expected timeline for the completion of each project; provided further, that not less than $10,000,000 shall be expended to support climate adaptation and climate readiness capital improvement projects, including, but not limited to, prioritizing projects in environmental justice communities and stations and rails along the blue line; and provided further, that funds appropriated in this item shall be made available for these purposes through June 30, 2026

Education and Transportation Fund

For a reserve to implement a low-income reduced fare program under the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority for riders of all modes with low-incomes; provided, that funds from this item may be expended on uses including, but not limited to: (i) replacement of foregone fare revenues; (ii) operating and administrative costs relating to the program; (iii) data and technology improvements, systems integration and support; and (iv) community engagement; provided further, that prior to expending funds from this item, the authority shall submit a proposed plan for implementing said program to the secretary of transportation for the approval of the secretary; and provided further, that not later than June 30, 2025, the authority shall submit a report detailing the expenditures from this item including rider enrollment in the program as of March 31, 2025, to the secretary of transportation, the joint committee on transportation, and the house and senate committees on ways and means

Education and Transportation Fund

For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund established in section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws to fund transit improvements at regional transit authorities and supportive transit improvements across the commonwealth; provided, that not less than $66,000,000 shall be expended by regional transit authorities to support operational enhancements and improvements, including expanded service hours, weekend services and route expansions, in addition to services supported through item 1595-6370; provided further, that funds included under this item in fiscal year 2024 to produce more equitable distribution of contract assistance to regional transit authorities under said section 23 of said chapter 161B shall be incorporated into each recipient's baseline funding calculation for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that funds may be expended to regional transit authorities whose contract assistance under section 23 of chapter 161B of the General Laws is proportionately low in comparison to the net cost of service of the regional transit authority as compared to other regional transit authorities in order to provide more equitable fund distribution; provided further, that said funds shall be included in each recipient's baseline funding calculation in future fiscal years; provided further, that funds not allocated under the preceding 2 provisos shall subsequently be expended for operating.
assistance to regional transit authorities based on the following formula: (i) 60 per cent based on total transit ridership as reported on the most recent certified national transit data base report; (ii) 30 per cent based on population of its member communities from the most recent census; and (iii) 10 per cent based on service coverage area determined by the total square miles of its member communities; provided further, that not less than $30,000,000 shall be expended on grants for the regional transit authorities to implement year-round systemwide fare-free service; provided further, that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall oversee the distribution of said grants and shall establish grant criteria including, but not limited to, the prioritization of: (a) ability to implement completely fare-free year-round service; (b) ability to track ridership; (c) opportunities for increased ridership; and (d) increased service accessibility to low-income individuals; provided further, that said grants shall be distributed in a geographically equitable manner; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the joint committee on transportation and the house and senate committees on ways and means including, but not limited to: (1) grant criteria used by the department; (2) a list of grant applicants; (3) a list of successful grant applicants; (4) summaries of successful grant proposals; (5) ridership data for all participating regional transit authorities; and (6) details on the mechanisms being utilized to track ridership data for said pilot programs; provided further, that funds may be expended by the department to support data tracking and reporting; provided further, that not less than $10,000,000 shall be expended on grants to regional transit authorities for the creation or altering of routes that advance connectivity between existing public transportation routes including, but not limited to: (A) regional transit authority bus routes; and (B) Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority routes; provided further, that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall oversee the distribution of said grants to the authorities and shall establish grant criteria including, but not limited to, the prioritization of: (I) opportunities for increased ridership; (II) opportunities for increased total mileage covered in a single trip; (III) opportunities to reach low-income individuals; and (IV) geographic equity; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on transportation which shall include, but not be limited to: (aa) grant criteria used by the department; (bb) a list of grant applicants; (cc) successful grant applicants; (dd) summaries of successful proposals; (ee) ridership data for routes altered through successful proposals; (ff) ridership data for routes connected to routes altered through successful proposals; and (gg) details on the mechanisms being utilized to track ridership data for said routes; and provided further, that not less than $4,000,000 shall be expended for grants to transit providers to support expanded mobility options for older adults, people with disabilities and low-income individuals through the Community Transit Grant Program .................$110,000,000
service; (ii) ridership data for the services supported through the program; (iii) any needs for modifications or changes to the program; and (iv) cost-effectiveness data; provided further, that not less than 6 months before the conclusion of the pilot program, the operator shall submit a comprehensive report to the joint committee on transportation and the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to, recommendations on the desirability and feasibility of continuing all or any components of the pilot program; provided further, that funds shall be expended to maintain existing ferry services operated by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority; provided further, that funds shall be expended to the authority to support operational enhancements and improvements that may include: (a) expanding service hours; (b) increasing frequency of service, including transitioning seasonal service to year-round services not later than July 1, 2025; (c) adding weekend services in the city known as the town of Winthrop and weekend service in the city of Quincy not later than July 1, 2025; (d) fare equity improvements in the city known as the town of Winthrop; (e) route improvements for the city of Quincy, the town of Hingham, the town of Hull and the city known as the town of Winthrop by July 1, 2025; and (f) route expansions, including routes to and from General Edward Lawrence Logan International Airport; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority for the operation of a ferry service from Lewis Wharf Mall in the East Boston section of the city of Boston to Long Wharf in the North End section of the city of Boston; provided further, that said ferry service shall run from April 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024, inclusive, and then run service again from April 1, 2025 until November 30, 2025, inclusive; and provided further, that the authority shall report on the number of passengers who utilize said service to the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than January 31, 2025

Education and Transportation Fund ...............100%

1596-2427 For a transfer to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority workforce and safety reserve established in line item 1599-1971 in section 2 of chapter 126 of the acts of 2022, for projects to address ongoing safety concerns at the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority related to the interim and final findings of the Federal Transit Administration’s Safety Management Inspection initiated in April 2022; provided, that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall work in consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the department of public utilities in the planning and implementation of said projects funded through this item; provided further, that funds may be expended for hiring and retention; provided further, that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall issue monthly reports to the joint committee on transportation and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the status of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority’s progress toward responding to each finding and required action as issued by the Federal Transit Administration; and provided further, that said reports shall be delineated by special directive and shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the funds expended from this item and the related purpose for said spending; (ii) the completion date of each executed required action; and (iii) the estimated completion date of each pending required action

Education and Transportation Fund ...............100%

$7,500,000

36,000,000
For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund established in section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws for the construction and reconstruction of municipal ways as described in clause (b) of the second paragraph of said section 4 of said chapter 6C; provided, that a city or town shall comply with the procedures established by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation; provided further, that a city or town may expend, without further appropriation, for these projects amounts not in excess of the amount provided to the city or town under this item upon preliminary notice of such amount, which shall be provided by the department to the city or town not later than March 3, 2025; and provided further, that the commonwealth shall reimburse a city or town under this item, subject to the availability of funds as provided in section 9G of chapter 29 of the General Laws, within 30 days after receipt by the department of a request for reimbursement from the city or town, which shall include certification by the city or town that actual expenses have been incurred on projects eligible for reimbursement under this item and that the work has been completed to the satisfaction of the city or town according to the specifications of the project and in compliance with applicable laws and procedures established by the department ...................... $45,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund ..................... 100%

For a new Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority academy program to establish a pipeline for a skilled workforce across departments including, but not limited to, power, signals, rails and stations and buildings for capital, operating, preventative maintenance, climate adaptation and other projects at the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority; provided, that the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority may partner with local training organizations to provide certification and skills training for current and future staff; provided further, that funds may be expended in the form of training grants or payments to said organizations; provided further, that funds may be expended for stipends to current and future staff to compensate for missed work time resulting from participation in training and certification programs; provided further, that funds may be expended to recruit and attract students at state universities, community colleges, vocational and technical schools in the commonwealth including, but not limited to, paid internships opportunities for said students; and provided further, that the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority shall prioritize recruiting in underrepresented communities ......................................................... $10,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund ..................... 100%

EDUCATION.

Department of Early Education and Care.

For operational grants to child care providers; provided, that for fiscal year 2025 funds shall be distributed in accordance with the formula established in section 189 of this act; provided further, that funds from this line item shall be expended in coordination with funds from line item 3000-1045; provided further, that the department shall collect data from participating programs, including, but not limited to: (i) the number of enrolled children; (ii) the number of educators employed; (iii) efforts to recruit and retain employees; (iv) any available demographic data of the families served by
participating providers; (v) to the extent feasible, the income level of the families served by participating providers; (vi) the amount awarded to each provider; and (vii) the amount of operational grants spent by provider, delineated by category of spending including, but not limited to: (a) salaries; (b) other compensation; (c) workforce training; and (d) facilities improvements; provided further, that programs shall respond to all data collection requests and surveys from the department to be eligible for said grants; provided further, that funds may be expended for departmental technical assistance related to the administration and distribution of said grants; and provided further, that administrative costs for the program shall not exceed 2 per cent of the total appropriation for said program $175,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund ..................100%

1596-2411 For efforts to reduce the waitlist for income-eligible early education and care programs; provided, that funds may be expended for teen parents and homeless families at risk of becoming eligible for transitional aid to families with dependent children; provided further, that funds may be expended for informal early education and care benefits for families meeting income-eligibility criteria; provided further, that not less than $15,000,000 shall be expended for the department’s fiscal year 2025 procurement of contracted early education slots; provided further, that the early education and care services funded from this item shall be distributed in a geographically-equitable manner that provides fair and adequate access to early education and care for all eligible individuals; and provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department of early education and care shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the number of families removed from the waitlist through this item $15,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund ..................100%

1596-2412 For planning and implementation activities in cities, towns, regional school districts or educational collaboratives to expand pre-kindergarten or preschool opportunities on a voluntary basis to children who will be eligible for kindergarten within 2 school years, utilizing the Massachusetts preschool expansion grant public-private partnership model; provided, that preference shall be given to districts serving high percentages of high-needs students; provided further, that additional preference shall be given to districts that have completed strategic planning efforts that support expanding access to high-quality preschool; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, funds distributed from this item shall be deposited with the treasurer of the city, town, regional school district or educational collaborative and held in a separate account and shall be expended by the school committee of such city, town, regional school district or educational collaborative without further appropriation; and provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months $5,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund ..................100%

1596-2434 For a reimbursement rate increase for subsidized early education and care for salaries, benefits and stipends for professional development of early educators; provided, that rate increases funded from this reserve shall support, as well as increase access to care for families; provided further, that funds appropriated in this item shall be used to increase the
reimbursement rate by an appropriate percentage for all such providers; provided further, that funds shall be expended for increasing the daily add-on rate for comprehensive early education services for children with active cases at the department of children and families; provided further, that the commissioner of early education and care may transfer funds between this item and items 3000-3060 and 3000-4060, as necessary, for this purpose, under an allocation plan that shall detail, by object class, the distribution of the funds to be transferred and which shall be submitted to the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days before any such transfer; provided further, that $45,000,000 shall be expended to annualize rate increases implemented in fiscal year 2024; and provided further, that $20,000,000 shall be expended for additional rate increases for subsidized early education center-based and family child care providers in fiscal year 2025

Education and Transportation Fund .................100%

1596-2435 For efforts to make child care more affordable for families and to reduce the waitlist for income-eligible early education and care programs; provided, that subject to appropriation, the department of early education and care may use funds to expand eligibility to child care financial assistance to additional families with incomes not more than 85 per cent of the state median income; provided further, that educators working in early education, out of school time and residential facilities licensed by the department may be eligible for prioritization pursuant to department policies; provided further, that funds may also be expended for informal early education and care benefits for families meeting income-eligibility criteria established by the department; provided further, that not less than $8,000,000 shall be expended for grants to early education and care providers for costs associated with personal childcare; and provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department of early education and care shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance, the joint committee on education and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the number of children placed in care through this item

Education and Transportation Fund .................100%

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION.

1596-2413 For the expansion of early college, workforce, technical and innovation pathway programs; provided, that such programs shall incorporate the guiding principles of designated pathways; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the executive office of education shall provide a summary of the current and planned allocations of funds for each program funded through this item to the joint committee on education and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that appropriated funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months; and provided further, that funds may be expended to incentivize the awarding of industry-recognized credentials in high schools

Education and Transportation Fund .................100%

$2,500,000
For an early literacy initiative directed by the secretary of education, in consultation and coordination with the commissioner of elementary and secondary education and the commissioner of early education and care, to be known as Literacy Launch: Reading Success from Age 3 through Grade 3; provided, that said program shall provide grants, programming and materials to increase the number of public schools and licensed early education and care providers in the commonwealth providing evidence-based literacy instruction to students in pre-kindergarten through grade 3; provided further, that grants may support activities including, but not limited to: (i) the adoption and implementation of high quality curricular materials by public schools and districts and early education program providers; (ii) the provision of technical support, coaching, and professional development to maximize educator impact and improve student learning of literacy skills for students in pre-kindergarten through grade 3, including the support of required staff for the development and implementation of the program by the granting agencies; (iii) an acceleration of the program review of educator preparation programs approved by the department of elementary and secondary education; (iv) the coordination and alignment of assessment and screening, curriculum, and professional development across the departments of early education and care and elementary and secondary education; and (v) other professional learning initiatives and supports related to literacy assessment, measurement, and instruction for specific groups of learners or specific evidence-based materials; provided further, that grant recipients may include, but shall not be limited to: (i) public schools and districts and licensed early education and care programs providing pre-kindergarten instructional services; (ii) the University of Massachusetts; (iii) state universities and community colleges; and (iv) other educator preparation programs; provided further, that not later than November 28, 2025, the secretary of education shall provide a summary of the current and planned allocations of funds for each program funded through this item to the joint committee on education and the house and senate committees on ways and means and that such report shall include: (i) a list of grant recipients; (ii) grants awarded delineated by recipient; (iii) any matching funds or services contributed by grant recipients or program participants; (iv) the purposes of the grants; and (v) a detailed breakdown of the purposes and amounts of administrative costs charged to this item; provided further, that funds may be expended for grants to high-needs schools and districts to support the hiring of literacy coaches who can provide direct instruction and tutoring to students in early literacy, and high-dosage early literacy tutoring programs utilizing virtual instruction focused at the first grade level; and provided further, that any unexpended funds in this item shall not revert but shall be made available until August 30, 2026 .................................................................$20,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund .........................100%

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

For the reimbursement of school districts and participating schools for the costs of providing universal free school meals pursuant to section 1C of chapter 69 of the General Laws; provided, that districts receiving funds under this item shall not implement a meal charge for students; provided further, that participating districts that are eligible for reimbursement under the community eligibility provision of the National School Lunch Program or an applicable provision of the National Child Nutrition Act, Public Law
111-296, shall adopt said provision to maximize access to federal funds; and provided further, that not later than January 15, 2025, the department of elementary and secondary education shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include: (i) data on any change in utilization of school lunch services in districts receiving funding under this item, delineated by free, reduced and full-pay students as defined by the National School Lunch Program; (ii) the distribution of funding paid through this item and for the purpose of universal free school meals in fiscal year 2024, item 7053-1925 delineated by school district; and (iii) options to reform, modify or extend the program in a manner that promotes equity, maximizes federal funds and improves predictability and sustainability of funding.................................................................$170,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund .....................100%

For a competitive grant program administered by the department of elementary and secondary education, in consultation with Massachusetts clean energy center, for K-12 public schools or districts for projects to install or maintain clean energy infrastructure pursuant to section 37 of chapter 69 of the General Laws.................................................................$10,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund .....................100%

For the development of a statewide birth through higher education framework for mental and behavioral health which may include, but shall not be limited to: (i) guiding principles and strategies related to providing social emotional supports; (ii) mental and behavioral health supports; (iii) suicide prevention; and (iv) relevant professional development in educational settings; provided, that the framework shall be developed in collaboration with the executive office of health and human services and the department of mental health, experts in childhood mental health, educators including those from early education and care programs, elementary and secondary public schools, and public institutions of higher education, students, families, and other stakeholders as appropriate; provided further, that funds may be expended to implement the framework and relevant mental and behavioral health supports for students; and provided further, that not later than May 30, 2025, the department of secondary and elementary education shall submit a report on (i) the implementation of the framework; and (ii) the number of districts implementing framework findings .................................................................$5,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund .....................100%

For the cost of providing an additional $74 per pupil in minimum aid funding to qualifying cities, towns, regional school districts, counties maintaining agricultural schools, independent vocational schools and independent agricultural and technical schools to be distributed under chapters 70 and 76 of the General Laws and section 3 .........................................................$37,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund .....................100%

Department of Higher Education.

For a scholarship program to provide financial assistance to Massachusetts students enrolled in and pursuing a program of higher education in any public institutions of higher education in the
commonwealth; provided, that funds from this item may be expended on the administration of the scholarship program; provided further, that the commissioner of higher education, in coordination with the Massachusetts state scholarship office, shall adopt regulations governing the eligibility and the awarding of financial assistance under this item; and provided further, that funds may be expended for an office of higher education success and completion within the department of higher education to support: (i) data collection and tracking; and (ii) the development of best practices for higher education student success and degree completion including, but not limited to, the alignment of community college programming with labor market demands ............................................. $80,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund ......................... 100%

1596-2418 For MassReconnect, a scholarship program to provide financial assistance to students from the commonwealth who: (i) are enrolled in and pursuing a program of higher education at a public community college in the commonwealth; (ii) are not less than 25 years of age as of the first day of classes; (iii) have not previously earned a college degree; and (iv) are enrolled in at least 6 credits; provided, that the funds shall be used to cover any remaining tuition and fees due and the cost of books and supplies for any eligible student after all other sources of federal and state grant aid have been exhausted; provided further, that funds from this item may be expended on student support services, administration and marketing of said scholarship program; provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months; provided further, that the commissioner of higher education, in consultation with the executive office of education and the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges and in coordination with the Massachusetts state scholarship office, shall adopt guidelines governing the eligibility for and the awarding of financial assistance under this item; provided further, that not later than January 31, 2025, the department of higher education, in consultation with the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges, shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the metrics and benchmarks being used to measure program success including, but not limited to: (a) enrollment; (b) retention; (c) barriers to student participation; and (d) demographic data related to program participants; and provided further, that not later than May 30, 2025, the department of higher education shall submit information to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the number of students participating in MassReconnect at each community college ...................................... $24,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund ......................... 100%

1596-2423 For a scholarship program to provide financial assistance to students in the commonwealth who are enrolled in and pursuing a program of higher education at a public institution of higher education, as defined in section 5 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, for an in-demand profession as defined by the executive office of labor and workforce development's study on labor market conditions pursuant to section 16A of said chapter 15A; provided, that funds from this item may be expended on the administration of said scholarship program; provided further, that the board of higher education, in coordination with the Massachusetts state scholarship office, shall adopt guidelines governing the eligibility for and the awarding of financial assistance; provided further, that not less than $1,500,000 shall be expended for a scholarship program to provide financial assistance to
students from the commonwealth who: (i) are enrolled in and pursuing either an associate degree or certificate program at a municipal college; (ii) are age 25 or older as of the first day of classes; (iii) have not previously earned a college degree; and (iv) are enrolled in at least 6 credits; provided, that the funds shall be used to cover any remaining tuition and fees, costs of books and supplies for any eligible student after all other sources of federal and state grant aid have been exhausted; provided further, that funds from this item may be expended on student support services, administration and the marketing of said scholarship program; and provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months .................................................................$10,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund ..........100%

1596-2425  For the purposes of continuing the implementation of section 15E of chapter 15A of the General Laws to encourage private fundraising by the commonwealth’s public institutions of higher education for the endowments and capital outlay programs of those institutions including, but not limited to, endowed scholarship funds, endowed professorships, endowed STEM programming, endowed research positions, endowed programming in the arts and humanities, endowed funds to increase diversity and inclusion on public higher education campuses, endowed funds to increase persistence and completion rates, endowed funds to encourage innovative financial aid strategies, including income-sharing arrangements, endowed early college programs and such other purposes as the board of higher education shall determine to be consistent with system-wide and campus mission statements and with measurable goals and metrics tied to those missions; provided, that the board of higher education shall implement the program in a manner that ensures that each institution shall have an equal opportunity to secure matching funds from this item; provided further, that not less than $5,000,000 shall be allocated to state universities; provided further, that not later than January 31, 2025, the board of higher education shall issue a preliminary report on the initial allocation of matching dollars and any guidelines adopted for the distribution and use of such funding; and provided further, that the report shall be submitted to the house and senate committees on ways and means ........................................................................................................................................$5,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund ..........100%

1596-2439  For state university cohort counseling to ensure student success (SUCCESS) grants to state universities to provide wraparound supports and services to improve outcomes for their most vulnerable populations including, but not limited to, low-income, first-generation, minority and disabled students and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning students; provided, that funds shall be disbursed based on a formula and criteria developed by the department of higher education; provided further, that eligible wraparound support activities shall include, but not be limited to, peer mentors, academic skills workshops and targeted academic, career and scholarship advising; provided further, that appropriated funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months; provided further, that all funds distributed may be spent solely on personnel costs at the discretion of the universities; and provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the department shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the progress made on implementing and funding this program, including any
For a Free Community College Program for students who: (i) are enrolled in and pursuing a program of higher education at a public community college in Massachusetts; (ii) have completed a free application for federal student aid or an equivalent application for state-funded financial assistance; (iii) have not earned a prior baccalaureate degree, or the equivalent; and (vi) are enrolled in at least 6 credits; provided, that funds shall be expended to cover any remaining tuition and fees due and an allowance for the cost of books, supplies and other expenses for any eligible student after all other sources of federal and state grant aid have been exhausted; provided further, that students whose household income is at or below 125 per cent of the state median income shall be granted an allowance of up to $1,200 per academic year for books, supplies and other expenses for attending a community college program; provided, however, that said allowance shall not preclude students from receiving assistance through MassGrant or MassGrant Plus, subject to the regulations of said programs; provided further, that the commissioner of higher education, in consultation with the executive office of education and the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges, and in coordination with the Massachusetts state scholarship office, shall adopt guidelines governing eligibility for and the awarding of financial assistance under this item; provided further, that funds from this item may be expended on student support services, administration and marketing of said scholarship program; provided further, that students aged 25 or older may be referred to as MassReconnect students; provided further, that funds from this item may be expended to create awareness and conduct public outreach related to MassReconnect; provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months; provided further, that tuition and fees at public community colleges shall not increase more than the lesser of: (1) the ratio of the value of the implicit price deflator for state and local government purchases in the third quarter of the prior fiscal year to its value in the third quarter of the fiscal year 2 years prior; and (2) 1.045; provided further, that the department, after consultation with the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges, shall analyze the faculty and staff capacity to meet the needs of the program established in this item, to ensure a sufficient workforce; provided further, that not later than February 1, 2025, the department of higher education, in consultation with the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges, shall submit a report to the joint committee on higher education and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing program uptake, funding distribution, and the metrics and benchmarks being used to measure program success including, but not limited to: (a) enrollment; (b) retention; (c) barriers to student participation; and (d) demographic data related to program participants; and provided further, that not later than May 31, 2025, the department of higher education shall submit information to the executive office for administration and finance, the board of higher education, the joint committee on higher education and the house and senate committees on ways and means on the number of students participating in the program at each community college.
For a higher education persistence and basic needs program for state universities and community colleges; provided, that funds may be expended to support student costs of attendance excluding tuition and fees, including unanticipated costs that may jeopardize a student’s ability to continue their education program; provided further, that these costs may include, but shall not be limited to: (i) transportation; (ii) food security; (iii) short-term housing; and (iv) childcare costs; provided further, that low-income students shall be prioritized to receive persistence funds; provided further, that the department of higher education may cap funds available to each student; provided further, that not later than May 1, 2025, the department of higher education shall submit a report to the joint committee on higher education and the senate and house committees on ways and means; and provided further, that the report shall include, but not be limited to: (a) the number of students supported by this item; (b) demographics of students supported by this item; and (c) barriers to student retention addressed by this item .................................................$2,500,000

Education and Transportation Fund .........................100%

University of Massachusetts.

For the purposes of continuing the implementation of section 15E of chapter 15A of the General Laws to encourage private fundraising by the commonwealth’s public institutions of higher education for the endowments and capital outlay programs of those institutions including, but not limited to, endowed scholarship funds, endowed professorships, endowed STEM programming, endowed research positions, endowed programming in the arts and humanities, endowed funds to increase diversity and inclusion on public higher education campuses, endowed funds to increase persistence and completion rates, endowed funds to encourage innovative financial aid strategies including income-sharing arrangements, endowed early college programs and such other purposes as the University of Massachusetts board of trustees shall determine to be consistent with system-wide and campus mission statements and with measurable goals and metrics tied to those missions; provided, that the board of higher education shall implement the program in a manner that ensures that each institution shall have equal opportunity to secure matching funds from this item; provided further, that not less than $10,000,000 shall be allocated to the University of Massachusetts to support the endowments described above, established and held by The University of Massachusetts Foundation, Inc.; provided further, that not later than January 31, 2025, the University of Massachusetts board of trustees shall issue a preliminary report on the initial allocation of matching dollars and any guidelines adopted for the distribution and use of such funding; and provided further, that the report shall be submitted to the house and senate committees on ways and means.........................................................$10,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund .........................100%
SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 the distribution of unrestricted general government aid to cities and towns of the balance of the State Lottery and Gaming Fund, as paid from the General Fund in accordance with clause (c) of the second paragraph of section 35 of chapter 10 of the General Laws, and additional funds from the General Fund and the Gaming Local Aid Fund, shall be $1,308,713,668 and shall be apportioned to cities and towns in accordance with this section.

For fiscal year 2025 the total amounts to be distributed and paid to each city, town and regional school district from item 7061-0008 of section 2 and item 1596-2438 of section 2F, shall be as set forth in the following lists. If there is conflict between the language of this section and the distribution listed below, the distribution below shall control. The specified amounts distributed from said item 7061-0008 of said section 2 and said item 1596-2438 of section 2F shall be deemed in full satisfaction of the amounts due under chapter 70 of the General Laws.

For fiscal year 2025, a district’s school aid shall be calculated according to the provisions of said chapter 70. The foundation budget category of “low-income enrollment” for the purpose of calculating foundation enrollment shall be determined by financial eligibility for certain federal programs, as defined by the provisions of section 2 of said chapter 70, and including a number of students identified and approved as low income through the supplemental claiming system established and posted by the department for that purpose, as well as students identified and approved as homeless for purposes of calculating the McKinney-Vento homelessness grant program administered by the department, consistent with the conditions provided for in said section 2. Provided further, that the assumed special education enrollment percentage for vocational school students shall be set at 4.93 per cent and the assumed special education enrollment percentage for non-vocational school students shall be set at 3.93 per cent.

The per-pupil rates for the employee benefits and fixed charges allotments shall be adjusted by the foundation employee benefits inflation rate and the per-pupil rates for all other foundation allotments shall be adjusted by the foundation inflation index. Foundation increments shall be the additional resources provided for the education of students designated as English learners or low-income; provided, however, that for low-income students the amount of the foundation increment shall be determined by the low-income group into which each district is assigned. Foundation budget rates for employee benefits and fixed charges, guidance and psychological services, special education out-of-district tuition, English learners and low-income students shall be increased by four-sixths of the gap between the rates used in fiscal year 2021 and the rates established in tables 1 and 2 of section 3 of said chapter 70, consistent with adjustments prescribed in said section 3 and set at the rates identified in the table below. Required local contributions shall be calculated pursuant to said chapter 70; provided, that municipal revenue growth factors shall be calculated in a manner consistent with calculations made in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that the total statewide target local contribution shall be 59 percent and the effort reduction percentage shall be 100 percent; and provided further, that the minimum aid per pupil dollar amount shall be $104.

Chapter 70 aid for fiscal year 2025 shall be the greater of: (i) foundation aid, or (ii) the sum of base aid and minimum aid. No non-operating district shall receive chapter 70 aid in an amount greater than the district’s foundation budget.

The department of elementary and secondary education shall not consider health care costs for retired teachers to be part of net school spending for any district in which such costs were not considered part of net school spending in fiscal year 1994 and for any district that has not accepted the provisions of section
260 of chapter 165 of the acts of 2014; provided, however, that any district for whom such costs are not so considered shall have included as part of net school spending an amount equal to the increase in the foundation budget for the district associated with health care costs of retired teachers.

No payments to cities, towns or counties maintaining an agricultural school under this section shall be made after November 30 of the fiscal year until the commissioner of revenue certifies acceptance of the prior fiscal year’s annual financial reports submitted under section 43 of chapter 44 of the General Laws. Advance payments shall be made for some or all of periodic local reimbursement or assistance programs to any city, town, regional school district or independent agricultural school that demonstrates an emergency cash shortfall, as certified by the commissioner of revenue and approved by the secretary of administration and finance, under guidelines established by the secretary.
Base Rates

Administration

Instructional
Leadership

Classroom &
Specialist
Teachers

Other
Teaching
Services

Professional
Development

Instructional
Materials,
Equipment &
Technology

Guidance &
Psychological
Services

Pupil
Services

Operations &
Maintenance

Employee
Benefits/
Fixed
Charges

Special
Education
Tuition

Total, All
Categories

Pre-school

224.33

405.14

1,857.73

476.45

73.47

268.87

189.27

53.76

515.87

810.90

0.00

4,875.79

Kindergarten
half-day

224.33

405.14

1,857.73

476.45

73.47

268.87

189.27

53.76

515.87

810.90

0.00

4,875.79

Kindergarten
full-day

448.65

810.30

3,715.45

952.94

147.02

537.77

378.55

107.56

1,031.73

1,621.78

0.00

9,751.75

Elementary

448.65

810.30

3,715.40

952.94

147.04

537.77

378.55

161.32

1,031.73

1,621.80

0.00

9,805.50

Junior/Middle

448.65

810.30

3,269.57

685.98

159.38

537.77

408.39

263.52

1,118.52

1,730.80

0.00

9,432.88

High School

448.65

810.30

4,808.16

571.07

154.55

860.42

451.12

607.66

1,084.53

1,537.47

0.00

11,333.93

Vocational

448.65

810.30

8,173.93

571.07

255.51

1,505.73

451.12

607.66

2,029.75

2,006.61

0.00

16,860.33

Special Education & Incremental Rates
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Instructional
Leadership

Classroom &
Specialist
Teachers

Other
Teaching
Services

Professional
Development

Instructional
Materials,
Equipment &
Technology

Guidance &
Psychological
Services

Pupil
Services

Operations &
Maintenance

Employee
Benefits/
Fixed
Charges

Special
Education
Tuition

Total, All
Categories

Special Ed-in
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3,096.41

0.00

10,217.38

9,539.82

492.88

430.20

0.00

0.00

3,458.83

4,098.10

0.00

31,333.62

Special Edtuitioned out

3,702.76

0.00

0.00

56.56

0.00

0.00

0.00

0.00

0.00

0.00

35,155.74

38,915.06

English
learners PK-5

111.09

194.40

1,360.76

194.40

55.54

138.84

83.31

27.78

333.25

322.91

0.00

2,822.28

English
learners 6-8

118.24

206.89

1,448.24

206.89

59.11

147.78

88.67

29.56

354.67

343.66

0.00

3,003.71

English
learners high
school/voc

126.78

221.87

1,553.06

221.87

63.38

158.47

95.08

31.70

380.34

368.53

0.00

3,221.08

Low-income
group 1

55.91

264.89

2,585.88

0.00

125.46

19.23

104.71

544.10

0.00

442.14

0.00

4,142.32

Low-income
group 2

58.40

276.71

2,701.21

0.00

131.06

20.09

109.38

568.37

0.00

461.87

0.00

4,327.09

Low-income
group 3

60.89

288.53

2,816.54

0.00

136.65

20.95

114.05

592.64

0.00

481.59

0.00

4,511.84

Low-income
group 4

63.39

300.34

2,931.87

0.00

142.24

21.80

118.72

616.90

0.00

501.31

0.00

4,696.57

Low-income
group 5

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312.15

3,047.20

0.00

147.84

22.66

123.39

641.17

0.00

521.03

0.00

4,881.32

Low-income
group 6

72.74

344.67

3,364.62

0.00

163.23

25.03

136.24

707.96

0.00

575.30

0.00

5,389.79

Low-income
group 7

78.73

373.02

3,641.44

0.00

176.66

27.08

147.45

766.21

0.00

622.63

0.00

5,833.22

Low-income
group 8

84.72

401.38

3,918.27

0.00

190.09

29.15

158.66

824.45

0.00

669.96

0.00

6,276.68

Low-income
group 9

90.70

429.74

4,195.10

0.00

203.52

31.19

169.87

882.71

0.00

717.30

0.00

6,276.68

Low-income
group 10

96.68

458.10

4,471.93

0.00

216.95

33.26

181.08

940.95

0.00

764.64

0.00

6,720.13

Low-income
group 11

105.80

501.28

4,893.48

0.00

237.40

36.39

198.15

1,029.66

0.00

836.71

0.00

7,838.87

Low-income
group 12

114.92

544.47

5,315.04

0.00

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39.53

215.22

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SECTION 4. Section 6 of chapter 6D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 1 and 2, the words “, ambulatory surgical center and surcharge payor” and inserting in place thereof the following words: and ambulatory surgical center.

SECTION 5. Said section 6 of said chapter 6D, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the last paragraph.

SECTION 6. Section 31 of chapter 9 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 9 and 12, the figure “2025” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure: 2030.

SECTION 7. Chapter 10 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 24, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:

Section 24. (a) The commission is hereby authorized to conduct a state lottery and shall determine: (i) the types of lotteries to be conducted; (ii) the prices of tickets or shares in the lottery; (iii) the number and sizes of the prizes on the winning tickets or shares; (iv) the manner of selecting the winning tickets or shares; (v) the manner of payment of prizes to the holders of winning tickets or shares; (vi) the frequency of the drawings or selections of winning tickets or shares; (vii) the types of locations at which tickets or shares may be sold; (viii) the method to be used in selling tickets or shares; provided, however, that no tickets or shares shall be sold, offered for sale or purchased from a licensed sales agent or the lottery commission by telephone call; provided further, that said restriction on telephone calls for sales, offers for sale or purchase shall not govern the transmittal of lottery information and sales through telephone services solely between the lottery commission and its duly licensed sales agents; provided further, that the commission shall authorize licensed sales agents to facilitate point of sale transactions using a
debit card; and provided further, that the commission shall prohibit point of sale transactions or online transactions using credit cards as defined in section 1 of chapter 140D and that point of sale transactions under this section shall be subject to the restrictions pursuant to subsection (b) of section 51 of chapter 18; (ix) the licensing of agents to sell tickets or shares; provided, however, that no person under the age of 18 shall be licensed as an agent; (x) the manner and amount of compensation, if any, to be paid to licensed sales agents; provided, however, that the amount of compensation, if any, to be paid to licensed sales agents as a commission pursuant to this section shall be calculated on the total face value of each ticket or share sold and not on any discounted price of any such ticket or share sold; and (xi) such other matters necessary or desirable for the efficient and economical operation and administration of the lottery and for the convenience of the purchasers of tickets or shares and the holders of winning tickets or shares.

The commission may operate the daily numbers game 7 days a week. Each physical state lottery ticket or share shall have imprinted thereon the state seal and a serial number.

(b) The commission may establish, and from time to time revise, such rules and regulations as it deems necessary or desirable and shall file the same with the office of the state secretary. The commission shall establish rules and regulations for lotteries conducted online, over the internet or through the use of a mobile application that shall, at a minimum:

(i) require age verification measures to be reasonably designed to block access to and prevent sales of lottery tickets, games or shares online, over the internet, through the use of a mobile application or through any other means to persons under the age of 21;

(ii) limit sales of lottery tickets, games or shares online, over the internet, through the use of a mobile application or through any other means to transactions initiated and received, or otherwise made, within the commonwealth;
(iii) allow any player to voluntarily prohibit or otherwise exclude themself from purchasing a lottery ticket, game or share online, over the internet, through the use of a mobile application or through any other means;

(iv) establish maximum limits for account deposits and transactions of lottery tickets, games or shares conducted online, over the internet, through the use of a mobile application or through any other means and allow players to reduce their own deposit or transaction limit at any time;

(v) clarify that any cash deposited and unspent in a lottery account belongs solely to the owner of the account and may be withdrawn by the owner at any time subject to the satisfaction of controls or policies put in place to maintain security of customer funds and to prevent fraud and unauthorized or unlawful withdrawals;

(vi) require the commission to implement promotional activities to encourage the purchase of lottery tickets, games or shares through licensed sales agents; provided, however, that promotional activities and all advertising shall not: (a) jeopardize the public health, welfare or the safety of the general public; (b) be deceptive, false, misleading, untrue or intended to deceive or create a misleading impression whether directly or by ambiguity or omission; and (c) use unsolicited pop-up advertisements on the internet or by text message directed to an individual on the list of self-excluded persons established pursuant to clause (iii); and provided further, that no advertisements shall be directed or targeted to individuals younger than 21 years old;

(vii) require within any online system a search function to find nearby licensed sales agents offering lottery sales at brick-and-mortar retail stores in the commonwealth; and
(viii) require that the lottery shall supply the department of public health with customer tracking data collected or generated by the online lottery anonymized to remove from the data: (a) personally identifying information, including a player’s name, street address, bank or credit information and the last 4 digits of a player’s zip code, in compliance with section 2 of chapter 93H; and (b) game identifying information, including game name and device manufacturing company, in protection of corporate intellectual property; provided, however, that the data shall retain information on player characteristics including, but not limited to, gender, age and region of residence and player behavior including, but not limited to, frequency of play, length of play, speed of play, denomination of play, amounts wagered and, if applicable, characteristics of games; provided further, that the department shall convey the anonymized data to a research facility that shall make the data available to qualified researchers for the purposes of: (1) conducting analyses that improve understanding of how gambling addiction develops and progresses; (2) developing evidence-based harm minimization strategies; and (3) developing evidence-based systems to monitor, detect and intervene in high-risk gambling; and provided further, that the commission shall request reports on researcher analyses of the behavioral data to inform its recommendations to the general court relative to more effective regulation of gambling operations.

(c) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the name, address, transaction history, account balance or other personal or identifying information of an individual who purchases lottery tickets, games or shares online, over the internet, through the use of a mobile application or through any other means shall not be deemed public records of the commission for the purposes of section 10 of chapter 66; provided, however, that this subsection shall not prohibit the commission from using a prize winner’s name, city or town of residence or
photograph to publicize a lottery prize claim in excess of $600; and provided further, that this
subsection shall not prohibit the commission from maintaining, using or sharing such
information in the course of lottery-conducted investigation or an investigation by law
enforcement or in compliance with sections 28A or 28B.

(d) The commission shall advise and make recommendations to the director regarding the
operation and administration of the lottery. The commission shall report monthly to the
governor, the attorney general and the general court the total lottery revenues, prize
disbursements and other expenses for the preceding month and shall make an annual
independently audited financial report to the same, which shall include a full and complete
statement of lottery revenues, prize disbursements and other expenses, including such
recommendations as it may deem necessary or advisable, which shall be made available
electronically to the general public not later than the earliest date established for reports in
section 12 of chapter 7A. The commission shall report immediately to the governor and the
general court any matters that require immediate changes in the laws of the commonwealth to
prevent abuses and evasions of the lottery law or rules and regulations promulgated thereunder,
or to rectify undesirable conditions in connection with the administration or operation of the state
lottery.

(e) The commission may carry on a continuous study and investigation of the lottery
throughout the commonwealth in order to: (i) ascertain any defects in the state lottery law or in
the rules and regulations issued thereunder whereby any abuse in the administration and
operation of the lottery or any evasion of said law or said rules and regulations may arise or be
practiced; (ii) formulate recommendations for changes in said law and the rules and regulations
promulgated thereunder to prevent such abuses and evasions; and (iii) guard against the use of
said law and rules and regulations issued thereunder as a cloak for the carrying on of organized
gambling and crime.

(f) The commission shall make a continuous study and investigation of: (i) the operation
and administration of similar laws in other states or countries; (ii) any literature on the subject
that from time-to-time may be published or available; (iii) any federal laws that may affect the
operation of the lottery; and (iv) the reaction of citizens of the commonwealth to existing and
potential features of the lottery with a view to recommending or effecting changes that will tend
to better serve and implement the purposes of the state lottery law.

(g) The concurrence of the chair and not less than 2 other members of the commission
shall be required for all official actions of the commission. A copy of the minutes of each
meeting of the commission, including any rules and regulations adopted by the commission or
any amendments thereof, shall be forthwith transmitted, by and under the certification of the
secretary thereof, to the governor.

(h) The commission shall have the power to issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of
witnesses and the production of documents, papers, books, records and other evidence before it
in any matter over which it has jurisdiction, control or supervision. The commission shall have
the power to administer oaths and affirmations to persons whose testimony is required.

SECTION 8. Section 24A of said chapter 10, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
striking out subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

(a) For the purposes of this section, “group agreement” shall mean any lottery activity in
which the commission participates pursuant to a written agreement between the commission, on
behalf of the commonwealth, and any state, territory, country or other sovereignty. The
commission is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with 1 or more states or other
jurisdictions, hereinafter referred to as a group, for the purpose of creating and maintaining multi-jurisdictional lottery games, including multi-jurisdictional lottery games to be conducted online, over the internet, through the use of a mobile application or through any other means; provided, however, that any such lottery game to be conducted online, over the internet, through the use of a mobile application or through any other means has been properly authorized by each state or other jurisdiction that is part of the group; provided further, that a group agreement shall not include the state lottery games created pursuant to section 24; and provided further, that nothing in this section and nothing in a group agreement shall authorize the commission to make expenditures that are not consistent with restrictions on expenditures by the commission provided for in any other general or special law. The group shall determine the types of lotteries to be conducted, the prices of tickets or shares, the manner of selecting the winning tickets or shares, the manner of payment of prizes to the holders of winning tickets or shares and the frequency of the drawings or selection of winning tickets or shares. The commission may establish, and from time-to-time revise, such rules and regulations as it deems necessary or desirable to carry out the group agreement and shall file the same with the office of the state secretary.

SECTION 9. Said chapter 10 is hereby further amended by striking out section 25, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 25. (a) The apportionment of the total revenues accruing from the sale of lottery tickets or shares and from all other sources at the point of sale at a licensed agent shall be as follows: (i) the payment of prizes to the holders of winning tickets or shares, which in any case shall be no less than 45 per cent of the total revenues accruing from the sale of lottery tickets; (ii) the payment of costs incurred in the operation and administration of the lottery, including the
expenses of the commission and the costs resulting from any contract or contracts entered into
for promotional, advertising or operational services or for the purchase or lease of lottery
equipment and materials, which in no case shall exceed 15 per cent of the total revenues accruing
from the sale of lottery tickets or shares, subject to appropriation; and (iii) the balance shall be
used to fund budgeted aid to cities and towns as provided in section 18C of chapter 58, subject to
appropriation.

(b) The apportionment of the total revenues accruing from the sale of lotteries conducted
online, over the internet, through the use of a mobile application or through any other means as
authorized by section 24 except for those enumerated in subsection (a) shall be as follows: (i) the
payment of prizes to the holders of winning tickets or shares; (ii) the payment of costs incurred
in the operation and administration of such lotteries, including the expenses of the commission
and the costs resulting from any contract or contracts entered into for promotional, advertising or
operational services or for the purchase or lease of lottery equipment and materials, which in no
case shall exceed 5 per cent of the total revenues accruing from the sale of lottery tickets or
shares; and (iii) the balance shall be transferred to the Early Education and Care Operational
Grant Fund established in section 19 of chapter 15D.

SECTION 10. Section 26 of said chapter 10, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- The state
treasurer shall, subject to the approval of the governor, appoint a director of the state lottery,
hereinafter called the director, who shall serve at the pleasure of the state treasurer, shall devote
their entire time and attention to the duties of the office and to such official duties specified by
the state treasurer subject to the approval of the governor, and shall receive such salary as the
commission may determine.
SECTION 11. Said section 26 of said chapter 10, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 39 and 40, the words “, provided, however, that no person shall be assigned more than one license to sell lottery tickets or shares”.

SECTION 12. The second paragraph of section 27 of said chapter 10, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentences:- No member of the commission or covered state employee or member of their immediate family residing in the same household in the principal place of abode of any member of the commission or covered state employee, or legal entity that includes such a person as an officer, director, member, partner, owner, investor or an individual that has a financial interest in the entity, unless said interest is in a publicly traded company by ownership of shares of less than 10 per cent of all issued stock, shall be issued a license to sell lottery tickets. For the purposes of this paragraph, “covered state employee” shall mean a state employee, as defined in section 1 of chapter 268A, or a special state employee, as defined in section 1 of chapter 268A, of the commission, and “immediate family” shall have the same meaning as defined in section 1 of chapter 268A.

SECTION 13. Section 27A of said chapter 10, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 31 to 33, inclusive, the words “in a newspaper of general circulation in the area including the municipality where said Keno licensee will operate” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- on the commission’s website.

SECTION 14. Section 31 of said chapter 10, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “commission”, in line 3, the following words:- , except as authorized by the director for investigative purposes.
SECTION 15. Said chapter 10 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 35D the following section:-

Section 35D1/2. (a) There shall be a Biodiversity Fund, which shall be a separate, nonbudgeted special revenue fund to be administered by the commissioner of fish and game. The fund shall be credited with: (i) appropriations or other money authorized or transferred by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (ii) funds from public and private sources specifically designated for the purposes of this section, including, but not limited to, gifts, grants, donations, rebates and settlements received by the commonwealth; and (iii) income derived from the investment of money credited to the fund. Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended without further appropriation. The unexpended balance in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall remain available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years. No expenditure made from the fund shall cause the fund to be in deficit at any point.

(b) The commissioner may expend money from the fund to carry out the policies, programs or powers of the department of fish and game for: (i) the protection and maintenance of biodiversity and natural systems, including, but not limited to, the acquisition of land and interests therein; (ii) work related to habitat and species connectivity and habitat and species status; (iii) addressing anticipated shifts in species distribution and abundance; (iv) blue carbon strategies; (v) habitat management, conservation and restoration; (vi) public engagement; (vii) data collection; (viii) technical assistance; (ix) a grant program to nonprofit organizations, researchers and community-based organizations; and (x) any costs associated with carrying out those purposes.

(c) Annually, not later than November 1, the commissioner shall file a report on the fund’s activities with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the senate and house
committees on ways and means and the joint committee on environment and natural resources.

The report shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the source and amount of funds received; (ii) the amounts distributed and the purpose of expenditures from the fund, including any grants provided to nonprofit organizations, researchers and community-based organizations; and (iii) a plan detailing the planned uses of funds in the following calendar year.

SECTION 16. Section 35III of said chapter 10, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

There shall be a Castle Island and Marine Park Fund, which shall be a separate, nonbudgeted fund to be administered by the secretary of energy and environmental affairs. Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended, without further appropriation, for the long-term preservation, maintenance, nourishment and public safety of Castle Island and Marine park in the South Boston section of the city of Boston. The fund shall be credited with: (i) any revenues or other financing sources directed to the fund by appropriation; (ii) money authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (iii) any income derived from the investment of amounts credited to the fund or repayment of loans from the fund; (iv) funds from public or private sources including, but not limited to, gifts, federal or private grants, donations, rebates and settlements received by the commonwealth that are specifically designated to be credited to the fund; and (v) all other amounts credited or transferred to the fund from any other source.

SECTION 17. Section 15 of chapter 12 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the figure “$191,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure: $223,442.
SECTION 18. Section 7 of chapter 12C of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 1 and 2, the words “hospital, ambulatory surgical center and surcharge payor”, and inserting in place thereof the following words: hospital and ambulatory surgical center.

SECTION 19. Said section 7 of said chapter 12C, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the last paragraph.

SECTION 20. Said chapter 12C is hereby further amended by inserting after section 7 the following section:

Section 7A. There shall be a Center for Health Information and Analysis Fund which shall be a separate, nonbudgeted special revenue fund to be administered by the executive director. The fund shall be credited with: (i) any transfers from the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E; (ii) appropriations or other money authorized or transferred by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (iii) funds from public and private sources, including, but not limited to, gifts, federal financial participation, grants and donations; and (iv) any interest earned on the assets of the fund. Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended, without further appropriation, for the expenses of the center and for the other purposes described in this chapter. For the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of revenues and related expenditures, the fund may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of amounts credited to the fund during the period of the timing discrepancy or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system. Any balance in the fund at the close of a fiscal year shall be available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years and shall not be transferred to any other fund or revert to the General Fund.
SECTION 21. Chapter 15A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 5A the following section:—

Section 5B. (a) There shall be a community college program to provide an approved certificate or associate degree offered by a community college segment under section 5 of chapter 15A. The program shall be available at no cost to students who: (i) are enrolled in and pursuing a program of higher education at a public community college in the commonwealth; (ii) have completed a free application for federal student aid or an equivalent application for state-funded financial assistance; provided, however, that if the individual is not a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States, the application for financial assistance shall be submitted with an affidavit signed under the pains and penalties of perjury stating that the individual has applied for citizenship or legal permanent residence or will apply for citizenship or legal permanent residence in accordance with federal statute and federal regulations within 120 days of eligibility for such status; (iii) are enrolled in not less than 6 credits; and (iv) have not earned a prior baccalaureate degree or an equivalent certification.

(b)(1) A student attending a community college pursuant to paragraph (a) shall not be responsible for the cost of tuition and mandatory fees, subject to appropriation under subsection (c).

(2) A student whose household income is at or below 125 per cent of state median income, or other income level established by the department, shall be granted an allowance for books, supplies and other expenses related to attending a community college program pursuant to paragraph (a); provided, however, that said allowance shall not preclude students from receiving assistance through state-funded financial assistance including, but not limited to, MassGrant or MassGrant Plus, subject to any regulations promulgated under this section.
The department shall establish guidelines for the purposes of determining eligibility for tuition, fees and such allowance.

(c)(1) Subject to appropriation, after calculating a student’s financial aid, any remaining tuition, fees and allowances for students eligible under subsections (a) or (b) shall be funded by the commonwealth; provided, however, that a community college shall not increase tuition and fees annually more than the lesser of: (i) the ratio of the value of the implicit price deflator for state and local government purchases in the third quarter of the prior fiscal year to its value in the third quarter of the fiscal year 2 years prior; and (ii) 1.045.

(2) The department, in consultation with the community colleges and other relevant stakeholders, shall develop a performance-based or outcomes-based formula for the purpose of distributing a portion of the annual state appropriation to community colleges. The department, in consultation with the community colleges and relevant stakeholders, shall revise the formula not less than every 6 years.

(d) Each community college shall provide the department with data the department deems necessary to implement this section, including, but not limited to, quarterly reports on costs incurred, delineated by expenditure type and student enrollment.

(e) The department may issue rules or regulations to implement this section.

SECTION 22. Section 9 of chapter 15A of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the last paragraph, added by section 11 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of determining eligibility for in-state tuition rates and fees at public institutions of higher education and for state-funded financial assistance, an individual admitted to such institutions of higher
education, other than a nonimmigrant alien within the meaning of 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(A) to (S), inclusive, who attended high school in the commonwealth for not less than 3 years and graduated from a high school in the commonwealth or attained the equivalent thereof in the commonwealth, shall be eligible to pay in-state tuition rates and fees at public institutions of higher education and shall be eligible on the same terms as other individuals for state-funded financial assistance at state-funded public and state-approved private, independent nonprofit institutions of higher education. No individual qualified for in-state tuition rates and fees under this chapter shall be denied in-state tuition and fees as a result of the granting of eligibility under this paragraph. To receive in-state tuition at a public institution of higher education or state-funded financial assistance at an institution of higher education under this section, an eligible individual shall provide the institution of higher education where the eligible individual is or plans to become enrolled, with a high school transcript or certificate demonstrating completion of the equivalent thereof in the commonwealth and: (i) a valid social security number; (ii) a document reflecting issuance of an individual taxpayer identification number; (iii) if that individual is not a citizen of the United States or a legal permanent resident of the United States, an affidavit signed under the pains and penalties of perjury stating that the individual has applied for citizenship or legal permanent residence or will apply for citizenship or legal permanent residence in accordance with federal laws and regulations within 120 days of eligibility for such status; or (iv) documentation of registration with the selective service, if applicable. The board of higher education shall issue regulations for the implementation of this paragraph. Student or family information obtained in the implementation of this paragraph shall be protected from disclosure under subclause (c) of clause Twenty-sixth of section 7 of chapter 4, chapter 66A, chapter 93H and other applicable privacy laws.
SECTION 23. Chapter 15A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 19E the following 2 sections:

Section 19F. (a) Subject to appropriation, the board shall, in consultation with the board of early education and care, establish an early education and care educator scholarship program for current and prospective early education and care sector educators. The program shall be administered by the board, in consultation with the board of early education and care, consistent with clause (10) of the second paragraph of section 5 of chapter 15D.

(b) To be eligible for the scholarship program, recipients shall demonstrate that they are either: (i) a current early education and care educator employed or seeking employment with an early education and care provider in the commonwealth; or (ii) a prospective early education and care educator who is enrolled in or has agreed to enroll in a certificate program or an associate, bachelor or graduate-level degree program in the early education and care field in the commonwealth; provided, however, that recipients of the scholarship program shall commit to providing early education and care in the commonwealth for a term of service to be determined by the board in consultation with the board of early education and care.

(c) Preference for scholarships shall be given to applicants identified as educators who have displayed a proven commitment to early childhood education or who are members of a socially or economically disadvantaged community.

(d) A scholarship granted pursuant to this section may be used to cover the cost of tuition, fees or course-related expenses, including, but not limited to, personal child care expenses incurred in order to attend classes and class meetings and other supports deemed appropriate by the board, in consultation with the board of early education and care, for current and prospective early education and care educators to obtain credentials or associate, bachelor or graduate-level
degrees to meet the educator and program quality standards of the department of early education and care.

(e) The board, in consultation with the board of early education and care, shall promulgate regulations or guidelines governing the scholarship program, which shall include procedures for repayment of the amount of scholarship benefits for a recipient who participates in the program but fails to complete the commitment under subsection (b) or other requirements.

Section 19G. (a) Subject to appropriation, the board shall, in consultation with the board of early education and care, establish an early education and care educator loan forgiveness program for early education and care educators pursuant to clause (10) of section 5 of chapter 15D. Preference for loan forgiveness shall be given to applicants identified as early education and care educators in the commonwealth who have displayed a proven commitment to early childhood education and who either: (i) work in communities predominantly serving children and families with high needs; or (ii) work in regions with a shortage of early education and care slots.

(b) The board, in consultation with the board of early education and care, shall promulgate regulations or guidelines necessary to implement this section, which shall include procedures for default of the loan forgiveness program for a recipient who participates in the program but fails to complete the commitment or other requirements.

SECTION 24. Said chapter 15A is hereby further amended by adding the following 2 sections:-

Section 48. (a) The department, in consultation with the MassTransfer Steering Committee established under subsection (b), shall establish and administer a program to be known as the MassTransfer program, to allow students of public institutions of higher education,
as defined in section 5, to transfer credits: (i) among public institutions of higher education in a
comprehensive, accessible and efficient manner; and (ii) where appropriate, for courses at the
state university segment and the university of Massachusetts segment, without loss of credit.
Public institutions of higher education may establish transfer articulation agreements with each
other to accomplish the goals of this section.

(b) There shall be a MassTransfer Steering Committee, which shall advise the department
on the creation, implementation and improvement of the MassTransfer program under subsection
(a). The committee shall consist of the following representatives, designated by the department:
(i) faculty members, with at least 1 from each segment of public institutions of higher education;
(ii) a president from each segment of public institutions of higher education; (iii) transfer
advisors or registrars, with at least 1 from each segment of public institutions of higher
education; (iv) student representatives; and (v) members of the business community. The
committee shall select a chair annually by a majority vote of the members. The department shall
maintain a website for the program, which shall provide a comprehensive guide for students on
transferring credits through the credit transfer program.

Section 49. (a) The board of higher education, in consultation with public institutions of
higher educations, as defined in section 5, shall develop and approve a common course
numbering system for lower-division courses with the goal of creating transparency for credit
transferability. The department shall develop rules for the administration of the system.

(b) Each public institution of higher education shall include in its course catalog the
applicable course prefix and numbers from the common course numbering system approved by
the board under this section. The board may, for good cause as determined by the board, grant a
public institution of higher education an exemption from the requirements of this section.
SECTION 25. Section 1A of chapter 15D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 98 to 100, inclusive, the words “, but
the number of children under the age of 16 in a large family child care home shall not exceed 10,
including participating children living in the residence”.

SECTION 26. The second paragraph of section 2 of chapter 15D of the General Laws, as
so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out clause (e) and inserting in place thereof the
following clause:-

(e) establish and develop a schedule for revising: (1) a rate structure for voucher and
contracted payments to early education and care providers that enroll children receiving child
care financial assistance, which shall be informed by the cost of providing high-quality early
education and care to such children in conformity with federal and state laws, regulations and
quality and safety standards and any other relevant factors; and (2) a sliding fee scale for families
receiving child care financial assistance, which shall be updated within 1 year of the department
expanding income eligibility for the child care financial assistance program under subsection (e)
of section 13A, or not less than every 5 years, whichever occurs first, to reflect affordability
standards for participating families; provided, however, that recipients of child care financial
assistance whose income is not more than 100 per cent of the federal poverty level shall not be
charged fees for care; provided further, that the sliding fee scale shall be implemented by
applying the scale to the amount that a family’s income exceeds 100 per cent of the federal
poverty level; provided further, that recipients of child care financial assistance shall not be
charged fees for care that exceed 7 per cent of the family’s total income; provided further, that
prior to the establishment or revision of the rate structure or sliding fee scale, the department
shall hold a public hearing under chapter 30A on such establishment or revisions and the board
shall approve such establishment or revision; and provided further, that the department shall
submit any proposed rate structure or sliding scale fee to the clerks of the senate and house of
representatives not less than 60 days prior to implementation.

SECTION 27. Said section 2 of said chapter 15D, as so appearing, is hereby further
amended by adding the following 2 clauses:-

(v) in consultation with the data advisory commission established in section 12B,
annually collect data, to the extent feasible, on: (1) the number of for-profit organizations that
own or franchise centers in multiple states and operate center-based programs in the
commonwealth; (2) the number of center-based programs that are not programs pursuant to
subclause (1); (3) the number of early education and care providers serving children and
families; (4) the number of employees at early education and care providers, delineated by job
position and full-time or part-time designation; (5) pay rates and employer-paid benefits for
employees at early education and care providers, delineated by job position and full-time or part-
time designation; (6) tuition charged by early education and care providers for full and part-time
early education and care, delineated by age group and region; (7) the number of children enrolled
by early education and care providers, delineated by region, age, type of care, family income
range, race, ethnicity, country of origin, disability status, receipt of early intervention services,
primary language of the household and the number of adults in the household; (8) the number of
children receiving child care financial assistance, delineated by region, age, family income, race,
ethnicity, country of origin, disability status, receipt of early intervention services, primary
language of the household and number of adults in the household; (9) the total cost of child care
financial assistance provided by the department; (10) the average monthly number of utilized and
unutilized contracted slots and vouchers, delineated by region and type of care; and (11) the
average monthly number of children on the department's waitlist for child care financial
assistance, delineated by region, age, type of care, family income range, race, ethnicity, country
of origin, disability status, receipt of early intervention services, primary language of the
household and number of adults in the household; provided, however, that the department shall
include a summary of the data collected pursuant to this clause in the department’s annual report
required pursuant to subsection (g) of section 3; and
(w) develop, maintain and disseminate a written early education and care informational
guide, accessible through the department’s website and available in multiple languages,
containing resources for parents of newborns, including, but not limited to: (1) information on
the short and long-term developmental benefits of a quality early education and care curriculum;
(2) the department’s role in licensing providers and conducting background record checks and
the differences between licensed and unlicensed providers; (3) child care financial assistance
eligibility requirements and application process; and (4) the website for families to access an
online directory, searchable by geographic location, of licensed child care programs across the
commonwealth; provided, however, that the department shall disseminate the guide at accessible
locations, including, but not limited to: (A) public libraries; (B) family resource centers; (C)
hospitals with maternity services; and (D) birthing centers.

SECTION 28. The first paragraph of subsection (g) of section 3 of said chapter 15D, as
so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following 2 sentences:- The report shall
summarize data collected pursuant to clause (v) of the second paragraph of section 2 and shall
provide information and examples on barriers to collecting data required pursuant to said clause
(v). The report shall summarize data collected for the operational grant program established
pursuant to section 20.
SECTION 29. Section 3A of said chapter 15D, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 23, the words “Parents Alliance for Catholic Education” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - Massachusetts Council for American Private Education.

SECTION 30. Said section 3A of said chapter 15D, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 26, the words “the Bureau of Jewish Education” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston, Inc.

SECTION 31. Said chapter 15D is hereby further amended by inserting after section 12A the following section:

Section 12B. (a)(1) There shall be a data advisory commission to make recommendations to improve the use of state, provider and program-level data related to the cost, quality and utilization of early education and care services.

(2) The data advisory commission shall utilize data received by the department, including, but not limited to, data collected pursuant to clause (v) of the second paragraph of section 2, to identify, analyze and make recommendations on high-impact, cost-effective data strategies for assessing the needs of families and children, including, but not limited to: (i) establishing a uniform data collection and reporting system to track the data that the department is required to collect pursuant to clause (v); (ii) strengthening the department’s capacity to analyze and report on staffing, scheduling and financial data to support strategic resource allocation decisions; (iii) strengthening the department’s capacity to use data to inform strategic resource allocation and implementation decisions; and (iv) streamlining data reporting, including, but not limited to, eliminating duplicative reporting requirements. In making its recommendations, the commission shall consider the needs and capabilities of early education and care providers located in rural areas.
(b) The data advisory commission shall consist of: the commissioner of early education and care or a designee, who shall serve as chair; the secretary of education or a designee; 12 members who shall have demonstrated knowledge and experience in data collection and analysis for the purpose of improving access to high-quality and affordable early education and care services, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the Massachusetts Association for Early Education & Care, Inc., 1 of whom shall be appointed by Neighborhood Villages Inc., 1 of whom shall be appointed by the Massachusetts Head Start Association, Inc., 1 of whom shall be appointed by the Massachusetts Afterschool Partnership, Inc., 1 of whom shall be appointed by the Common Start Coalition, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the Massachusetts Early Childhood Funder Collaborative, 1 of whom shall be appointed by The Massachusetts Business Roundtable, Inc., 1 of whom shall be appointed by the Massachusetts Business Coalition for Early Childhood Education, 1 of whom shall be appointed by Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc., 1 of whom shall be appointed by the Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAS, Inc., 1 of whom shall be appointed by the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc. and 1 of whom shall be appointed by Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, Inc.; and 5 members who shall be appointed by the commissioner, 1 of whom shall be a family-based early education and care provider, 1 of whom shall be a center-based early education and care provider, 1 of whom shall be a parent of a child currently enrolled in an early education and care program, 1 of whom shall have professional experience and knowledge in the area of data collection, quality and usage in establishing education policy and improving child and family outcomes and 1 of whom shall be a prospective early education and care educator enrolled in a training or degree program. Appointees on the advisory commission shall reflect geographically diverse regions of the commonwealth to ensure regional equity within the commission.
(c) Annually, not later than December 1, the data advisory commission shall submit a report with recommendations and findings to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education. The report shall be made publicly available on the department’s website.

SECTION 32. Said chapter 15D is hereby further amended by inserting after section 13 the following section:-

Section 13A. (a) The department shall maintain, subject to appropriation, a child care financial assistance program that shall provide sufficient financial assistance to enable eligible families to afford and access high-quality early education and care for infants, toddlers, preschool-age children and school-age children.

(b) The department shall provide child care financial assistance to support early education and care through means which shall include, but shall not be limited to: (i) providing vouchers for payments to early education and care providers of a family’s choosing; and (ii) offering families the option of an open slot with an early education and care provider that is contracted with the department; provided, however, that an eligible family shall receive only 1 type of support for each eligible child. Reimbursement for vouchers and contracted payments to early education and care providers that enroll children receiving child care financial assistance shall be based on enrollment; provided, however, that enrollment shall be measured by the department using quarterly enrollment averages or if deemed appropriate by the department, enrollment averages less frequent than quarterly.

(c) Child care financial assistance may be used for early education and care provided by public, private, nonprofit and for-profit entities licensed or approved by the department including, but not limited to, preschools, child care centers, nursery schools, before-school
programs, after-school programs, out-of-school time programs, Head Start programs, Early Head Start programs, informal child care providers and independent and system-affiliated family child care homes. As a condition for receiving child care financial assistance from the department under this section, an early education and care provider shall enter into and comply with a contract with the department or its agents. The department shall develop the contract which shall include a requirement that the early education and care provider comply with all applicable requirements of this chapter and any other federal or state requirements necessary to receive funding for child care financial assistance provided to families under this section.

(d) The department shall provide child care financial assistance to: (i) families with a child who has an open case at the department of children and families or families with a child who is otherwise referred by the department of children and families; (ii) families currently involved with, or transitioning from, transitional aid to families with dependent children, including: (A) recipients of transitional aid to families with dependent children benefits; (B) former recipients of transitional aid to families with dependent children benefits who are working or are engaged in an approved service need activity for up to 1 year after termination of their benefits; (C) participants who are working or are engaged in an approved service need activity for up to 1 year after the transitional period; (D) parents who are under 18 years of age who are currently enrolled in a job training program and who would qualify for benefits under chapter 118 if not for the consideration of the income of the minor parents’ legal guardians or parents; and (E) recipients of the supplemental nutrition assistance program who are participating in education and training services approved by the department of transitional assistance; and (iii) families in need of early education and care services whose family income is not more than 85 per cent of the state median income; provided, however, that the department shall promulgate
regulations to ensure that priority shall be given to families: (A) whose family income is not more than 50 per cent of the state median income; (B) in which a parent or caregiver is working in the field of early education and care subject to rules or regulations set by the department; (C) with children who have a documented disability and whose family income is not more than 85 per cent of the state median income; (D) who are experiencing homelessness; (E) who are headed by a young parent as determined by the department; and (F) experiencing domestic violence.

(e) If additional funds are available or the federal government obligates itself to release additional funding to expand access to child care services beyond those reasonably sufficient to fund subsection (d), the department shall, in a manner consistent with any requirements placed on the receipt or expenditure of the relevant federal funds, allocate funding to increase the number of families receiving child care financial assistance based on income eligibility in the following order of priority to provide child care financial assistance to: (i) families eligible under said clause (iii) of said subsection (d); (ii) families in need of child care services whose family income is above 85 per cent, but not more than 100 per cent, of the state median income; (iii) families in need of child care services whose family income is above 100 per cent, but not more than 110 per cent, of the state median income; and (iv) families in need of child care services whose family income is not more than 125 per cent of the state median income.

(f) If a school-age child is receiving child care financial assistance, the assistance shall continue until the end of the school year even if the child reaches the maximum age prior to the last day of the school year.

(g) For the purposes of child care financial assistance eligibility, “family income” shall include the income of parents living with the child receiving child care financial assistance but
shall not include: (i) any form of income of foster parents, caregivers or other adult family
members; (ii) income of siblings who are not receiving child care financial assistance; or (iii)
earned income of any minor child.

To the extent allowable under federal laws and regulation, no child care financial
assistance provided under this section shall be counted as income or assets for the purpose of
disqualifying any person from eligibility for any other government benefit for which the person
is otherwise eligible including, but not limited to, transitional aid to families with dependent
children benefits.

(h) The department or its agents shall not reduce, terminate or deny continued child care
financial assistance to a family based solely on family income unless the income exceeds 85 per
cent of the state median income or the income eligibility threshold for currently eligible families
as prioritized in subsection (e), whichever is higher. If a family is determined to be ineligible for
financial assistance, the family shall be given an opportunity for an administrative review. If the
department or its agents, after such administrative review, reduce, terminate or deny a family’s
child care financial assistance, the department shall provide the family with an opportunity for an
administrative appeal hearing and shall process the appeal within 60 days from the date the
request is made. Subject to department rules and regulations, while an administrative review or,
if applicable, an administrative appeal hearing is pending and until a final determination is made,
services supported by child care financial assistance shall continue after receipt of a notice of
reduction, termination or denial of continued child care financial assistance.

(i) The department shall review the child care financial assistance program not less than
annually to identify access barriers to families and opportunities to improve families’
experiences with the child care financial assistance process, including, but not limited to,
department paperwork and verification requirements. The department shall take action to remove
any access barriers, including, but not limited to: (i) making technological improvements; (ii)
streamlining the application and renewal processes; (iii) improving outreach to potentially
eligible families regarding the availability of child care financial assistance and the application
process; and (iv) improving access for families with limited English proficiency.

(j) Annually, not later than February 15, the department shall file a report to the clerks of
the senate and house of representatives, the senate and house committees on ways and means and
the joint committee on education on the child care financial assistance program including, but
not limited to: (i) the number of applications received; (ii) the numbers of applications denied,
delineated by reason for denial; (iii) the number of administrative reviews requested, delineated
by reasons for ineligibility as determined by the department; (iv) the number of administrative
reviews performed, delineated by reversal, reduction, termination and denial of child care
financial assistance and length of time in which a decision was made; and (v) the number of
administrative appeal hearings, delineated by the administrative appeal hearing decisions and
length of time in which a decision was made. The report shall be made publicly available on the
department’s website.

(k) The department shall promulgate regulations necessary to implement this section.

SECTION 33. Subsection (a) of section 17 of said chapter 15D, as appearing in the 2022
Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the definitions of “Family child care
provider” and “Family child care services” and inserting in place thereof the following 2
definitions:-
“Family child care provider”, a person who provides family child care services on behalf of children receiving child care financial assistance and receives payment from the commonwealth for such services under a rate structure for voucher and contracted payments. “Family child care services”, child care services provided for less than 24 hours per day in the residence of the provider on behalf of children receiving child care financial assistance for which payment from the commonwealth is made under a rate structure for voucher and contracted payments.

SECTION 34. Subsection (b) of said section 17 of said chapter 15D, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the fifth sentence the following sentence:

Deductions may further be made under said sections 17A, 17G and 17J of said chapter 180 from payments received by family child care providers through grants received under section 19; provided, however, that notwithstanding subsection (g), with the exception of dispute resolution procedures regarding grant payment errors, the distribution, disbursement or allocation amounts or formulas of said grants shall not be the subject of negotiation or collective bargaining.

SECTION 35. Said section 17 of said chapter 15D, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 76, the words “low-income and other at-risk children” and inserting in place thereof the following words:

children receiving financial assistance.

SECTION 36. Said chapter 15D is hereby further amended by adding the following 3 sections:

Section 19. (a) There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate, non-budgeted special revenue fund known as the Early Education and Care Operational Grant Fund, which shall be administered by the department. Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended, subject to appropriation, to provide a funding stream to support the operational
grant program for early education and care providers in the commonwealth established pursuant
to section 20. The unexpended balance in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall remain
available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years. The fund shall not be subject to section 5C
of chapter 29.

(b) The fund shall be credited with: (i) revenue received pursuant to clause (iii) of
subsection (b) of section 25 of chapter 10; (ii) other money authorized by the general court and
specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (iii) funds from public and private sources,
including, but not limited to, gifts, grants and donations; and (iv) interest earned on such money.

Section 20. (a) The department shall, subject to appropriation, establish, distribute and
maintain an operational grant program for early education and care providers to provide high-
quality and sustainable education and care.

(b) Eligible uses for operational grants shall include, but not be limited to: (i)
compensating early education and care provider staff through increased salaries, benefits,
bonuses, professional development or access to continuing education opportunities; (ii)
increasing the affordability of early education and care to families, including by reducing the
tuition and fees paid by families or offering scholarships to families; (iii) enabling early
education and care providers to provide high-quality early education and care and to comply with
applicable health, safety, educational and quality-assurance requirements, any other requirements
of this chapter, and requirements imposed by the department consistent with this chapter; (iv)
improving facilities and physical spaces used by the providers; (v) enabling early education and
care providers to purchase high-quality, evidence-based early literacy materials; (vi) enabling
providers to address emergency situations during which the cost of care significantly increases
due to additional federal, state or department requirements or the loss of fees due to absence or
unenrollment that jeopardizes early education and care providers’ ability to retain their facilities
and staff; (vii) enabling early education and care providers to expand hours of operation to meet
the needs of children and families; and (viii) enabling early education and care providers to
maintain or increase capacity to provide voluntary supplemental services to enrolled children and
their families including, but not limited to, social work services, health and disability-related
services and support services to parents and caregivers.

(c) The department shall maintain a formula for distributing operational grants to early
education and care providers, which shall give preference to providers that serve: (i) high
numbers of children receiving child care financial assistance or services from head start and early
head start programs; (ii) high numbers of high needs children; and (iii) unique populations or that
otherwise advance the interests of the program as determined by the department. The formula
shall consider: (i) licensed capacity and enrollment including the ages of the children enrolled
and the ages of the children for whom the provider has capacity; provided, however, that
enrollment shall be measured by the department using quarterly enrollment averages or if
deemed appropriate by the department, enrollment averages less frequent than quarterly; (ii)
costs associated with employee compensation, including salaries and benefits; (iii) the number of
enrolled children receiving child care financial assistance, services from head start and early
head start programs or scholarship assistance or other meaningful financial assistance from an
early education and care provider; (iv) to the extent feasible, the demographics and income of
families served, including the number of children enrolled and identified as high needs; (v) the
cost of goods and services necessary for provider operations, including rent, utilities,
maintenance and facility improvements; (vi) the cost of quality care methodology developed by
the department and, until such time as the methodology is established, any available information

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regarding the cost of quality early education and care, including available credentialing frameworks and applicable salary guidelines; (vii) increasing the financial stability of providers in need; (viii) the business structure of providers; and (ix) any other factors impacting the cost of providing quality early education and care including, but not limited to, serving infants and toddlers, providing nonstandard hours of care and providing care in socially and economically disadvantaged and historically underrepresented communities with shortages of early education and care slots. A provider that is not an “eligible organization” as defined in section 18 and that, directly or through an affiliate, operates more than 10 center-based programs in the commonwealth shall not receive more than 1 per cent of annual program funds unless the provider is granted a waiver by the commissioner deeming such allocation of more than 1 per cent to be in the best interest of the commonwealth. The department shall incorporate geographic equity into the development of the distribution formula.

Annually, the department shall review and update the operational grant formula to ensure equity and effectiveness in the financial sustainability of early education and care providers. Prior to the establishment or a revision of the operation grant formula, the department shall conduct a public hearing under chapter 30A and submit the proposed updates to the board for its approval.

(c1/2) To prioritize low-income and at-risk children, the department shall annually ensure not less than 50.5 per cent of operational grant funding distributed in a fiscal year is disbursed to: (i) providers with enrollment of at least 25 per cent of children receiving child care financial assistance or otherwise serving at least 25 per cent of low and at-risk children; or (ii) head start or early head start programs.
(d) As a condition for receiving operational grants under this section, the department shall require early education and care providers to: (i) enter into and comply with contractual agreements with the department or its agents, which shall be developed by the department; (ii) continue to, or demonstrate a willingness to, enroll children receiving child care financial assistance, if a family receiving child care financial assistance chooses the provider and the provider has an available opening; (iii) demonstrate progress towards increasing salary, compensation and benefits in alignment with the career ladder established in section 21, and if not feasible, provide increased salaries, compensation and benefits to the extent possible; and (iv) provide the department with data that the department requires, as needed to carry out the department’s assessment and reporting requirements under this section. The department shall solicit public comments prior to establishing or revising criteria for eligible recipients of the operational grant program.

(e) Operational grants shall, subject to appropriation and the distribution formula developed under subsection (c), be renewed for each provider; provided, however, that renewal shall not be required if there is a change in circumstances for the provider making them ineligible, the provider is not in compliance with this section or if the department, in its discretion, determines that renewal would not be appropriate.

(f) The department shall establish enforceable compliance standards to ensure the integrity of the program. The standards shall ensure that open slots in early education and care providers that receive operational grants are accessible to children receiving child care financial assistance and that recipients are making meaningful progress towards complying with the career ladder standards established in section 21; provided, however, that a provider that is not an “eligible organization” as defined in section 18 of and that, directly or through an affiliate,
operates more than 10 center-based programs in the commonwealth and receives operational grants shall: (i) demonstrate a willingness to accept more children receiving child care financial assistance at each program location operated by the provider or an affiliate of the provider in proportion to the provider’s size, as determined by the department; (ii) dedicate a certain percentage of the provider’s operational grant funds, as determined by the department, to increasing compensation for their early education educators and make meaningful progress towards complying with the department's career ladder; and (iii) annually provide the department with an audited financial statement detailing how the provider’s operational grant funds are spent. Prior to establishing or revising standards, the department shall solicit public input.

(g) The department shall include information on the status of the operational grant program in the department’s annual report required by subsection (g) of section 3. This information shall include, but not be limited to: (i) a description of the distribution formula; (ii) an analysis of the incorporation of equity into the distribution formula; (iii) an analysis of the demographic data of the families served by recipients of operational grants; (iv) an analysis of how recipients are using operational grants; (v) an analysis of the impact of the operational grant program on supporting provider sustainability, increasing the availability of early education and care slots, supporting the early education and care workforce, assisting providers with complying with the career ladder established under section 21 and improving access to, and the affordability of, high-quality early education and care; (vi) an analysis of the impact that the termination of the operational grant program would have on the commonwealth; (vii) if applicable, recommendations on how the program could be modified to most effectively direct grant funding to providers serving families with the greatest needs; and (viii) if applicable, recommendations on how to amend the distribution formula to maximize the goals of educational equity, school
readiness and optimal results for families with the greatest needs. The department shall publicly
post on its website the amount of operational grants awarded, delineated by the name of each
recipient and by the municipality in which the recipient is located.

Section 21. (a) The department shall maintain an early education and care career ladder
as considered under clause (11) of the second paragraph of section 5.

(b) The career ladder shall include, but not be limited to: (i) minimum recommended
salaries and compensation for each level of the career ladder that are commensurate with the
salaries of public school teachers with equivalent education, credentials and training required for
a position; (ii) minimum recommended benefits for early education and care provider staff
including, but not limited to, health insurance, retirement benefits, paid vacation and other leave
time; and (iii) recommendations for linking professional development and educational
credentials to increased compensation and leadership opportunities in early education and care.

Prior to establishing or revising the career ladder, the department shall solicit public input.

(c) The department shall review the career ladder’s compensation structure and benefits
guidelines annually and update them, as needed, based on increased cost of living or any other
factors deemed relevant by the department to determine appropriate compensation for the field.

SECTION 37. Section 25 of chapter 22C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the words “, which shall be written
examinations,”.

SECTION 38. Said section 25 of said chapter 22C, as so appearing, is hereby further
amended by inserting after the word “question”, in line 13, the following words:- or assessment.

SECTION 39. Said chapter 22C is hereby further amended by striking out section 26 and
inserting in place thereof the following 2 sections:-
Section 26. (a) The colonel may promote uniformed members of the state police who are deemed eligible for promotion by the colonel to the title of noncommissioned officer or lieutenant. Promotional examinations to the title of noncommissioned officer or lieutenant shall include a written test and may include an assessment process designed to evaluate a uniformed member’s knowledge, skills and abilities related to the position. The assessment process, if utilized, and the written test shall be developed in consultation with, and validated by, a certified organizational psychologist. A total promotional score shall be based on the uniformed member’s promotional examination score and a longevity score.

(b)(1) The colonel shall promulgate regulations on the promotional process, including, but not limited to, to the validation of promotional examinations, the specific components of promotional examinations, the weighting of such components and the calculation and weighting of longevity scores. For a uniformed member who is a veteran, the regulations shall provide for the uniformed member’s promotional score on the written examination to be increased by 2 percent and may provide for veteran status to be recognized in other ways in the promotional examination process.

(2) The colonel may promulgate regulations providing for minimum scores on the promotional examination, or portions thereof, to be met by uniformed members to be eligible for promotion. Such minimum scores shall be set in consultation with a certified organizational psychologist before or after administration of the relevant examination.

(c) To be eligible to participate in a promotional examination for the title of noncommissioned officer, a uniformed member shall, at a minimum, have completed not less than 5 years of service as a uniformed member immediately before the final date for the filing of applications for such examination and have completed, in the immediately preceding year, 1 full
year of service in the next lower rank or title. To be eligible to participate in a promotional examination for the title of lieutenant, a uniformed member shall, at a minimum, have completed not less than 1 year of service in the next lower rank or title immediately before the final date for the filing of applications for such examination and have completed not less than 8 years of service as a uniformed member prior to the final date for filing applications for such examination.

(d)(1) Prior to making any promotions under this section, the colonel shall publish and distribute in the orders of the department for each title in the department a list of the members who are eligible for promotion to each such title. Each eligible list for promotion shall be used by the colonel to fill vacancies for a period of not less than 2 years and in no circumstances more than 5 years from the initial date of publication; provided, however, that the colonel may shorten the period to less than 2 years if the colonel reasonably determines that termination of the eligible list is required to avoid a violation of law.

(2) The colonel shall promulgate regulations detailing how selections for promotion are to be made from the list of eligible members. The regulations may allow for the grouping of the eligibility list into bands, based on promotional scores.

Section 26A. (a) The colonel may promote uniformed members to the title of captain. To be eligible for promotion to the title of captain, a uniformed member shall: (i) successfully pass a promotional examination which may include a written test, an assessment process designed to evaluate a member’s knowledge, skills and abilities related to the position or a combination of an examination and an assessment process; (ii) have not less than 2 cumulative years of service in the title of lieutenant or detective lieutenant before the final date for the filing of applications for the promotional examination; and (iii) have not less than 15 years of service as a uniformed
member before the final date for the filing of applications for the promotional examination. The
assessment process, if utilized, and the written test, if utilized, shall be developed in consultation
with, and validated by, a certified organizational psychologist.

(b) The colonel may promulgate regulations providing additional promotional criteria for
the title of captain, which may include demonstration of leadership attributes, employment
history inside and outside of the department, disciplinary history, professional development and
other criteria the colonel reasonably concludes are related to the performance of the job of
captain.

SECTION 40. The second paragraph of section 27 of said chapter 22C, as appearing in
the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- The colonel
shall promulgate regulations establishing any requirements for promotion to the title of major,
including, but not limited to, any required length of term of service for promotion to the title of
major.

SECTION 41. Section 28 of said chapter 22C is hereby repealed.

SECTION 42. Chapter 23A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
section 13U the following section:-

Section 13V. (a) There shall be a commission, within the international trade office, on
Massachusetts-Ireland trade which shall evaluate the economic interests of, and review ways to
strengthen the relationship between, the commonwealth and the Republic of Ireland. The
commission shall study, research, analyze and make recommendations related to: (i) bilateral
trade and investments between the commonwealth and the Republic of Ireland; (ii) policy issues
of interest to the commonwealth; (iii) business and academic exchanges between the
commonwealth and the Republic of Ireland; (iv) mutual economic support; (v) investments in the
infrastructure of the commonwealth and the Republic of Ireland; (vi) the creation of economic and educational opportunities for aid to communities in the commonwealth and the Republic of Ireland; and (vii) other related issues as the commission deems necessary.

(b)(1) The commission shall consist of the following 15 members: 3 past or current members of the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; 3 past or current members of the senate, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the president of the senate and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; the state secretary or a designee; the secretary of economic development or a designee; the executive director of the Massachusetts office of international trade and investment; and 6 members appointed by the governor, 3 of whom shall be from institutions of higher education in the commonwealth and 3 of whom shall be members of public organizations in the commonwealth promoting Irish American affairs. All commission members shall be persons with knowledge of, or current or past experience related to, Irish American affairs. Annually, the commission shall elect from among its members a chair, a vice chair, a treasurer and any other officers it deems necessary.

(2) The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for necessary traveling expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

(c) The commission shall hold meetings at places it designates throughout the commonwealth, including diverse geographic locations.

(d) A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the commission.
(e) Annually, not later than August 31, the commission shall submit a report of its findings, together with recommendations for any legislation, to the governor, the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and the chairs of the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies.

SECTION 43. Section 2 of chapter 23J of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 49 to 52, inclusive, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, the words “1 of whom shall be the executive director of the Massachusetts Workforce Alliance, Inc.; 1 of whom shall be the commissioner of energy resources or their designee; and 8 of whom shall be appointed by the governor” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - 1 of whom shall be the commissioner of energy resources or a designee; and 9 of whom shall be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall have knowledge and experience in workforce development policy and programming for the clean energy industry.

SECTION 44. Section 2 of chapter 23K of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting, after the definition of “gaming establishment”, the following 2 definitions: -

“Gaming establishment contract vendor”, as defined in section 1 of chapter 138.

“Gaming establishment self-owned vendor”, as defined in section 1 of chapter 138.

SECTION 45. Said section 2 of said chapter 23K, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of “slot machine”, the following 2 definitions: -

“Special gaming establishment contract vendor alcoholic beverage license”, as defined in section 1 of chapter 138.

“Special gaming establishment self-owned vendor alcoholic beverage license”, as defined in section 1 of chapter 138.
SECTION 46. Section 26 of said chapter 23K, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “establishment”, in line 5, the following words: ; provided, however, that a special gaming establishment contract vendor alcoholic beverage license and a special gaming establishment self-owned vendor alcoholic beverage license may be granted by the alcoholic beverages control commission pursuant to section 79 of chapter 138.

SECTION 47. Section 35 of said chapter 23K, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:

(b)(1) If the bureau finds that a person is not in compliance with any order issued under this section, it shall assess a civil administrative penalty. The penalty may be assessed whether or not the violation was willful. In determining the amount of the civil penalty, the bureau shall consider: (i) the nature of the violation; (ii) the length of time the violation occurred; (iii) the risk to the public and to the integrity of gaming operations created by the conduct of the person; (iv) the seriousness of the conduct of the person; (v) any justification or excuse for such conduct by the person; (vi) the prior history of the particular person involved with respect to gaming activity; (vii) any corrective action taken by the person to prevent future misconduct; and (viii) any other relevant factors.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), any civil administrative penalty to be assessed for a violation of sections 34, 34C or 69 of chapter 138 or any regulation of the alcoholic beverages control commission related to possession of an alcoholic beverage by a person under 21 years of age, against a gaming establishment self-owned vendor or gaming establishment contract vendor shall be determined by the alcoholic beverages control commission pursuant to subsection (c) of section 64 of chapter 138 and section 23 of chapter 138.
SECTION 48. Section 2O of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “note”, in line 79, the following words: - and the income surtax revenue as defined in paragraph (a) of section 2BBBBBB of chapter 29 shall not be reduced below the dedicated transportation income surtax revenue amount as defined in said paragraph (a) of said section 2BBBBBB of said chapter 29.

SECTION 49. Said chapter 29 is hereby further amended by striking out section 2PPP, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section: -

Section 2PPP. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate, non-budgeted special revenue fund known as the Essential Community Provider Trust Fund. There shall be credited to the fund: (i) any funds that may be appropriated or transferred for deposit into the fund; and (ii) any income derived from investment of any money credited to the fund. In conjunction with the preparation of the statutory basis financial report required by section 12 of chapter 7A, the comptroller shall prepare and issue an annual report detailing the revenues and expenditures of the fund. Amounts credited to the fund shall not be subject to further appropriation. Money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and shall be available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years. To accommodate timing discrepancies between the receipt of revenue and related expenditures, the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the most recent revenue estimates as certified by the secretary of health and human services to be transferred, credited or deposited under this section. The secretary shall administer the fund and disburse money from the fund to pay acute hospitals and community health centers to maintain financial stability for the provision of healthcare services to ensure access to care, provide for public health and promote equity.
SECTION 50. Said chapter 29 is hereby amended by striking out section 2AAAA, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 2AAAA. There shall be a State Athletic Commission Fund, which shall be a separate, nonbudgeted special revenue fund to be administered by the division of occupational licensure. The fund shall be credited with: (i) appropriations, bond proceeds or other money authorized or transferred by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; and (ii) any monies from licensing fees or other fees and fines collected under sections 32 to 35, inclusive, 40, 40A and 42 of chapter 147 and section 12 of chapter 265. Amounts credited to the fund shall be available for expenditure without further appropriation up to $500,000 each fiscal year for the costs of operating and administering the state athletic commission; provided, however, that if the amount remaining in the fund exceeds $500,000 at the end of a fiscal year, such excess amount shall revert to the General Fund and be made available for appropriation. For the purposes of accommodating discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expense and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.

SECTION 51. Section 2TTTTT of said chapter 29, inserted by section 22 of chapter 126 of the acts of 2022, is hereby amended by striking out subsections (c) and (d) and inserting in place thereof the following 2 subsections:-

(c)(1) The secretary shall expend money in the fund, including all amounts credited to the fund, for payments to qualifying acute hospital providers under contract with the executive office of health and human services or under subcontracts with care organizations that contract with the executive office in connection with the MassHealth program as provided in this subsection.
(2) The secretary shall annually expend amounts from the fund averaging, for the 3-year period from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2027, inclusive, not less than $2,158,500,000 per year; provided, however, that all such payments shall fall into 1 of the following categories: (i) health equity incentive payments; (ii) clinical quality incentive payments; (iii) other incentive payments; (iv) rate payments for services provided to MassHealth members; (v) targeted payments to: (A) freestanding pediatric acute hospitals; (B) nonprofit teaching acute hospitals that provide medical, surgical, emergency and obstetrical services and are affiliated with a state-owned medical school; (C) freestanding cancer hospitals; (D) the acute hospital that had the lowest statewide commercial relative price in fiscal year 2019 as reported by the center for health information and analysis; or (E) the independent group 1 safety net hospital that had the largest percentile of operating loss in fiscal year 2022 as reported by the center for health information and analysis. The secretary may determine funding allocations within each such category within a given year; provided, however, that such allocations shall be consistent with all approved federal waivers and state plan provisions; and provided further, that the secretary shall allocate an average of not less than $1,192,000,000 per year, for the 3-year period from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2027, for the rate payments described in clause (iv), with an average of not less than $92,000,000 allocated for group 1 safety net hospitals for such 3-year period, an average of not less than $460,000,000 allocated for group 2 safety net hospitals for such 3-year period and an average of not less than $640,000,000 allocated across all acute hospitals for such 3-year period.

(3) Of the targeted payments described in clause (v) of the first sentence of paragraph (2), the secretary shall expend annually from the fund: (i) $70,000,000 to freestanding pediatric acute hospitals, of which at least 98 per cent shall be paid to the freestanding pediatric hospital that had
the largest volume of inpatient discharges in fiscal year 2019; (ii) $35,000,000 to nonprofit
teaching acute hospitals that provide medical, surgical, emergency and obstetrical services and
are affiliated with a state-owned medical school; (iii) $11,000,000 to the acute hospital that had
the lowest statewide commercial relative price in fiscal year 2019 as reported by the center for
health information and analysis; (iv) $5,000,000 to freestanding cancer hospitals; and (v)
$10,000,000 to the independent group 1 safety net hospital that had the largest operating
percentile loss in fiscal year 2022 as reported by the center for health information and analysis.

(4) Of the incentive payments described in clauses (i) and (ii) of paragraph (2), the
secretary shall make interim payments to qualifying hospitals based on the secretary’s estimate
of each such hospital’s final payment for the measurement period. As soon as practicable after
the close of the measurement period, the secretary shall determine the final amount of each
qualifying hospital’s incentive payments and shall reconcile each hospital’s interim payment
with its final payment.

(d) If any portion of the final annual amount allocated by the secretary to health equity
incentive payments, clinical quality incentive payments or other incentive payments is unearned
during the relevant measurement period for such payment, as determined by the secretary, the
secretary shall transfer the state’s share of that unearned amount to the Health Safety Net Trust
Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E.

SECTION 52. Section 2BBBBBB of said chapter 29, inserted by section 17 of chapter 28
of the acts of 2023, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (a) and inserting in place
thereof the following 2 subsections:-

(a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following meanings unless
the context clearly requires otherwise:
“Dedicated transportation income surtax revenue amount”, the amount of $250,000,000 for each fiscal year.

“Income surtax”, the tax specified in subsection (d) of section 4 of chapter 62.

“Income surtax revenue”, tax revenue from the tax specified in subsection (d) of section 4 of chapter 62, as adjusted, pursuant to Article XLIV of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

“Remaining income surtax revenue”, in each fiscal year, the income surtax revenue less the dedicated transportation income surtax revenue amount; and in each calendar quarter, the portion of the income surtax revenue collected in such calendar quarter less the portion attributable to the dedicated transportation income surtax revenue amount.

“Transportation income surtax revenue”, income tax revenue from the tax specified in subsection (d) of section 4 of chapter 62 and used for transportation purposes.

(a½) The dedicated transportation income surtax revenue amount shall be credited to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund established under section 2ZZZ. The sums to be credited to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund under this subsection are hereby impressed with a trust for the benefit of the holders from time to time of any special obligation bonds or notes payable solely from monies credited to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund as provided in section 2O. Any increase in capacity to issue special obligation bonds or notes payable under said section 2O shall be for approved transportation projects in geographically equitable locations; provided, however, that annually, not later than October 31, the secretary for administration and finance shall submit a report to the joint committee on transportation detailing approved transportation projects funded during the prior fiscal year.
SECTION 53. Subsection (b) of said section 2BBBBB of said chapter 29, as so inserted, is hereby amended by striking out clause (i) and inserting in place thereof the following clause:-

(i) income surtax revenue, not including the dedicated transportation income surtax revenue amount.

SECTION 54. Subsection (d) of said section 2BBB of said chapter 29, as so inserted, is hereby amended by striking out the words “collected and deposited into the Education and Transportation Fund”.

SECTION 55. Subsection (e) of said section 2BBBB of said chapter 29 of the General Laws, as so inserted, is hereby amended by striking out the words “collected and deposited into the Education and Transportation Fund”.

SECTION 56. Said section 2BBBBB of said chapter 29, as so inserted, is hereby further amended by striking out subsections (f), (g) and (h) and inserting in place thereof the following 2 subsections:

(f) Annual expenditures from the fund shall not exceed a spending threshold proposed, less the dedicated transportation income surtax revenue amount, by the governor and enacted by the general court as part of the consensus revenue process pursuant to section 5B. The annual spending threshold shall represent an amount of revenue, less the dedicated transportation income surtax revenue amount, that may reliably be expected to occur in the following fiscal year based on experience to date and the testimony provided at the joint hearing on the economy under said section 5B.

(g) Annually, in consultation with the secretary for administration and finance, as part of the annual statutory basis financial report required pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of section 12 of chapter 7A, the comptroller shall certify the amount of funds expended in the prior
fiscal year from the fund and designate each expenditure as transportation or education on the
basis of the department through which the expenditures were authorized.

SECTION 57. Said section 2BBBBBB of said chapter 29 is hereby further amended by
striking out subsection (f), as appearing in section 56, and inserting in place thereof the following
subsection:-

(f) The annual spending threshold shall be equal to the prior year spending threshold, less
the dedicated transportation income surtax revenue amount, plus an adjustment factor equal to
the 10-year rolling rate of growth of income subject to the tax specified in subsection (d) of
section 4 of chapter 62 as certified by the commissioner of revenue. For years in which the tax
specified in said subsection (d) of said section 4 of said chapter 62 was not in effect, the
commissioner shall calculate the amount of income that would have been subject to the taxes,
adjusted for increases in the cost of living in the same manner as described in Article XLIV of
the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth and set forth pursuant to said
subsection (d) of said section 4 of said chapter 62.

SECTION 58. Said chapter 29 is hereby further amended by inserting after section
2DDDDDD, added by section 17 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023, the following 5 sections:-

Section 2EEEEEE. (a) There shall be a Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project
Fund which shall be a separate, nonbudgeted special revenue fund to be administered by the
secretary of health and human services. There shall be credited to the fund: (i) any transfers from
the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E; (ii) an amount equal
to any federal financial participation revenues claimed and received by the commonwealth for
eligible expenditures made from the fund; (iii) any revenue from appropriations or other money
authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; and (iv)
interest earned on any money in the fund. Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended
without further appropriation.

(b) The secretary shall annually make available amounts from the fund solely for the
expenses of the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project operated by the department of
mental health, in an amount equal to the amount described in the definition of “Massachusetts
Child Psychiatry Access Project revenue amount” under section 64 of chapter 118E.

(c) To accommodate timing discrepancies between the receipt of revenue and related
expenditures, the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the most recent
revenue estimates as certified by the secretary to be transferred, credited or deposited under this
section. The secretary shall, to the maximum extent possible, administer the fund to obtain
federal financial participation for the expenditures of non-federal money from the fund.

(d) If the amount in the fund exceeds the amount sufficient to make the payments
described in subsection (b), at any point in time, as determined by the secretary, the secretary
may transfer the commonwealth’s share of such amount to the General Fund, the Health Safety
Net Trust Fund established in said section 66 of said chapter 118E or the Managed Care
Organization Services Reinvestment Fund established in section 2FFFFFF of chapter 29;
provided, however, that no such transfer shall cause a deficit in this fund.

Section 2FFFFFF. (a) There shall be a Managed Care Organization Services
Reinvestment Fund which shall be a separate, nonbudgeted revenue fund to be administered by
the secretary of health and human services. There shall be credited to the fund: (i) any transfers
from the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E; (ii) an amount
equal to any federal financial participation revenues claimed and received by the commonwealth
for eligible expenditures made from the fund; (iii) any revenue from appropriations or other
money authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; and

(iv) interest earned on any money in the fund. Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended, without further appropriation, to make payments to Medicaid managed care organizations, as defined in section 64 of chapter 118E.

(b) Money in the fund shall be expended for Medicaid payments under an approved state plan or federal waiver or for the administration of the assessment established in section 68 of chapter 118E; provided, however, that all Medicaid payments from the fund shall be: (i) subject to the availability of federal financial participation; (ii) made only under federally-approved payment methods; (iii) consistent with federal funding requirements and all applicable federal payment limits as determined by the secretary; and (iv) subject to the terms and conditions of applicable agreements between Medicaid managed care organizations and the executive office of health and human services. To accommodate timing discrepancies between the receipt of revenue and related expenditures, the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the most recent revenue estimates as certified by the secretary to be transferred, credited or deposited under this section. The secretary shall, to the maximum extent possible, administer the fund to obtain federal financial participation for the expenditures of non-federal money from the fund. Money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and shall be available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years.

(c)(1) The secretary shall expend money in the fund, including all amounts credited to the fund, as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) The secretary shall annually expend amounts from the fund for payments to Medicaid managed care organizations, as such term is defined in section 64 of chapter 118E, averaging,
over a period of 5 years, not less than $246,000,000 per year; provided, however, that such expenditures shall be consistent with all approved federal waivers and state plan provisions.

(3) Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, the secretary shall transfer from the fund to the General Fund $57,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 and $114,000,000 annually thereafter.

d) If the amount in the fund exceeds the amount sufficient to make the payments described in subsection (c), at any point in time, as determined by the secretary, the secretary may transfer the commonwealth’s share of such amount to the General Fund, the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in said section 66 of said chapter 118E or the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project Fund established in section 2EEEEEE of chapter 29; provided, however, that no such transfer shall cause a deficit in this fund.

Section 2GGGGGG. (a) There shall be a Reentry Demonstration Project Reinvestment Trust Fund which shall be a separate, nonbudgeted revenue fund to be administered by the secretary of health and human services. There shall be credited to the fund: (i) an amount equal to any federal financial participation revenues claimed and received by the commonwealth attributed to the delivery of MassHealth services to individuals in certain public institutions including, but not limited to, state prisons, county jails, houses of correction and the department of youth services’ facilities, pursuant to an approved demonstration project under section 1115 of the Social Security Act; (ii) appropriations or other money authorized or transferred by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; and (iii) any interest earned on the amounts in the fund.

(b) Money in the fund shall be expended in accordance with an approved demonstration project under section 1115 of the Social Security Act to provide MassHealth services to individuals in certain public institutions including, but not limited to, state prisons, county jails,
houses of correction and the department of youth services facilities. The secretary shall, to the
maximum extent possible, administer the funds to obtain federal financial participation for the
expenditures of nonfederal money from the fund. Amounts credited to the fund shall be
expended without further appropriation. Money in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not
revert to the General Fund and shall be available for expenditure during the following fiscal year.

(c) The secretary may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify payment amounts
in anticipation of expected receipts; provided, however, that no expenditure made from the fund
shall cause the fund to be deficient at the close of a fiscal year. To accommodate timing
discrepancies between the receipt of revenue and related expenditures, the comptroller may
certify for payment amounts not to exceed the most recent revenue estimates as certified by the
secretary to be transferred, credited or deposited under this section.

Section 2HHHHHH. (a) There is hereby established and set up on the books of the
commonwealth a separate, non-budgeted special revenue fund known as the Disaster Relief and
Resiliency Fund. There shall be credited to the fund: (i) money appropriated or transferred to the
fund; (ii) funds from public or private sources specifically designated for the purposes of this
section, including, but not limited to, gifts, grants, donations, rebates and settlements received by
the commonwealth; (iii) repayment or reimbursement of money advanced from the fund as
determined by the secretary of administration and finance; and (iv) all income derived from
investment of amounts credited to the fund. Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended
without further appropriation. The unexpended balance in the fund at the end of a fiscal year
shall remain available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years. No expenditure made from the
fund shall cause the fund to be in deficit at any point.
(b)(1) The fund shall be administered by the secretary of administration and finance, in consultation with the Massachusetts emergency management agency and, when practicable, the climate chief, who may expend money from the fund to provide emergency disaster relief and alleviate the damage, loss, hardship or suffering caused by a natural or other catastrophic event, including, but not limited to, a hurricane, tornado, storm, extreme rain, flood, tidal wave, earthquake, volcanic eruption, landslide, mudslide, snowstorm, extreme wind, extreme heat or cold temperature, explosion, catastrophic agricultural loss, fire or drought, which may include a circumstance in which a federal disaster declaration has not been made, or to supplement or advance funding related to a federal or state disaster declaration.

(2) The secretary, in consultation with the Massachusetts emergency management agency and the climate chief, shall ensure that funds shall be allocated in a manner that enhances the resilience of infrastructure, including, but not limited to, nature-based solutions and strengthening protections from the impacts of future disasters.

(3) The executive office for administration and finance, in consultation with the Massachusetts emergency management agency and, when practicable, the climate chief, shall develop program regulations and guidance for the implementation of the program which shall include, but shall not be limited to, an application process, including, but not be limited to, grant applications and eligibility criteria for the distribution of money from the fund. Program regulations and guidance shall: (i) maximize existing federal and commonwealth disaster relief and recovery programs and requirements; and (ii) prioritize and incentivize utilization of available federal disaster relief and recovery programs, insurance, loss prevention and mitigation and valid legal claims for compensation.
(c)(1) Municipalities and other units and instrumentalities of state, local and regional
government, non-profit organizations, businesses and individual residents of the commonwealth
shall be eligible to receive funds consistent with regulations or guidance pursuant to paragraph
(3) of subsection (b).

(2) Payments may be distributed as reimbursements, loans, grants, matching funds,
formula funds, cost share payments, debt forgiveness or as otherwise determined in regulations
or guidance pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (b).

(d) Annually, not later than December 31, the secretary shall file a report with the clerks
of the house of representatives and the senate, the house and senate committees on ways and
means and the chairs of the joint committee on emergency preparedness and management,
including: (i) all expenditures from the fund; (ii) the amount of each expenditure; (iii) recipients;
(iv) the reason for each expenditure; (v) income received by the fund during that calendar year;
(vi) programs developed or supported by the fund, including eligibility criteria for qualifying
events and applicants for relief; and (vii) the application approval and submission process.

Section 2IIIIII. (a) For the purposes of this section, the term “disadvantaged community”
shall mean a municipality in the commonwealth bearing disproportionate economic, health or
environmental burdens as determined by the director of the division of environmental protection
within the office of the attorney general, established pursuant to section 11D of chapter 12,
including, but not limited to, poverty, high unemployment, air and water pollution,
disproportionate heat exposure, lack of access to green space, presence of hazardous and solid
waste and material and high incidence of cardiovascular and respiratory disease and high rates of
mortality.
(b) There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate, non-budgeted special revenue fund, known as the Environmental Justice Fund, which shall be administered by the director of the division of environmental protection within the office of the attorney general.

(c) Expenditures may be made from the fund, without further appropriation: (i) for the restoration of any natural resource or the investigation, remediation or mitigation of any environmental pollution or harm on or at any real property located in a disadvantaged community; (ii) for any project to benefit the community health or well-being, whether to address economic, environmental or other health needs of a disadvantaged community; or (iii) to contribute to an academic or government-funded research project related to environmental protection or conservation of natural resources in a disadvantaged community.

(d) The fund shall be credited with: (i) appropriations or other money authorized or transferred by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (ii) funds from public or private sources, including, but not limited to gifts, grants and donations; (iii) payments from settlements, judgments, fines or penalties not designated by law for other specific statutory purposes in any action brought by the attorney general pursuant to section 11D of chapter 12 or any provision of any environmental statute that the attorney general may enforce providing for a civil penalty for a violation of such provision; and (iv) any interest earned on such funds. Funds that remain unexpended at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and shall be available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years. No expenditure made from the fund shall cause the fund to be in deficit at any point.
SECTION 59. Section 19 of chapter 29C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 42 to 44, inclusive, the words “,
subject to a memorandum of understanding with the department of environmental protection,”.

SECTION 60. Said section 19 of said chapter 29C, as so appearing, is hereby further
amended by striking out, in lines 46 to 48, inclusive, the words “department for the department
to contract with a regional planning agency, institution of higher education or non-profit
corporation” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Cape Cod Commission for the
purposes of contracting with an entity or entities.

SECTION 61. The fifth paragraph of section 20 of said chapter 29C, as so appearing, is
hereby amended by striking out the first sentence.

SECTION 62. Said section 20 of said chapter 29C, as so appearing, is hereby further
amended by striking out, in line 47, the words “a copy of the annual audit report and”.

SECTION 63. Said section 20 of said chapter 29C, as so appearing, is hereby further
amended by striking out, in line 49, the words “environment, natural resources and agriculture”
and inserting in place thereof the following words:- environment and natural resources.

SECTION 64. Section 39M of chapter 30 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 63, the word “and”.

SECTION 65. Said section 39M of said chapter 30, as so appearing, is hereby further
amended by inserting after the figure “$150,000”, in line 67, the following words:- and, at the
option of the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance, every maintenance
service contract as defined in subsection 1 of section 44A of chapter 149 by the division of
capital asset management and maintenance.
SECTION 66. The fourth paragraph of subsection (a) of said section 39M of said chapter 30, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence the following sentence: The division of capital asset management and maintenance shall evaluate the performance of the contractor of a maintenance service contract, as defined in said subsection 1 of said section 44A of said chapter 149, procured pursuant to this section at the end of each maintenance service contract and keep said maintenance service contract performance evaluations on file.

SECTION 67. Section 58 of said chapter 30, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the third paragraph the following paragraph: If an employee of the commonwealth has received payments pursuant to chapter 175M and subsequently receives workers' compensation payments pursuant to chapter 152 for the same period, the state employer agency shall, on behalf of the state employee, return to the department of family and medical leave the portion of the workers’ compensation payment that represents an overpayment of benefits pursuant to section 3 of said chapter 175M.

SECTION 68. Section 8 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is amended hereby by inserting after the word “job”, in line 25, the following words: or similar position.

SECTION 69. Paragraph (a) of subdivision (1) of said section 8 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph: During the regular periodic evaluation required pursuant to this section, a member may request that, in addition to being evaluated for a return to their former position, the member be evaluated for a specific identified position in a retirement system other than the position from which they retired, including a position with a different employer or a position that would entitle the member to membership in a different retirement system. The evaluation shall be conducted in
the same manner as all other examinations provided for in this section. If the member is found
able to perform the essential duties of the identified position, the member shall be permitted to
return to active service in said position and the member’s pension provided for in section 6 or 7
shall cease upon the member’s return to service.

SECTION 70. Paragraph (b) of subdivision (2) of said section 8 of said chapter 32, as so
appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the second sentence the following sentence:- If
the member returns to service to a different retirement system than that from which the member
retired, the member’s original retirement system shall provide creditable service for any period
of disability prior to reinstatement to service in the new system; provided, however, that if the
member is subsequently retired for a disability as a result of the injury for which the member was
previously retired, the original retirement system shall be assessed a portion of the disability
pension pursuant to subdivision (5) of section 7.

SECTION 71. Section 5 of chapter 32A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
amended by striking out, in lines 1, 2, 25 and 26, each time they appear, the words “five
thousand dollars”, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- $10,000.

SECTION 72. Section 6 of said chapter 32A, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is
hereby amended by striking out, in lines 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6, each time they appear, the words
“five thousand dollars” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:-
$10,000.

SECTION 73. Section 10 of said chapter 32A, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,
is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4 and 5, each time they appear, the words “five
thousand dollars”, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- $10,000.
SECTION 74. Chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 17S the following section:-

Section 17T. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

“Directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility”, to cause circumstances where a disease or the necessary treatment for a disease has a likely side effect of infertility as established by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology or other reputable professional organizations.

“Standard fertility preservation services”, procedures or treatments to preserve fertility as recommended by a board-certified obstetrician gynecologist, reproductive endocrinologist or other physician; provided, however, that the recommendation shall be made in accordance with current medical practices and professional guidelines published by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology or other reputable professional organizations.

(b) The commission shall provide to any active or retired employee of the commonwealth who is insured under the group insurance commission coverage for standard fertility preservation services, including, but not limited to, coverage for procurement, cryopreservation and storage of gametes, embryos or other reproductive tissue, when the enrollee has a diagnosed medical or genetic condition that may directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility by affecting reproductive organs or processes. Coverage shall be provided to the same extent that coverage is provided for other pregnancy-related procedures.
SECTION 75. Section 41 of chapter 36 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 9 and 12, the figure “2025” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure: - 2030.

SECTION 76. Section 3 of chapter 40A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the fifth paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

Family child care home and large family child care home as defined in section 1A of chapter 15D shall be an allowable use and no city or town shall prohibit or regulate such use in its zoning ordinances or by-laws.

SECTION 77. Section 13 of chapter 46 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (e) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:

(e)(1) A person who is 18 years of age or older, an emancipated minor or the parent or guardian of a person who is a minor may request a change in the sex designation on the person’s birth record to a sex designation including, but not limited to, “female”, “male” or “X”. An “X” designation may indicate that the person is another gender or an undesignated gender. A request for a change in the sex designation on a birth record shall be accompanied by an affidavit executed under the penalty of perjury by the person to whom the record relates or by the parent or guardian of the person if the person is a minor attesting that the request is to conform the person’s birth record to the person’s gender identity and is not made for any fraudulent purpose. No medical or healthcare related documentation, court order or proof of change of name shall be required by a town clerk or other official in connection with a request under this paragraph.

(2) A person who requests a change in the sex designation on the person’s birth record pursuant to paragraph (1) may request a change of name on the person’s birth record. A request
for a change of name on a birth record shall be accompanied by a certified copy of the legal change of name. No medical or healthcare related documentation shall be required by a town clerk or other official in connection with a request under this paragraph.

(3) A person who has changed the sex designation on the person’s birth record pursuant to paragraph (1) but did not request a change of name on the person’s birth record pursuant to paragraph (2) may request a change of name on the person’s birth record within 3 years from the date of the change in the sex designation on the person’s birth record pursuant to said paragraph (1); provided, however, that a person whose sex designation on their birth record was changed while the person was a minor shall have 3 years from the date of their eighteenth birthday to request a change of name on the person’s birth record; provided further, that the department may waive the 3-year limitation for a person that demonstrates good cause, as determined by the department. A request for a change of name on a birth record shall be accompanied by a certified copy of the legal change of name. No medical or healthcare related documentation shall be required by a town clerk or other official in connection with a request under this paragraph.

(4) The department of public health may promulgate regulations to implement this subsection.

SECTION 78. Said section 13 of said chapter 46, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 200, the words “the name of the father” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- a named parent, or whose record has been amended pursuant to subsection (e).

SECTION 79. Said section 13 of said chapter 46, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following subsection:-
(I) Upon application of both parties to a marriage, the record of marriage shall be amended to remove the sex of either or both parties to the marriage and change either or both parties' names upon receipt of the following by the state registrar or town clerk: (i) an affidavit executed by the parties to the marriage on a form provided by the registrar attesting to their concurrence that the record be amended to reflect or remove the gender identity or sex of the any such party; and (ii) a request by a party for a change of name along with evidence of the party's legal change of name.

SECTION 80. Section 1 of chapter 60 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “Collector” the following 2 definitions:-

“Excess equity”, any remaining surplus amount above the taxes, interest, fees and charges of keeping, as reflected in the tax title account balance as of the date of the foreclosure judgment, and the fees, expenses, charges and costs actually and reasonably incurred in selling or appraising the property in accordance with section 64A following a final judgment of foreclosure; provided, however, that where the property is sold in accordance with said section 64A, the excess equity shall be determined by deducting from the gross sale proceeds: (i) the tax title balance as of the date of the foreclosure judgment; (ii) any unpaid property tax, assessments for unpaid water and sewer charges, property insurance and homeowners' association or condominium fees accruing from the date of foreclosure; and (iii) any documented, post-judgment costs incurred by the judgment holder from the sale of the property including, but not limited to, broker or real estate agent fees or commissions, listing fees, marketing and advertising costs, legal fees, litigation fees and costs, closing costs, transfer fees, auctioneer fees, notice to property owner, appraisal fees, publication costs, property management, emergency demolition, environmental fees and other fees, charges or costs directly or indirectly related to the
maintenance, marketing and sale of the property; provided further, that where the property is
retained by the judgment holder in accordance with said section 64A, the excess equity shall be
determined by deducting the tax title account balance as of the date of the foreclosure judgment
and any documented post-judgment costs of appraisal incurred by the judgment holder from the
appraised highest and best use value of the property as of the date of the final judgment of
foreclosure.

“Language understandable by a least sophisticated consumer”, language that complies
with the standard for evaluating truth and deception under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act,
15 U.S.C. section 1692 et seq., as summarized in Jeter v. Credit Bureau, Inc., 760 F.2d 1168
(11th Cir. 1985).

SECTION 81. Subsection (c) of section 2C of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby
amended by striking out paragraph (9) and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

(9) A purchaser owning any tax receivable shall give notice to a taxpayer, and to the
appropriate municipality, within 12 business days of purchasing that tax receivable. The notice
shall include the name, address, telephone number and preferred method of communication with
the purchaser and any service agent acting on behalf of the purchaser. If the purchaser or the
service agent of such tax receivables shall change, the new purchaser or service agent shall
provide the notice required herein within 12 business days of the effective date of such change.

Where the land is Class one, residential property, as defined in section 2A of chapter 59, such
notice shall: (i) be mailed and addressed to the taxpayer at their last known residence and usual
place of abode or place of business; (ii) be posted upon the Class one, residential property; (iii)
be posted in a convenient and public place; and (iv) include a uniform notice prepared by the
commissioner of revenue, in language understandable by a least sophisticated consumer, together
with a notice in the 7 most commonly spoken languages in the commonwealth that the notice affects important legal rights and should be translated immediately. The notice shall state:

(i) that a complaint to foreclose the tax title may be filed on or after a specific date;
(ii) that the tax title has been sold to a purchaser of tax receivables;
(iii) why the property was taken and that the owner may redeem the property up until the property is foreclosed by a judgment issued on a proceeding before the land court;
(iv) the components of the amount as of the date of the notice, subject to accumulating taxes, fees and charges, required to redeem the property and the procedure for redemption;
(v) that if a complaint to foreclose the tax title is filed and the owner does not respond by filing an answer, the court may enter an order defaulting the owner;
(vi) that if a complaint to foreclose the tax title is filed, the owner may respond by filing an answer that requests that the court set the terms by which the owner may redeem the property;
(vii) that if the property is not redeemed, the purchaser is entitled to receive a judgment from the land court that transfers title to the property to the town or purchaser and permanently eliminates any title rights the owner has in the property; and
(viii) that following a foreclosure of the property, the former owner shall be entitled to any excess equity in the property, upon written request to the municipality or purchaser of tax receivables, pursuant to section 64A.

SECTION 8. Said chapter 60 is hereby further amended by striking out section 16, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 16. The collector shall, before selling the land of a resident or non-resident or distraining the goods of any person, serve on the person a statement of the amount thereof with a demand for its payment. If 2 or more parcels of land are assessed in the name of a resident, or
non-resident, the statement of the aggregate amount of the taxes thereon may be made in 1
demand. Such demand may also include taxes due on account of tangible personal property and
any motor vehicle excise tax. If the heirs of a deceased person, co-partners or 2 or more persons
are jointly assessed, service shall be required for only 1 of the persons. Such demand for the tax
upon land may be made upon the person occupying the same on January first of the year in
which the tax is assessed. No demand shall be required to be made on a mortgagee, unless the
mortgagee has given notice under section 38, in which case no demand shall be required to be
made on the owner or occupant. Demand shall be made by the collector by mailing the same to
the taxpayer at taxpayer’s last known residence and usual place of abode or place of business or
to the address best known by the collector; provided, however, that failure to receive the demand
notice shall not invalidate a tax or any proceedings for the enforcement or collection of the same;
provided further, that if the land is Class one, residential property, as defined in section 2A of
chapter 59, the demand shall include a uniform notice prepared by the department of revenue, in
language understandable by a least sophisticated consumer, together with a notice in the 7 most
commonly spoken languages in the commonwealth that this notice affects important legal rights
and should be translated immediately, and providing clear notice that the nonpayment of
property taxes can result in the taking of the property and that the property owner may be eligible
for exemptions, abatements and tax deferrals and other assistance and should contact the local
assessor’s office, together with the address, telephone number, email address, if available, and
internet address for further information.

SECTION 83. Section 25 of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
adding the following sentence: The notice posted shall be prepared by the department of
revenue, in language understandable by a least sophisticated consumer, together with a notice in
the 7 most commonly spoken languages in the commonwealth that this notice affects important legal rights and should be translated immediately.

SECTION 84. Section 52 of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the third sentence the following 2 sentences:- Where the land is Class one, residential property, as defined in section 2A of chapter 59, such notice shall: (i) be mailed to the taxpayer at their last known residence and usual place of abode or place of business; (ii) be posted upon the Class one, residential property; (iii) be posted in a convenient and public place; and (iv) include a uniform notice prepared by the department of revenue, in language understandable by a least sophisticated consumer, together with a notice in the 7 most commonly spoken languages in the commonwealth, that this notice affects important legal rights and should be translated immediately. The notice shall state that the treasurer intends to sell the tax title to the owner’s property, that the nonpayment of property taxes may result in the loss of the property and that the property owner may be eligible for exemptions, abatements and tax deferrals and other assistance and may contact the local assessor’s office for further information, together with the telephone number, email address, if available and internet address for the local assessor.

SECTION 85. Section 53 of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the words “, which notice”, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- ; provided, however, that where the land is Class one, residential property, as defined in section 2A of chapter 59, such notice shall: (i) be mailed to the taxpayer at their last known residence and usual place of abode or place of business; (ii) be posted upon the Class one, residential property; and (iii) be published on the town or city website; provided further, that for any properties not Class one, residential the notice.
SECTION 86. The first paragraph of said section 53 of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- A notice provided pursuant to this section shall be prepared by the department of revenue, in language understandable by a least sophisticated consumer, together with a notice in the 7 most commonly spoken languages in the commonwealth, that the notice affects important legal rights and should be translated immediately.

SECTION 87. Said section 53 of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:-

Where the land is Class one, residential property as defined in section 2A of chapter 59 all notices sent pursuant to this section shall include a uniform notice prepared by the department of revenue, together with a notice in the 7 most common languages in the commonwealth, that this notice affects important legal rights and should be translated immediately. Such notice shall state in language understandable by a least sophisticated consumer:

(i) what taxes or other municipal costs remain unpaid;

(ii) the taxpayer’s right to redeem full ownership of the property and the components of the amount required to redeem the property;

(iii) that a complaint to foreclose the tax title may be filed on or after a specific date;

(iv) that the tax title may be sold to a purchaser of tax receivables;

(v) that if a complaint to foreclose the tax title is filed and the owner does not respond by filing an answer, the court may enter an order defaulting the owner;

(vi) that if a complaint to foreclose the tax title is filed, the owner may respond by filing an answer that requests that the court set the terms by which the owner may redeem the property;
(vii) that if the property is not redeemed, the town or purchaser is entitled to receive a judgment from the land court that transfers title of the property to the town or purchaser and permanently eliminates any title rights the owner has in the property; and

(viii) that following a foreclosure of the property, the former owner shall be entitled to any excess equity in the property, upon written request to the municipality or purchaser of tax receivables, pursuant to section 64A.

SECTION 88. Section 62 of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 8, the word “sixteen” and inserting in place thereof the following figure: - 8.

SECTION 89. Section 62A of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the figure, “5” and inserting in place thereof the following figure: - 10.

SECTION 90. Said section 62A of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 5 and 6, the words “not more than 50 per cent of”.

SECTION 91. Said section 62A of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out in in line 12, the figure “25” and inserting in place thereof the following figure: - 10.

SECTION 92. Said chapter 60 is hereby further amended by striking out section 64, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:

Section 64. The land court shall have exclusive jurisdiction of the foreclosure of all rights of redemption from titles conveyed by a tax collector's deed or a taking of land for taxes in a proceeding held pursuant to sections 65 to 75, inclusive. The title conveyed by a tax collector's deed or by a taking of land for taxes shall be absolute after foreclosure of the right of redemption by judgment of the land court as provided in this chapter; provided, however, that the entry by the land court of a judgment of foreclosure of the right of redemption shall not impair or limit the
right of the owner of the land at the time of foreclosure, and of those holding an interest in the
land at the time of foreclosure and their heirs, successors and assigns, to receive any excess
equity and subject to the requirements of section 64A. Any sale or retention of property by a
municipality or other foreclosing entity pursuant to this chapter shall be subject to the
requirements of said section 64A.

SECTION 93. Said chapter 60 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 64 the
following section:-

Section 64A. (a) This section shall apply to the sale or retention of property by a
municipality or a purchaser of tax receivables following a final judgment of the land court
foreclosing the right of redemption under this chapter. Not more than 14 days after the of entry
of judgment foreclosing the right of redemption becomes final, with either no appeal having been
taken within the applicable time limit or any appeal taken having resulted in the entry of
judgment pursuant to the rescript of the supreme judicial court or appeals court, the judgment
holder shall elect to: (i) retain possession of the property; or (ii) sell the property. The judgment
holder shall notify the former owners of the property and all others known to hold the right of
redemption in the property at the time judgment is entered, by certified mail, to their last known
address or place of business, of: (i) the judgment holder’s election; and (ii) the rights and
procedures for claiming excess equity set forth in this section.

(b)(1) A municipality or a purchaser of tax receivables that has elected to retain the
property under subsection (a), shall use reasonable best efforts to have the property appraised not
later than 120 days after the final judgment of the land court; provided, however, that the
judgment holder and any parties entitled to claim excess equity under this section may agree to a
later date for the appraisal. The appraisal shall be: (i) for the highest and best use of the property
as of the date of the final judgment of foreclosure; and (ii) conducted by an independent
appraiser licensed in the commonwealth in accordance with the usual and customary professional
appraisal practices.

(2) The appraised value shall be used to establish the amount of excess equity, which.
shall be paid to any parties who make a valid claim for excess equity as set forth in this section.

(c)(1) A municipality or a purchaser of tax receivables that has elected to sell the property
under subsection (a) shall, not later than 180 days after the final judgment of the land court, list
the property for sale with a real estate agent or broker licensed in the commonwealth; provided,
however, that the judgment holder and any parties entitled to claim excess equity under this
section may agree to a later date for sale; provided further, that the real estate agent or broker
shall not hold elected or appointed office or be employed by the municipality in which the
property is located.

(2) The judgment holder for a property listed for sale pursuant to paragraph (1) that does
not sell within 12 months of the date of listing shall: (i) auction the property with an auctioneer
licensed in the commonwealth; provided, however, that the auctioneer does not hold elected or
appointed office or is not employed by the municipality in which the property is located; (ii)
accept bids that are not less than 2/3 of the appraised value of the property consistent with the
appraisal requirements of subsection (b); and (iii) not accept bids by individuals that hold elected
or appointed office or are employed by the municipality in which the property is located.

(3) A property shall not be considered retained by a judgment holder that has elected
under subsection (a) to sell the property and has complied with the requirements of paragraph (2)
but has been without success in such sale. If a property has not been sold after the auction, the
judgment holder shall notify any parties entitled to claim excess equity of their intention to
continue the sale to another date and not to retain the property. Such notice shall be mailed, by

certified mail, to any parties entitled to claim excess equity, or their successors in interest, to

their last known address or place of business.

(d)(1) Upon a sale of a property or an appraisal of property where the judgment holder

has elected to retain possession, the judgment holder shall prepare a written itemized accounting

setting forth the disposition of the proceeds arising from the sale or a report of the appraisal

including, but not limited to, the sale price, legal fees, marketing fees, auctioneer fees,

advertising costs, appraisal fees and any excess equity due to any parties entitled to claim excess

equity, or their successors in interest. The written itemized accounting shall be mailed, by

certified mail, to any parties entitled to claim excess equity, or their successors in interest, to

their last known address or place of business, not more than 30 days after the sale of the property

or receipt of the appraisal of the property if such property is retained.

(2) Where the judgment holder knows the identity and mailing address of the former

property owner and all others known to hold the right of redemption in the property, the

judgment holder shall, in addition to the written itemized accounting, provide for the provision of

a proportional share of the excess equity to which such individual is entitled.

(3) A judgment holder that does not know the identity and mailing address of the former

property owner and all others known to hold the right of redemption in the property shall, in

addition to the written itemized accounting, provide a notice that the former owners of the

property and all others known to hold the right of redemption in the property at the time

judgment of foreclosure entered in the land court, or their successors in interest, may claim

excess equity from the sale or retention of the property and that such claims shall be submitted in

writing to the judgment holder not more than 18 months after the date of the notice. The excess
equity claim shall be delivered to the judgment holder by personal service, receipt of which is
acknowledged by the judgment holder, or by certified mail, return receipt requested; provided,
however, that a municipality shall allow a claimant to submit a claim at the local collector’s
office. The excess equity claim shall contain the claimant’s name, telephone number, mailing
address, the property address or parcel number and a description of their interest in the property
and shall include any other persons or entities known to the claimant to have an interest in the
property at the time of the final judgment of foreclosure, including any other former owners,
mortgagees, lienholders, heirs or other individuals or entities who held a right to redeem or their
successors in interests.

(e) Excess equity shall be held in escrow by the judgment holder in a segregated interest-
brearing account, in which all excess equity funds from all foreclosures are deposited and
separately accounted for on the books and records of the municipality. Excess equity that has not
been claimed within 19 months of a sale or appraisal of a property shall be disposed of pursuant
to chapter 200A.

(f) The superior court shall have jurisdiction to hear any disputes that arise between or
among the judgment holder and any former owners, mortgagees, lienholders, heirs or other
individuals or entities who, at the time of the final judgment of the land court, held an interest in
the property and right to redeem, or their successors in interest, and who are claiming excess
equity including, but not limited to, disputes regarding the valuation of the property, the sale
process, the amount of excess equity, its distribution or any other aspect of this section. Any
party may seek a determination of the dispute by filing a written complaint in the superior court
not more than 12 months after the date of the notice of written itemized accounting following
sale or appraisal of the property under subsection (d). Such complaint shall name all parties
adversely interested who are known to the plaintiff and process shall issue and service be made consistent with the Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure. All matters pertaining to the litigation shall be heard by the superior court department and the parties shall be granted the right to a trial before a jury, unless all parties waive that right and file a written agreement requesting a trial without a jury.

SECTION 94. Section 65 of said chapter 60, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the word “six” and inserting in place the following figure:- 12.

SECTION 95. Said chapter 60 is hereby further amended by striking out section 69A, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 69A. The land court may grant a motion to vacate a decree of foreclosure brought by any interested person other than the petitioner under section 65 within 1 year after the final entry of the decree if presented with extraordinary circumstances and if: (i) no innocent purchaser has acquired an interest in the property for value; or (ii) no claim for excess equity has been paid pursuant to section 64A, unless the court makes appropriate equitable orders to protect the rights of the purchaser of the property or the payor of the excess equity. If the foreclosure petition was filed for an unoccupied or abandoned building as set forth in sections 1 and 81A or if there has been a certification pursuant to section 81B that the redemption amount as determined pursuant to section 62 exceeds the assessed value of the parcel, no petition to vacate a decree of foreclosure entered under section 69 and no proceedings at law or in equity for reversing or modifying such a decree shall be commenced by any person other than the petitioner except within 90 calendar days after the final entry of the decree or within 1 year of the final entry of the decree, if the decree was entered prior to the effective date of this section. For any
decree relating to a property for which record title stands in the name of a deceased person or
person under guardianship or conservatorship, a petition may be maintained for reversal or
modification of such decree up to 1 year from the date of decree.

No motion to vacate a decree of foreclosure and no proceeding at law or in equity for
reversing or modifying such a decree shall be commenced by any person other than the petitioner
under section 65 after 1 year, except upon a showing that the moving party’s due process rights
have been violated.

If a decree of foreclosure is vacated pursuant to this section, all rights and obligations set
forth in section 64A shall be suspended and any proceedings instituted in the superior court
regarding excess equity shall be dismissed.

SECTION 96. Section 75 of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
adding the following sentence:—The notices shall be prepared by the department of revenue, in
language understandable by a least sophisticated consumer, together with a notice in the 7 most
commonly spoken languages in the commonwealth, that this notice affects important legal rights
and should be translated immediately.

SECTION 97. The second paragraph of section 77B of said chapter 60, as so appearing,
is hereby amended by inserting after the second sentence the following sentence:—The notice
shall also include the affirmative statement that the custodian will, following a completed sale,
provide to such owner a written notice containing an itemized accounting of the disposition of
the proceeds arising from the sale, including the sale price, legal fees, auctioneer fees and
advertising costs, other fees and any excess equity due to the owner within 30 days after the
receipt of such funds.
SECTION 98. Said section 77B of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “law”, in line 36, the following words:—, so long as the accounting provisions of this section and section 64A are satisfied.

SECTION 99. Said section 77B of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the fourth paragraph.

SECTION 100. Section 1 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 6, the figure “2022” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— 2024.

SECTION 101. Paragraph (a) of Part B of section 3 of said chapter 62, as amended by section 7 of chapter 50 of the acts of 2023, is hereby amended by striking out subparagraph (6).

SECTION 102. Section 6 of said chapter 62 is hereby amended by striking out subsection (i), as amended by sections 12 to 15, inclusive, of chapter 50 of the acts of 2023, and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:—

(i) Any owner of residential property located in the commonwealth who is not a dependent of another taxpayer and who occupies said property as their principal residence, shall be allowed a credit equal to 60 per cent of the expenditures for design and construction expenses for the repair, replacement or upgrade of a cesspool or septic system or connection to a sanitary sewer collection system, if such repair, replacement, upgrade or sewer connection is required pursuant to the provisions of Title 5 of the state environmental code, a watershed permit issued by the department of environmental protection or other requirements or conditions for implementation of the watershed permit imposed by the permittee or the department of environmental protection. Said expenditures shall be the actual cost to the taxpayer or $30,000, whichever is less; provided, however, that said credit shall be available to eligible taxpayers
beginning in the tax year in which the repair, replacement, upgrade or sewer connection was completed; and provided further, that said credit shall not exceed $4,000 in any tax year and any excess credit may be applied over the following 5 subsequent tax years up to an aggregate maximum of $18,000. The department shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to administer the credit afforded by this subsection, including, but not limited to, a notification system by the commonwealth to recipients of said interest subsidy or grant of the amount of the total subsidy provided by the commonwealth.

SECTION 103. Paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of section 6 of chapter 62C of the General Laws, as appearing in section 24 of chapter 50 of the acts of 2023, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- A married couple shall file a joint return for any year in which they file a joint federal income tax return; provided, however, that this requirement shall not apply if at least 1 of the spouses would not otherwise be required to make a return under paragraph (1) because their Massachusetts gross income did not exceed $8,000.

SECTION 104. Section 6 of chapter 64H of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 219, after the word “section” the following words:- and produced in an accessible format, including, but not limited to, braille, enlarged print, audio or electronic text, for use by individuals unable to read other print due to disability.

SECTION 105. Section 1P of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 128 to 133, inclusive, the words “1 of whom shall be a former member of the behavioral health and public schools task force who participated in the development and statewide evaluation of the self-assessment tool; 1 of whom shall be a former
member of the behavioral health and public schools task force with experience implementing the
framework” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 1 of whom shall have
experience implementing the self-assessment tool; 1 of whom shall have experience
implementing the framework.

SECTION 106. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
section 98 the following section:-

Section 98A. The department shall make available to school districts, charter schools,
approved private day or residential schools and collaborative schools resources relative to
antisemitism and societal bias, which shall include, but not be limited to: (i) model and evidence-based curricula; (ii) guidance to assist in the selection of materials and a curriculum; and (iii)
professional development and trainings on antisemitism, ethnic, racial and religious hate and
discrimination.

SECTION 107. Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
section 8M the following section:-

Section 8N. The registry of motor vehicles shall permit a person submitting an
application under sections 8, 8B or 8E of this chapter or section 34B of chapter 138 to designate
“X”, “M” or “F” for gender on an application for a driver’s license, learner’s permit,
identification card or liquor purchase identification card. No documentation shall be required for
such a designation.

The registrar of motor vehicles shall report annually to the chairs of the joint committee
on transportation on the number of people, indicated by race and ethnicity, who choose an “X”
designation on their driver’s license, learner’s permit, identification card or liquor purchase
identification card; provided, however, that data included in the report shall be de-identified so that the identification of an individual person cannot be ascertained.

The registrar of motor vehicles may promulgate regulations to implement this section.

SECTION 108. The definition of “Administer” in section 1 of chapter 94C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out clause (c) and inserting in place thereof the following clause:-

(c) a registered pharmacist acting in accordance with: (i) regulations promulgated by the department, in consultation with the board of registration in pharmacy and the department of mental health, governing pharmacist administration of medications for treatment of mental health and substance use disorder and at the direction of a prescribing practitioner in the course of the practitioner’s professional practice; (ii) a prescription for testosterone for gender-affirming care in the course of the practitioner’s professional practice; or (iii) a prescription for the treatment and prevention of sexually transmitted infections, including those defined in regulation by the department pursuant to section 121B of chapter 111 or for the prevention of HIV; or.

SECTION 109. Said chapter 94C is hereby further amended by inserting after section 18C the following section:-

Section 18D. (a) For the purpose of this section, the term “opioid antagonist” shall mean, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, any drug approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of persons experiencing an opioid overdose.

(b) A pharmacist dispensing an opioid contained in Schedule II of section 3 shall inform the patient on the potential adverse risks of the prescription opioid and shall offer to dispense an opioid antagonist to the patient, and where applicable, to a designee of the patient, or for a patient who is a minor, to the minor’s parent or guardian.
SECTION 110. Section 23 of said chapter 94C, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (d) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:—

(d) Unless otherwise prohibited by statute, prescriptions for the following controlled substances in Schedule II or III may be filled for a maximum of a 90-day supply of such substance upon a single filling for: (i) the treatment of opioid use disorder, including, but not limited to, buprenorphine; (ii) non-opioid controlled substances, including, but not limited to, methylphenidate and testosterone; and (iii) implantable infusion pumps. All other prescriptions for controlled substances in Schedule II or III may be filled for a maximum of a 30-day supply of such substance upon a single filling. Notwithstanding this subsection, the department may provide by regulation that a prescription for a substance in Schedule II or III may be filled for a maximum of less than a 90-day supply upon a single filling if the secretary of health and human services or the board of pharmacy determines that such restriction is needed to address increased abuse of the substance.

SECTION 111. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 24N, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 24N. (a) As used in this section the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:—

“Children”, individuals less than 19 years of age.

“Estimated vaccine cost”, the estimated cost over the course of a fiscal year for the purchase, storage and distribution of vaccines for all children in the commonwealth.

“Routine childhood immunizations”, immunizations for children until their nineteenth birthday including: (i) the immunizations recommended by the Vaccines for Children Program
and (ii) any immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

“Total nonfederal program cost”, the estimated annual cost of vaccines needed for routine childhood immunizations for children in the commonwealth less the amount of federal revenue available to the commonwealth for purchase, storage, distribution and administration of the vaccines.

(b) There shall be a Vaccine Purchase Fund to support a universal purchase system for routine childhood immunizations in the commonwealth. The fund shall be a separate, nonbudgeted special fund to be administered by the commissioner of public health or a designee. The fund shall be credited with: (i) monies transferred from the executive office of health and human services pursuant to section 66 of chapter 118E; (ii) any voluntary contributions to the fund including, but not limited to, contributions from third-party payers or third-party administrators, as defined in section 1 of chapter 12C; and (iii) any interest earnings on such monies. Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended, without further appropriation, to cover the costs to purchase, store and distribute vaccines for routine childhood immunizations and to administer the fund and the immunization registry, established pursuant to section 24M. Funds shall be expended solely to cover total non-federal program costs; provided, however, that the amount to be expended for storing and distributing vaccines for routine childhood immunizations, if such costs are not covered by federal contributions, and for the costs of administering the immunization registry, shall not exceed 10 per cent of the total amount of the fund expended for the purchase of vaccines needed for routine childhood immunizations for all children in the commonwealth. The department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment, amounts in anticipation of the most recent estimate of expected receipts, as
certified by the secretary of administration and finance; provided, however, that no expenditure
shall be made from the fund which shall cause the fund to be in deficit at the close of a fiscal
year. Any balance in the fund at the close of a fiscal year shall be available for expenditure in
subsequent fiscal years and shall not be transferred to any other fund or revert to the General
Fund. The commissioner of public health or a designee shall annually report the amount of funds
collected and any expenditures made from the fund to the clerks of the house of representatives
and senate and to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the house and senate
chairs of the joint committee on public health and the house and senate chairs of the joint
committee on health care financing.

(c) There shall be a vaccine program advisory council consisting of the commissioner of
public health or a designee, who shall serve as chair; the medical director of the universal
immunization program of the department of public health established under section 24I; the
executive director for the center for health information and analysis or a designee; the executive
director of the commonwealth health insurance connector authority or a designee; 1 person to be
appointed by the director of Medicaid, who shall be a representative of managed care
organizations contracting with MassHealth; 3 persons to be appointed by the commissioner of
insurance, each of whom shall be a representative of 1 of the 3 health insurance companies
having the most insured lives in the commonwealth; and 7 persons to be appointed by the
commissioner of public health, 1 of whom shall be a representative of an employer that self-
insures for health coverage who shall be appointed from lists of nominees submitted by statewide
associations of employers, 1 of whom shall be a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society,
1 of whom shall be a member of the Massachusetts chapter of the American Academy of
Pediatrics, 1 of whom shall be a member of the Massachusetts Academy of Family Physicians
and 3 of whom shall be physicians licensed to practice in the commonwealth and who shall have expertise in the area of childhood vaccines. The council shall recommend the types of vaccines to be purchased based on a list of routine childhood immunizations and shall take into account provider preference, cost, availability and other factors as determined by the council. The council shall recommend the amount of funding needed each fiscal year by calculating the total non-federal program cost. The council shall make recommendations to the commissioner on whether the commissioner may authorize provider choice of more than 1 comparable brand or type for a routine childhood immunization vaccine. In its recommendations, the council shall examine the feasibility, costs and benefits of authorizing provider choice, provide a schedule of the cost of each comparable brand or type of a vaccine recommended for provider choice and demonstrate that the estimated vaccine cost of authorizing provider choice would not be substantially greater than the estimated vaccine cost of purchasing a single brand or type of a vaccine. The commissioner of public health shall determine the final vaccines to be purchased.

(d) [reserved]

(e) The department of public health may adopt rules and regulations as necessary to implement the universal purchase and distribution system under this chapter and other applicable state and federal laws. The rules and regulations shall establish the system by which vaccines are distributed for children in the commonwealth.

(f) Every individual or entity that pays for or arranges for the purchase of health care services provided by acute hospitals and ambulatory surgical center, including managed care organizations, as such term is defined in section 64 of chapter 118E, but excluding Title XVIII and Title XIX programs and their beneficiaries or recipients, other governmental programs of public assistance and their beneficiaries or recipients and the workers’ compensation program
established under chapter 152, to the extent not preempted by federal law, shall provide benefits
for: (i) routine childhood immunizations for residents of the commonwealth; and (ii)
immunizations for residents of the commonwealth who are 19 years of age and older according
to the most recent schedules recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization
Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These benefits shall be exempt from
any co federal payment, coinsurance, deductible or dollar limit provisions in the health insurance
policy or contract.

SECTION 112. Section 53 of said chapter 111, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
striking out the seventh sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- Such
rules and regulations shall require a dialysis unit to have on duty sufficient direct care nursing
personnel to ensure that all patients undergoing dialysis have nursing care available at all times
provided by registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and other staff trained in chronic dialysis
at a ratio of at least 1 direct care nursing personnel to every 3 patients; provided, that such rules
and regulations may include circumstances where the department may waive nursing personnel
ratio requirements.

SECTION 113. Section 121B of said chapter 111, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
striking out, in line 7, the words “in individual patients” and inserting in place thereof the
following words:- and other sexually transmitted infections suitable for expedited partner
treatment based on national standards, including, but not limited to, standards outlined in the
Center for Disease Control’s Sexually Transmitted Infections Treatment Guidelines and as
further defined in regulation by the department.

SECTION 114. Said section 121B of said chapter 111, as so appearing, is hereby further
amended by striking out, in line 9, the word “Chlamydia”.

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SECTION 115. Chapter 115 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 18. (a) There shall be within the executive office of veterans’ services a women veterans’ network. The duties of the network shall include, but not be limited to: (i) performing outreach to women veterans; (ii) improving women veterans' awareness of eligibility for federal and state veterans' services and benefits; (iii) holding in-person events for women veterans; (iv) making recommendations to the secretary of veterans’ services to improve benefits and services for women veterans; (v) incorporating women veterans' issues in the strategic planning of the executive office; and (vi) creating and distributing documents detailing benefits and resources available to women veterans, including but not limited to, resources to help women veterans transition to civilian life; provided, however, that such documents shall be made available on the executive office’s website.

(b) The network shall employ a women veterans’ coordinator to assist in the programming and outreach to women veterans, who shall work with the executive office of veterans’ services and veteran services officers to engage women veterans in a geographically equitable manner.

(c) Annually, not later than November 1, the office shall submit a report to the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives, the senate and house committees on ways and means and the joint committee on veterans and federal affairs, which shall include, but not be limited to: (i) demographic information on women veterans in the commonwealth; (ii) summation of veteran outreach events designed to connect women veterans; (iii) women veteran benefits documents created by the network; and (iv) upcoming in-person events organized or identified by the network.
SECTION 116. Subsection (e) of section 9D of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (6) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:—

(6)(i) The executive office shall direct MassHealth to provide notice to each individual age 55 or older of the options for enrolling in voluntary programs, including, but not limited to, Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly or PACE plans, Senior Care Options or SCO plans, One Care plans and Home and the Community-Based Services Waiver program for frail elders when: (A) the individual first becomes eligible for Medicare or MassHealth; and (B) the individual inquires about long term nursing home placement. Notice provided pursuant to this clause shall be consistent with the notice requirement pursuant to subparagraph (ii).

(ii) The executive office shall direct MassHealth to provide each beneficiary age 65 and older with an annual notice of the options for enrolling in voluntary programs, including Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly or PACE plans, Senior Care Options or SCO plans, One Care plans, the Home and Community-Based Services Waiver program for frail elders or any other voluntary, elective benefit to which the beneficiary is entitled to supplement or replace their MassHealth benefits. If MassHealth receives approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, MassHealth shall arrange for the annual notice to include the names and contact information for the program providers, general contact information for MassHealth and a general description of the benefits of joining particular programs in clear and simple language and a method to request the same information in a language other than English. The notice shall include a method for the beneficiary to indicate interest in receiving additional information on any programs identified that may be of interest to them. The notice shall be supplied to a beneficiary every time the beneficiary is subject to a redetermination of eligibility. A draft of the
proposed language and format for providing information to beneficiaries shall be circulated to
the providers contracted to provide each of these programs for review and comment prior to
finalization. The division shall work with the program providers and other appropriate
stakeholders to assess whether and to what extent barriers to program enrollment shall be
alleviated through modifications to the program or the enrollment process.

SECTION 117. Section 10F of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
hereby amended by striking out clause (1) of subsection (b) in its entirety and inserting in place
thereof the following clause:-(1) prescription drugs up to $200 per year; provided, however, that
the division may authorize a higher prescription benefit level for any person enrolled in said
program for which said higher benefit will prevent hospitalization.

SECTION 118. Said section 10F of said chapter 118E, as so appearing, is hereby further
amended by striking out subsections (d) through (h), inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the
following 3 subsections:-

(d) The division shall promulgate regulations necessary to implement the requirements of
this section and shall maximize federal financial participation for state expenditures made on
behalf of program enrollees.

(e) The division shall report quarterly to the house and senate committees on ways and
means and to the joint committee on health care financing on enrollment demographics, claims
expenditures and the annualized costs of said program. The division shall file notice with said
committees and the secretary of administration and finance not less than 30 days before
modifying program benefits and eligibility standards that are intended to ensure that program
costs are limited to the funds appropriated therefore.
(f) The program established by this section shall not give rise to enforceable legal rights in any party or an enforceable entitlement to the services funded herein and nothing stated herein shall be construed as giving rise to such enforceable legal rights or such enforceable entitlement.

SECTION 119. Section 16C of said chapter 118E, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out subsections (4) and (5) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

(4) Eligibility for and the medical benefits provided under said program shall not give rise nor be construed as giving rise to enforceable legal rights for any party or an enforceable entitlement to such eligibility or medical benefits other than to the extent that such rights or entitlements exist pursuant to the regulations of the division, the terms and conditions of the demonstration project established in said section 9A or this section. The provisions of this section shall not establish any rights or entitlements that exceed the rights or entitlements established by Title XIX in the absence of this program or impose any obligations upon the commonwealth’s administration or financing because of implementation of said program would exceed obligations established by Title XIX.

SECTION 120. Section 64 of said chapter 118E, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “Bad debt” the following definition:-

“Center for health information and analysis revenue amount”, an amount equal to the sum of the amount collected by the center for health information and analysis from acute hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers pursuant to section 7 of chapter 12C.

SECTION 121. Said section 64 of said chapter 118E is hereby amended by inserting after the definition “Gross patient service revenue”, as so appearing, the following 3 definitions:-
“Group 1 safety net hospital”, a hospital identified as a group 1 safety net hospital in the MassHealth demonstration waiver approved under subsection (a) of section 1115 of Title XI of the Social Security Act.

“Group 2 safety net hospital”, a hospital identified as a group 2 safety net hospital in the MassHealth demonstration waiver approved under subsection (a) of section 1115 of Title XI of the Social Security Act.

“Health policy commission revenue amount”, the amount collected by the health policy commission from hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers pursuant to section 6 of chapter 6D.

SECTION 12. Said section 64 of said chapter 118E, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the definitions of “Managed care organization” and “Payments subject to surcharge” and inserting in place thereof the following definitions:-

“Health safety net managed care organization revenue amount”, an amount equal to $160,000,000 plus 50 per cent of the estimated cost, as determined by the secretary for administration and finance, of administering the health safety net and related assessments in accordance with sections 65 to 69, inclusive.

“Immunization revenue amount”, the estimated costs to purchase, store and distribute vaccines for routine childhood immunizations and to administer the Vaccine Purchase Fund, established in section 24N of chapter 111, and the computerized immunization registry, established in section 24M of chapter 111, taking into consideration the limitations on expenditures described in subsection (b) of section 24N of chapter 111, as well as any anticipated surplus or deficit in said Vaccine Purchase Fund, but excluding any costs anticipated to be covered by federal contribution.
“Managed care organization”, any of the following entities, as defined in regulations promulgated by the secretary of health and human services: (i) an entity that is accredited pursuant to chapter 176O and that is: (A) licensed or otherwise authorized to transact accident or health insurance pursuant to chapter 175; (B) a nonprofit hospital service corporation organized pursuant to chapter 176A; (C) a nonprofit medical service corporation organized pursuant to chapter 176B; (D) a health maintenance organization organized pursuant to chapter 176G; or (E) an organization entering into a preferred provider arrangement pursuant to chapter 176I; (ii) a Medicaid managed care organization; (iii) a health care organization, as defined in section 2 of chapter 32A; (iv) a self-insured group for which a carrier provides administrative services pursuant to section 21 of chapter 176O; and (v) a health insurance plan that contracts with the commonwealth health insurance connector authority.

“Managed care organization reinvestment revenue amount”, a fixed amount equal to $246,000,000.

“Managed care organization services subject to assessment”, services rendered by a managed care organization for which a premium or membership payment is made by or on behalf of the member; provided, however, that managed care organization services subject to assessment shall not include services: (i) rendered to members enrolled per month in Medicare managed care organizations; (ii) rendered to members dually enrolled per month in both Medicaid and Medicare; (iii) rendered to members in a Medicaid managed care organization who are age 65 or older; (iv) rendered as part of limited benefit plans, including, but not limited to, dental only or vision only member months, which are paid for as part of a subcontract under another managed care organization; or (v) services which are preempted from taxation by 5 U.S.C. section 8909(f); and provided further, that managed care organization services subject to
assessment may be based on a tax base of managed care organization member months, premiums, claims, or charges, as determined by the secretary of health and human services and established consistently across the assessment groups that may be established pursuant to section 68.

“Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project revenue amount”, an amount equal to the amounts expended for the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project that are related to services provided on behalf of commercially insured clients.

“Medicaid managed care organization”, a managed care organization, as defined in 42 CFR 438.2, that contracts with MassHealth pursuant to an approved state plan or federal waiver.

“Medicaid managed care organization services subject to assessment”, managed care organization services subject to assessment provided to a Medicaid member.

SECTION 123. Said section 64 of said chapter 118E, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the definition of “Surcharge payor”.

SECTION 124. Said section 64 of said chapter 118E, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the definition of “Total surcharge amount” and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

“Total managed care organization services assessment amount”, an amount equal, for each year, to the sum of the following in the same year: (i) the managed care organization reinvestment revenue amount; (ii) the health safety net managed care organization revenue amount; (iii) the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project revenue amount; (iv) the immunization revenue amount; (v) the health policy commission revenue amount; (vi) the center for health information and analysis revenue amount; (vii) the amount transferred, pursuant to section 66, to the Behavioral Health Access and Crisis Intervention Trust Fund established in
section 2WWWW of chapter 29; and (viii) the amounts necessary to incorporate prospectively
all adjustments or reconciliations to account for under-assessments in the prior year.

SECTION 125. Said section 64 of said chapter 118E, as so appearing, is hereby amended
by striking out, in line 147, as so appearing, the figure “$880,000,000” and inserting in place
thereof the following figure: $1,484,050,000.

SECTION 126. Said section 66 of said chapter 118E, as so appearing, is hereby further
amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in its place thereof the following
subsection:

(b) The fund shall consist of: (i) all amounts paid by hospitals and managed care
organizations under sections 67 and 68; (ii) all appropriations for the purpose of payments to
acute hospitals or community health centers for health services provided to uninsured and
underinsured residents; (iii) any transfers from the Commonwealth Care Trust Fund established
in section 2000 of chapter 29; (iv) any transfers from the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund
established in section 2AAAAA of chapter 29; (v) any transfers from the Hospital Investment
and Performance Trust Fund established in section 2TTTTT of chapter 29; (vi) any transfers
from the Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment Fund established in section
2FFFFF of chapter 29; and (vii) all property and securities acquired by and through the use of
money belonging to the fund and all interest thereon. There shall also be credited to the fund an
amount equal to any federal financial participation claimed and received by the commonwealth
for eligible expenditures made from the fund and financed by money transferred from the
Hospital Investment and Performance Trust Fund established in section 2TTTTT of chapter 29,
the Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment Fund established in section 2FFFFF of
chapter 29 or from the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund established in section 2AAAAA of
To accommodate timing discrepancies between the receipt of such revenue and related expenditures, the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the most recent revenue estimates as certified by the secretary of health and human services to be transferred, credited or deposited under this subsection. Annually, the office shall transfer from the non-federal money in the fund: (A) $149,300,000 to the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund established in section 2AAAAA of chapter 29; (B) $994,000,000 to the Hospital Investment and Performance Trust Fund established in section 2TTTTT of chapter 29; (C) $115,500,000 to the Population Health Investment Trust Fund established in section 2UUUUU of chapter 29; (D) $30,250,000 to the Non-Acute Care Hospital Reimbursement Trust Fund established in section 2WWWWW of chapter 29; (E) an amount equal to the managed care organization reinvestment revenue amount to the Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment Fund established in section 2FFFFFF of chapter 29; (F) an amount equal to the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project revenue amount to the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project Fund established in section 2EEEEEE of chapter 29; (G) an amount equal to the health policy commission revenue amount to the Healthcare Payment Reform Fund established in section 7 of chapter 6D; (H) an amount equal to the immunization revenue amount to the Vaccine Purchase Fund established in section 24N of chapter 111; (I) $33,700,000 to the Behavioral Health Access and Crisis Intervention Trust Fund established in section 2WWWWW of chapter 29; (J) an amount equal to the center for health information and analysis revenue amount to the Center for Health Information and Analysis Fund established in section 7A of chapter 12C; and (K) $35,000,000 to the Essential Community Provider Trust Fund established in section 2PPP of chapter 29. The office shall expend amounts in the fund, except for amounts transferred to the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund, the Hospital Investment and Performance Trust Fund, the
Population Health Investment Trust Fund, the Non-Acute Care Hospital Reimbursement Trust Fund, the Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment Fund, the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project Fund, the Vaccine Purchase Fund, the Center for Health and Information Analysis Fund, the Healthcare Payment Reform Fund and the Behavioral Health Access and Crisis Intervention Trust Fund, for payments to hospitals and community health centers for reimbursable health services provided to uninsured and underinsured residents, consistent with the requirements of this section, section 69 and the regulations adopted by the office. The amount collected pursuant to clause (vii) of the definition of total managed care organization services assessment amount in section 64 shall be dedicated to reducing the shortfall, as described in subsection (b) of section 69, for the year prior to the assessment year. The office shall also annually expend money from the fund for the expenses of the executive office, including the health safety net office under subsection (a), for the administration of the health safety net and related assessments. The office shall also expend not more than $6,000,000 annually from the fund for demonstration projects that use case management and other methods to reduce the liability of the fund to acute hospitals. All interest earned on the amounts in the fund shall be deposited or retained in the fund. The director shall from time-to-time requisition from the fund amounts that the director considers necessary to meet the current obligations of the office for the purposes of the fund and estimated obligations for a reasonable future period.

SECTION 127. Said section 66 of said chapter 118E, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out subsection (b), as inserted by section 126, and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

(b) The fund shall consist of: (i) all amounts paid by hospitals and managed care organizations under sections 67 and 68; (ii) all appropriations for the purpose of payments to
acute hospitals or community health centers for health services provided to uninsured and
underinsured residents; (iii) any transfers from the Commonwealth Care Trust Fund established
in section 2OOO of chapter 29; (iv) any transfers from the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund
established in section 2AAAAA of chapter 29; (v) any transfers from the Hospital Investment
and Performance Trust Fund established in section 2TTTTT of chapter 29; (vi) any transfers
from the Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment Fund established in section
2FFFFFF of chapter 29; and (vii) all property and securities acquired by and through the use of
money belonging to the fund and all interest thereon. There shall also be credited to the fund an
amount equal to any federal financial participation claimed and received by the commonwealth
for eligible expenditures made from the fund and financed by money transferred from the
Hospital Investment and Performance Trust Fund established in section 2TTTTT of chapter 29,
the Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment Fund established in section 2FFFFFF of
chapter 29 or from the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund established in section 2AAAAA of
chapter 29. To accommodate timing discrepancies between the receipt of such revenue and
related expenditures, the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the most
recent revenue estimates as certified by the secretary of health and human services to be
transferred, credited or deposited under this subsection. Annually, the office shall transfer an
amount equal to all amounts paid by privately-owned, nonfederal hospitals under subsection (b)
of section 67 to the Non-Acute Care Hospital Reimbursement Trust Fund established in section
2WWWW of chapter 29. The office shall annually transfer from the non-federal money in the
fund: (A) an amount equal to the managed care organization reinvestment revenue amount to the
Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment Fund established in section 2FFFFFF of
chapter 29; (B) an amount equal to the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project revenue
amount to the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project Fund established in section 2136 of chapter 29; (C) an amount equal to the health policy commission revenue amount to the Healthcare Payment Reform Fund established in section 7 of chapter 6D; (D) an amount equal to the immunization revenue amount to the Vaccine Purchase Fund established in section 24N of chapter 111; (E) $33,700,000 to the Behavioral Health Access and Crisis Intervention Trust Fund established in section 2WWWW of chapter 29; and (F) an amount equal to the center for health information and analysis revenue amount to the Center for Health Information and Analysis Fund established in section 7A of chapter 12C. The office shall expend amounts in the fund, except for amounts transferred to the Non-Acute Care Hospital Reimbursement Trust Fund, the Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment Fund, the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project Fund, the Vaccine Purchase Fund, the Center for Health Information and Analysis Fund, the Healthcare Payment Reform Fund and the Behavioral Health Access and Crisis Intervention Trust Fund, for payments to hospitals and community health centers for reimbursable health services provided to uninsured and underinsured residents, consistent with the requirements of this section, section 69 and the regulations adopted by the office. The amount collected pursuant to clause (vii) of the definition of total managed care organization services assessment amount in section 64 shall be dedicated to reducing the shortfall, as described in subsection (b) of section 69, for the year prior to the assessment year. The office shall also annually expend money from the fund for the expenses of the executive office, including the health safety net office under subsection (a), for the administration of the health safety net and related assessments. The office shall also expend not more than $6,000,000 annually from the fund for demonstration projects that use case management and other methods to reduce the liability of the fund to acute hospitals. Any annual balance remaining in the fund
after these payments have been made shall be retained in the fund and shall not revert to the
General Fund. All interest earned on the amounts in the fund shall be deposited or retained in the
fund. The director shall from time-to-time requisition from the fund amounts that the director
considers necessary to meet the current obligations of the office for the purposes of the fund and
estimated obligations for a reasonable future period.

SECTION 128. Subsection (b) of section 66 of said chapter 118E, as appearing in section
60 of chapter 126 of the acts of 2022, is hereby amended by striking out the fourth sentence and
inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- Annually, the office shall transfer from the
nonfederal money in the fund: (A) $149,300,000 to the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund
established in said section 2AAAAAA of said chapter 29; (B) $994,000,000 to the Hospital
Investment and Performance Trust Fund established in said section 2TTTTT of said chapter 29;
(C) $115,500,000 to the Population Health Investment Trust Fund established in section
2UUUUU of said chapter 29; (D) $30,250,000 to the Non-Acute Care Hospital Reimbursement
Trust Fund established in section 2WWWWW of said chapter 29; and (E) $35,000,000 to the
Essential Community Provider Trust Fund established in section 2PPP of said chapter 29.

SECTION 129. Said chapter 118E is hereby further amended by striking out section 67,
as appearing in section 62 of said chapter 126, and inserting in place thereof the following
section:-

Section 67. (a) Subject to all required federal approvals, including any required waivers
under 42 CFR 433.68, a hospital’s annual liability to the fund shall be calculated in accordance
with this section. The annual aggregate liability of all hospitals to the fund shall equal the total
hospital assessment amount.

(b) [reserved].
(c) The office shall promulgate regulations establishing an appropriate mechanism for enforcing each hospital’s liability to the fund if a hospital does not make a scheduled payment to the fund.

(d) For the purposes of the assessment in this section, all hospitals in the commonwealth shall be divided into the following groups, as determined by the secretary: (i) large group 1 safety net hospitals which, for the purposes of this section, shall mean, any group 1 safety net hospital that had not less than 355 staffed beds in fiscal year 2022, as reported by the center for health information and analysis; (ii) small group 1 safety net hospitals which, for the purposes of this section, shall mean any group 1 safety net hospital that had less than 355 staffed beds in fiscal year 2022 as reported by the center for health information and analysis; (iii) large group 2 safety net hospitals which, for the purposes of this section, shall mean any group 2 safety net hospital that had not less than 355 staffed beds in fiscal year 2022 as reported by the center for health information and analysis; (iv) small group 2 safety net hospitals which, for the purposes of this section, shall mean any group 2 safety net hospital that had less than 355 staffed beds in fiscal year 2022 as reported by the center for health information and analysis; (v) freestanding pediatric acute hospitals; (vi) academic, teaching and specialty hospitals which, for the purposes of this section, shall mean an academic medical center, teaching hospital or specialty hospital as determined by the center for health information and analysis as of September 30, 2019, but excluding any high public payer hospital; (vii) private acute hospitals which, for the purposes of this section, shall mean a private hospital licensed under section 51 of chapter 111 that contains a majority of medical-surgical, pediatric, obstetric and maternity beds as defined by the department of public health and operating as of September 30, 2019, but excluding any safety net hospital or academic, teaching and specialty hospital; (viii) non-state public hospitals which, for the
purposes of this section, shall mean any non-state-owned public hospital in the commonwealth as determined by the secretary; and (ix) non-acute hospitals which, for the purposes of this section shall mean any nonpublic hospital licensed by the department of public health under said section 51 of said chapter 111; provided, however, that non-acute hospital shall not include an acute care hospital under section 25B of said chapter 111 or a nonpublic hospital licensed as an inpatient facility by the department of mental health under section 19 of chapter 19 and regulations promulgated thereunder but not categorized as a class VII licensee under the regulations.

(e) Each of the groups described in subsection (d) shall be subject to the following assessment rates: (i) large group 1 safety net hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 24.000 per cent for inpatient services and 5.950 per cent for outpatient services; (ii) small group 1 safety net hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 14.500 per cent for inpatient services and 5.500 per cent for outpatient services; (iii) large group 2 safety net hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 18.000 per cent for inpatient services and 18.200 per cent for outpatient services; (iv) small group 2 safety net hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 18.000 per cent for inpatient services and 10.200 per cent for outpatient services; (v) freestanding pediatric acute hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 4.800 per cent for inpatient services and 4.250 per cent for outpatient services; (vi) academic, teaching and specialty hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 4.701 per cent for inpatient services and 1.065 per cent for outpatient services; (vii) private acute hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 8.500 per cent for inpatient services and 1.045 per cent for outpatient services; (viii) non-state public hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 1.615 per cent for inpatient services and 1.500 per cent for outpatient services; and (ix) non-acute hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 3.300 per cent for inpatient services and 3.300 per cent for outpatient services; provided, however, that the office shall increase each such rate by the amount necessary to generate 50 per cent of the
estimated cost as determined by the secretary of administration and finance, of administering the
health safety net and related assessments in accordance with sections 65 to 69, inclusive. If
hospital closures or hospital changes in status to a different type of provider would result in a
reduction of total hospital assessment amount, the secretary may, by regulation, adjust the
assessment rates to ensure the total hospital assessment amount is not reduced by more than
$10,000,000 on an annual basis; provided, however, that any such adjustments to the rates shall
ensure the rates remain in the same proportion to each other as established herein.

(f) The assessment rates described in subsection (e) shall be applied to each hospital’s
fiscal year 2019 assessed charges for inpatient and outpatient services as determined by the
secretary of health and human services; provided, however, that the term “assessed charges”
shall have the meaning ascribed to it in section 64. The total of the resulting products shall equal
a hospital’s annual assessment liability.

(g) Subject to receipt of all required federal approvals, the executive office shall
implement the assessment structure described in this section and shall promulgate regulations, in
consultation with the Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association, Inc., necessary to support
implementation of said assessment structure. In promulgating such regulations, and in
consultation with the Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association, Inc., the executive office
shall, at a minimum: (i) specify an appropriate mechanism for determination and payment of an
acute hospital's liability to the fund; (ii) identify the hospitals that belong to each group identified
in subsection (d); (iii) specify an appropriate mechanism for the determination of a hospital’s
liability in cases of merger or transfer of ownership; and (iv) specify an appropriate mechanism
by which any amounts paid by a hospital in excess of a hospital’s total annual assessment
liability may be refunded or otherwise credited to the hospital.
(h) The secretary of health and human services may enforce the payment of required assessments under this section: (i) for hospitals licensed by the department of health, by notifying the department of the unpaid assessments and such information shall be considered by the department in determining suitability in accordance with section 51 of chapter 111 for the hospital or its affiliate provider entities; (ii) by offsetting payments from the office of Medicaid against the claims for payment by the delinquent hospital, against other hospitals or MassHealth-contracted entities under common ownership as the delinquent hospital or against any successor in interest to the hospital or such provider entities under common ownership, in the amount of the delinquent fees owed, including any interest, penalties and reasonable attorneys’ fees, and by transferring such funds into the fund; or (iii) creating, after demand for payment, a lien in favor of the commonwealth in an amount not to exceed the delinquent fees owed, including any interest, penalties and reasonable attorneys’ fees, encumbering the building in which the delinquent hospital is located, encumbering the real property upon which the delinquent hospital is located, including fixtures, equipment or goods used in the operation of the delinquent hospital, or encumbering any real property in which the delinquent hospital holds an interest.

SECTION 130. Said chapter 118E is hereby further amended by striking out section 68 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 68. (a) Subject to all required federal approvals, including any required waivers under 42 CFR 433.68, a managed care organization’s annual liability to the fund shall be calculated in accordance with this section. The annual aggregate liability of all managed care organizations to the fund shall equal the total managed care organization services assessment amount.
(b) The assessment shall be paid to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund, established in section 66, by managed care organizations rendering managed care organization services subject to assessment on a monthly basis and shall be assessed on all managed care organization services subject to assessment.

(c) All managed care organization services subject to assessment shall be divided into 1 of the following assessment groups; provided, however, that the secretary of health and human services may, by regulation, establish further sub-groups within each assessment group:

(i) managed care organization services subject to assessment that are not Medicaid managed care organization services subject to assessment provided by a managed care organization;

(ii) Medicaid managed care organization services subject to assessment provided by a managed care organization rendered below a threshold established by the secretary of health and human services in its regulations; and

(iii) Medicaid managed care organization services subject to assessment provided by a managed care organization rendered at or above a threshold established by the secretary of health and human services in its regulations.

(d) The assessment rates for each assessment group shall be multiplied by each managed care organization’s managed care organization services subject to assessment, as determined by the secretary of health and human services. The total of the resulting products shall equal a managed care organization’s annual assessment liability.

(e) Subject to receipt of all required federal approvals, the secretary of health and human services shall implement the assessment structure described in this section and shall promulgate regulations necessary to support implementation of said assessment structure. In promulgating
such regulations, the secretary of health and human services shall, at a minimum: (i) establish
assessment groups, in accordance with subsection (c), into which all managed care organization
services subject to assessment are divided; (ii) set assessment rates for each such assessment
group, sufficient in the aggregate to generate in each fiscal year the total managed care
organization services assessment amount; (iii) establish any necessary reporting requirements for
managed care organizations; (iv) establish an appropriate mechanism for enforcing each
managed care organization’s liability to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund, established in section
66, if a managed care organization rendering managed care organization services subject to
assessment does not make a scheduled payment to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund; (v) specify
an appropriate mechanism for determination and payment of a managed care organization’s
liability to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund; (vi) identify the managed care organization services
subject to assessment under each group established pursuant to subsection (c); (vii) specify an
appropriate mechanism for the determination of a managed care organization’s liability in cases
of merger or transfer of ownership; and (viii) specify an appropriate mechanism by which any
amounts paid by a managed care organization in excess of its total annual assessment liability
may be refunded or otherwise credited to the managed care organization.

SECTION 131. Section 69A of chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby repealed.

SECTION 132. Said chapter 118E is hereby further amended by adding the following 2
sections:-

Section 83. (a) As used in this section and section 84, the following words shall have the
following meaning unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

“HSN”, the payment program established and administered in accordance with section
8A and sections 64 to 69, inclusive.
“HSN patient”, an individual served by an HSN provider whose services are paid for through the HSN.

“OTC oral contraceptive”, a nonprescription oral contraceptive approved or otherwise authorized by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a practitioner who is registered to prescribe or dispense controlled substances in the course of the practitioner’s professional practice under section 7 of chapter 94C and is designated by the assistant secretary for the division may issue a standing order that may be used for a licensed pharmacist to dispense an OTC oral contraceptive to a MassHealth member or HSN patient.

(c) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a licensed pharmacist may dispense an OTC oral contraceptive in accordance with the standing order issued under subsection (b) to a MassHealth member or HSN patient. Except for gross negligence or willful misconduct, a pharmacist who, in good faith, dispenses an OTC oral contraceptive consistent with the standing order shall not be subject to any criminal or civil liability or professional disciplinary action by the board of registration in pharmacy related to the dispensing of said OTC oral contraceptive.

(d) A pharmacist who dispenses an OTC oral contraceptive pursuant to this section to a MassHealth member or HSN patient shall submit a claim to MassHealth or the HSN, as applicable.

(e) Except for gross negligence or willful misconduct, the assistant secretary for the division or a physician who issues the standing order under subsection (b) and any practitioner who, acting in good faith, directly or through the standing order, prescribes or dispenses an OTC
oral contraceptive to a MassHealth member or HSN patient shall not be subject to any criminal or civil liability or professional disciplinary action.

(f) The division may adopt regulations or issue written guidance to implement this section.

Section 84. (a) For the purposes of this section, “Prenatal vitamin”, shall mean an oral multivitamin for supporting health during pregnancy.

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a physician who is registered to prescribe or dispense a controlled substance in the course of the physician’s professional practice under section 7 of chapter 94C and is designated by the assistant secretary for the division may issue a standing order that may be used for a licensed pharmacist to dispense a prenatal vitamin to a MassHealth member or HSN patient.

(c) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a licensed pharmacist may dispense a prenatal vitamin in accordance with the standing order issued under subsection (b) to a MassHealth member or HSN patient. Except for gross negligence or willful misconduct, a pharmacist who, in good faith, dispenses a prenatal vitamin consistent with the standing order shall not be subject to any criminal or civil liability or professional disciplinary action by the board of registration in pharmacy related to the dispensing of such prenatal vitamin.

(d) A pharmacist who dispenses a prenatal vitamin pursuant to this section to a MassHealth member or HSN patient shall submit a claim to MassHealth or the HSN, as applicable.

(e) Except for gross negligence or willful misconduct, the assistant secretary for the division or a physician who issues the standing order under subsection (b) and any practitioner who, in good faith, directly or through the standing order, prescribes or dispenses a prenatal
vitamin to a MassHealth member or HSN patient shall not be subject to any criminal or civil
liability or professional disciplinary action.

(f) The division may adopt regulations or issue written guidance to implement this
section.

SECTION 133. Section 1 of chapter 125 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 32, and in lines 40 and 41, each time
they appear, the words “; Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord”.

SECTION 134. Subsection (b) of section 171 of chapter 127 of the General Laws, added
by section 51 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023, is hereby amended by striking out the first
sentence.

SECTION 135. Said subsection (b) of said section 171 of said chapter 127, as amended
by section 134, is hereby further amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place
thereof the following 2 sentences:- The department of correction, state correctional facilities,
state prisons, county correctional facilities and entities, sellers, suppliers or vendors contracting
with such facilities shall charge an amount not to exceed 95 per cent of the market price for
commissary items at non-correctional major retail stores in the commonwealth. The department
of correction and county sheriffs shall maximize discounts procured from bulk purchasing of
commissary items or other contracting opportunities that reduce the cost of such items and shall
not receive commissions, revenue or other financial incentives in any contract with a seller,
supplier or vendor of commissary items.

SECTION 136. Section 1A of chapter 130 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the fourth sentence the following
sentence:- Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the division of marine
fisheries shall have the sole authority and jurisdiction to regulate the harvest of marine fish and
the effect of such activities on marine fish species and marine fisheries resources. No person
authorized to engage in fishing activities by the division pursuant to this chapter shall be required
to file a notice of intent pursuant to section 40 of chapter 131 or pursuant to a local wetlands by-
law or regulation and no person shall be required to obtain a permit or license pursuant to chapter
91 or a water quality certification pursuant to chapter 21 in relation to any such fishing activities.

SECTION 137. Section 1 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
amended by inserting, after the definition of “Farmer-winery”, the following 2 definitions:-

“Gaming establishment contract vendor”, a vendor that contracts with a gaming
establishment, as defined by section 2 of chapter 23K, to sell or serve alcoholic beverages at the
gaming establishment for consumption on premises; provided, however, that a gaming
establishment contract vendor shall include, but shall not be limited to, a restaurant, bar or club;
and provided further, that a gaming establishment contract vendor shall not include a vendor that
serves alcohol in a gaming area to patrons who are actively participating in gambling.

“Gaming establishment self-owned vendor”, a vendor owned or operated by a gaming
establishment, as defined by section 2 of chapter 23K, that sells or serves alcoholic beverages at
the gaming establishment for consumption on premises; provided, however, that a gaming
establishment self-owned vendor shall include, but shall not be limited to, a restaurant, bar or
club owned or operated by said gaming establishment; and provided further, that a gaming
establishment self-owned vendor shall not include a vendor that serves alcohol in a gaming area
to patrons who are actively participating in gambling.

SECTION 138. Said section 1 of said chapter 138, as so appearing, is hereby further
amended by inserting, after the definition of “Ship chandler”, the following 2 definitions:-
“Special gaming establishment contract vendor alcoholic beverage license”, a license that permits a gaming establishment contract vendor to sell or serve alcoholic beverages at a gaming establishment, as defined by section 2 of chapter 23K.

“Special gaming establishment self-owned vendor alcoholic beverage license”, a license that permits a gaming establishment self-owned vendor to sell or serve alcoholic beverages at a gaming establishment, as defined by section 2 of chapter 23K.

SECTION 139. Said chapter 138 is hereby further amended by striking out section 64, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 64. (a) The licensing authorities after notice to the licensee and reasonable opportunity to be heard, may modify, suspend, revoke or cancel the license upon satisfactory proof that the licensee has violated or permitted a violation of any condition thereof, or any law of the commonwealth. If at any hearing a licensee is charged with serving or selling alcohol or alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age, written notice of said allegations shall be sent by the licensing authorities to the parent or guardian of such person. If the license is revoked, the licensee shall be disqualified to receive a license for 1 year after the expiration of the term of the license so revoked, and if the licensee is the owner of the premises described in such revoked license, no license shall be issued to be exercised on said premises for the residue of the term thereof.

(b) If it appears to the commission that a license has been issued under this chapter by the local licensing authorities in excess of the quota prescribed by section 17 or in violation of section 16A or any other provision of this chapter, the commission shall, after notice to said authorities and to the holder of such license and after reasonable opportunity to be heard, revoke such license, whereupon such license shall be surrendered to said authorities, and the decision of
the commission shall be final and conclusive. The holder of a license so revoked shall not be
subject to prosecution for any sales theretofore made by the licensee under such license on the
ground that such license was illegally issued. The city or town whose licensing authorities issued
any license so revoked shall forthwith refund to the holder thereof the entire fee paid therefor and
authority is hereby granted to such city or town to pay the same out of any funds available.

(c) The commission after notice to the licensee and after providing such licensee with a
reasonable opportunity to be heard, may modify, suspend, revoke or cancel a special gaming
establishment contract vendor alcoholic beverage license or a special gaming establishment self-
owned vendor alcoholic beverage license upon satisfactory proof that the licensee has violated or
permitted a violation of sections 34, 34C or 69 or any regulation of the alcoholic beverages
control commission related to possession of an alcoholic beverage by a person under 21 years of
age, or any condition of the license. The commission may accept a fine or civil administrative
penalty in lieu of suspension of the license pursuant to section 23.

SECTION 140. Said chapter 138 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 78 the following section:-

Section 79. (a)(1) The commission may issue a special gaming establishment contract vendor alcoholic beverage license or a special gaming establishment self-owned vendor alcoholic beverage license to a qualified applicant who is a gaming establishment contract vendor or gaming establishment self-owned vendor as determined by the commission.

(2) The commission shall establish rules, regulations or guidance related to any
requirements for licensure pursuant to this section, including, but not limited to, any limitation
on the purchase or sale of alcoholic beverages by the holder of a license under this section and
any authorized sources pursuant to subsection (b).
(3) The commission shall deny any application of either a special gaming establishment contract vendor or a special gaming establishment self-owned vendor that is not of responsible character.

(b) Any special gaming establishment contract vendor or special gaming establishment self-owned vendor issued a special gaming establishment contract vendor alcoholic beverage license or special gaming establishment self-owned vendor alcoholic beverage license pursuant to this section may purchase and sell alcoholic beverages from sources authorized by the commission to sell alcoholic beverages to licensees licensed pursuant to section 12, as applicable; provided, that said authorized sources shall be allowed to sell alcoholic beverages to the special licenses as authorized by the commission and pursuant to said section 12, as applicable; and provided further, that the commission shall promulgate rules, guidance or regulations on said authorized sources.

(c) A special gaming establishment contract vendor alcoholic beverage license or a special gaming establishment self-owned vendor alcoholic beverage license shall not count toward any municipal quota and shall not be transferable.

(d) The commission may promulgate regulations, rules or guidelines to implement this section.

SECTION 141. Subsection (1) of section 44A of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “Eligible” the following definition:-

“Maintenance service contract”, a multi-year contract exclusively for the ongoing, periodic maintenance, including maintaining, servicing, testing and incidental repairs, of 1 or more of the following building systems: (i) electrical system; (ii) elevator system; (iii) fire
protection sprinkler system, as defined in section 81 of chapter 146; (iv) fire alarm system; (v) heating, ventilating and air-conditioning and any associated mechanical system; or (vi) plumbing system.

SECTION 142. Said section 44A of said chapter 149, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 47, the word “(A)” and inserting in place thereof the following words: (2)(A).

SECTION 143. Subsection (2) of said section 44A of said chapter 149, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after paragraph (D) the following paragraph:

(D ½) Every maintenance service contract for any building by the division of capital asset management and maintenance estimated to cost more than $150,000 shall be awarded to the lowest responsible and eligible general bidder on the basis of competitive bids in accordance with the procedure set forth in sections 44A to 44H, inclusive; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not apply if a maintenance service contract is bid, at the option of the commissioner, pursuant to section 39M of chapter 30.

SECTION 144. Subsection (a) of section 62A of chapter 151A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following 2 sentences: The department of unemployment assistance shall provide regional in-person assistance in each workforce area and in coordination with the MassHire department of career services. A department representative shall be available for assistance at each workforce area at least 1 day a week; provided, however, that assistance shall include, but not be limited to: (i) providing general information on unemployment compensation and claims; (ii) application assistance; and (iii) identity verification assistance.
SECTION 145. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 47UU the following section:-

Section 47VV. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

“Directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility”, to cause circumstances where a disease or the necessary treatment for a disease has a likely side effect of infertility as established by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology or other reputable professional organizations.

“Standard fertility preservation services”, procedures or treatments to preserve fertility as recommended by a board-certified obstetrician gynecologist, reproductive endocrinologist or other physician; provided, however, that the recommendation shall be made in accordance with current medical practices and professional guidelines published by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology or other reputable professional organizations.

(b) The following shall provide coverage for standard fertility preservation services, including, but not limited to, coverage for procurement, cryopreservation and storage of gametes, embryos or other reproductive tissue, when the enrollee has a diagnosed medical or genetic condition that may directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility by affecting reproductive organs or processes: (i) any policy of accident and sickness insurance as described in section 108 that provides hospital expense and surgical expense insurance and that is delivered, issued or subsequently renewed by agreement between the insurer and policyholder in the commonwealth; (ii) any blanket or general policy of insurance described in subdivision (A), (C) or (D) of section 110 that provides hospital expense and surgical expense insurance and that is delivered, issued or
subsequently renewed by agreement between the insurer and the policyholder within or without
the commonwealth; and (iii) any employees’ health and welfare fund that provides hospital
expense and surgical expense benefits and that is delivered, issued or renewed to any person or
group of persons in the commonwealth. Coverage shall be provided to the same extent that
coverage is provided for other pregnancy-related procedures.

SECTION 146. Section 1 of chapter 175M of the General Laws is hereby amended by
inserting after the figure “19A”, as appearing in section 35 of chapter 77 of the acts of 2023, the
following words: , whose wages from working as a consumer directed care worker meet the
financial eligibility requirements of said subsection (a) of said section 24 of said chapter 151A.

SECTION 147. Subsection (b) of section 7 of said chapter 175M, as appearing in the
2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place
thereof the following sentence: - The costs of administering the department under this chapter
shall be paid from the trust fund and, in each fiscal year, shall not exceed 5 per cent of the
amount remaining in the fund at the end of the previous fiscal year; provided, however, that the
amount available from the trust fund for administering the department shall not decrease by more
than 5 per cent from the previous year.

SECTION 148. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
section 8VV the following section:-

Section 8WW. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall have the
following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

“Directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility”, to cause circumstances where a
disease or the necessary treatment for a disease has a likely side effect of infertility as established
by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology
or other reputable professional organizations.

“Standard fertility preservation services”, procedures or treatments to preserve fertility as
recommended by a board-certified obstetrician gynecologist, reproductive endocrinologist or
other physician; provided, however, that the recommendation shall be made in accordance with
current medical practices and professional guidelines published by the American Society for
Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology or other reputable
professional organizations.

(b) Any contract between a subscriber and a corporation subject to this chapter, pursuant
to an individual or group hospital service plan that is delivered, issued or renewed within the
commonwealth shall provide coverage for standard fertility preservation services, including, but
not limited to, coverage for procurement, cryopreservation and storage of gametes, embryos or
other reproductive tissue, when the enrollee has a diagnosed medical or genetic condition that
may directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility by affecting reproductive organs or
processes. Coverage shall be provided to the same extent that coverage is provided for other
pregnancy-related procedures.

SECTION 149. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
section 4VV the following section:-

Section 4WW. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall have the
following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

“Directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility”, to cause circumstances where a
disease or the necessary treatment for a disease has a likely side effect of infertility as established
“Standard fertility preservation services”, procedures or treatments to preserve fertility as recommended by a board-certified obstetrician gynecologist, reproductive endocrinologist or other physician; provided, however, that the recommendation shall be made in accordance with current medical practices and professional guidelines published by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology or other reputable professional organizations.

(b) A subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service agreement that is delivered, issued or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide coverage for standard fertility preservation services, including, but not limited to, the coverage for procurement, cryopreservation and storage of gametes, embryos or other reproductive tissue, when the enrollee has a diagnosed medical or genetic condition that may directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility by affecting reproductive organs or processes. Coverage shall be provided to the same extent that coverage is provided for other pregnancy-related procedures.
“Standard fertility preservation services”, procedures or treatments to preserve fertility as recommended by a board-certified obstetrician gynecologist, reproductive endocrinologist or other physician; provided, however, that the recommendation shall be made in accordance with current medical practices and professional guidelines published by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology or other reputable professional organizations.

(b) An individual or group health maintenance contract that is issued, delivered or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide coverage for standard fertility preservation services, including, but not limited to, coverage for procurement, cryopreservation and storage of gametes, embryos or other reproductive tissue, when the enrollee has a diagnosed medical or genetic condition that may directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility by affecting reproductive organs or processes. Coverage shall be provided to the same extent that coverage is provided for other pregnancy-related procedures.

SECTION 151. Section 10 of chapter 218 of the General Laws, as amended by section 63 of chapter 28 of the acts 2023, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 81 and 82, as so appearing, the words “; district court of Chelsea”.

SECTION 152. Said section 10 of said chapter 218, as so amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “Norfolk”, in line 86, as so appearing, the following:– ; district court of Chelsea.

SECTION 153. Said section 10 of said chapter 218, as so amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “Peabody”, as appearing in section 63 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023, the following words:– ; district court of Lawrence.
SECTION 154. Section 3 of chapter 258C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 15, the figure “$8,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure: $13,000.

SECTION 155. Said section 3 of said chapter 258C, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 22, the figure “$800” and inserting in place thereof the following figure: $4,000.

SECTION 156. Said section 3 of said chapter 258C, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 105, the figure “$500” and inserting in place thereof the following figure: $3,000.

SECTION 157. Chapter 262 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 24, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section: -

Section 24. (a) The maximum fee to be charged by a person authorized to take bail or release on personal recognizance in the case of a person arrested for any misdemeanor or felony shall be $80.

(b) The trial court shall be responsible for paying fees charged to take bail outside of regular working hours pursuant to this section and any fee charged pursuant to this section for a bail taken outside of regular working hours shall be charged only to the trial court. Fee splitting arrangements shall be prohibited.

(c) A person authorized to take bail may administer through wire or electronic means any oath or affirmation required in the course of taking bail or releasing on personal recognizance.

No person authorized to take bail shall delegate: (i) the setting or taking of bail; or (ii) the setting or taking of release on personal recognizance to any other person.
(d) A person authorized to take bail shall receive the fee under subsection (a) after
determining the terms of release and the prisoner ultimately recognizes out-of-court.

SECTION 158. The fourth paragraph of section 1 of chapter 44 of the acts of 1932, as
appearing in section 5 of chapter 21 of the acts of 2020, is hereby amended by adding the
following sentence:- As used in this act, the term “former member bank” shall mean a savings
bank or a co-operative bank without excess deposit insurance after withdrawing from
membership pursuant to section 17 of chapter 43 of the acts of 1934.

SECTION 159. The third subparagraph of paragraph (a) of section 17 of chapter 43 of the
acts of 1934, as appearing in section 29 of chapter 64 of the acts of 1999, is hereby amended by
striking out the third sentence.

SECTION 160. The fourth sentence of said third subparagraph of said paragraph (a) of
said section 17 of said chapter 43, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the words
“Upon said conversion” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Upon such
notification of intent to withdraw.

SECTION 161. The last sentence of the fourth subparagraph of said paragraph (a) of said
section 17 of said chapter 43, inserted by section 21 of chapter 21 the acts of 2020, is hereby
amended by striking out the words “pursuant to section 17A”.

SECTION 162. Section 17A of said chapter 43 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 163. Section 22 of chapter 47 of the acts of 1997, as appearing in section 53 of
chapter 228 of the acts of 2018, is hereby amended by striking out the figure “$7,000,000” and
inserting in place thereof the following figure:- $9,000,000.
SECTION 164. Said section 22 of said chapter 47, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the figure “$2,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- $4,000,000.

SECTION 165. Item 1599-2032 of section 2 of chapter 102 of the acts of 2021 is hereby amended by striking out the words “provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for replacement of the Trout brook well in the town of Avon” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for well repairs in the town of Avon.

SECTION 166. Item 2300-0101 of section 2 of chapter 126 of the acts of 2022 is hereby amended by striking out the figure “2024”, as appearing in section 72 of chapter 77 of the acts of 2023, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2025.

SECTION 167. Item 4590-0250 of said section 2 of said chapter 126 is hereby amended by striking out the figure “2024”, as appearing in section 84 of said chapter 77, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2025.

SECTION 168. Sections 61, 157, 158 and 159 of chapter 126 of the acts of 2022 are hereby repealed.

SECTION 169. Sections 25, 66 and 187 of said chapter 126 are hereby repealed.

SECTION 170. Item 1100-2516 of section 2 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2022 is hereby amended by striking out the words "city of Boston", the first time it appears, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester, Inc.

SECTION 171. Subsection (c) of section 19 of chapter 154 of the acts of 2022 is hereby amended by striking out the words “June 30, 2024”, as inserted by section 163 of chapter 77 of the acts of 2023, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- June 30, 2025.
SECTION 172. Item 1599-6090 of section 2A of chapter 268 of the acts of 2022 is hereby amended by striking out the words “June 30, 2024”, as inserted by section 74 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- December 31, 2024.

SECTION 173. Item 1599-6090 of said section 2A of said chapter 268, as amended by section 64 of chapter 2 of the acts of 2023, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words “Great Barrington” the following words:- and nothing in this item shall preclude reimbursement for costs and expenses already incurred.

SECTION 174. Item 1599-0026 of section 2 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023 is hereby amended by inserting after the word “federal”, the first time it appears, the following words:- and state.

SECTION 175. Item 2000-0100 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby amended by inserting after the word “program”, the third time it appears, the following words:- and funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

SECTION 176. Item 4590-1507 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as amended by section 184 of chapter 77 of the acts of 2023, is hereby further amended by striking out the words “provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for repairs for the Northern Berkshire YMCA complex located in the city of North Adams” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the city of North Adams to complete renovations to the building located on 22 Brickyard court and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

SECTION 177. Said item 4590-1507 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the words “provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for capital improvements to the former state armory building in the city of
North Adams for the benefit of the Northern Berkshire Youth Basketball program” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the North Adams Youth Basketball program located in the city of North Adams for capital improvements and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

SECTION 178. Item 7006-0071 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby amended by striking out the words “; and provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the city of Chicopee to replace equipment in order to continue to provide public and community access on the televisions of residents”.

SECTION 179. Item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as amended by sections 187 and 188 of chapter 77 of the acts of 2023, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “Sudbury” the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

SECTION 180. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby further amended by inserting after the words “route 7” the following words:- ; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Chicopee to replace equipment in order to continue to provide public and community access on the televisions of residents and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

SECTION 181. Section 2A of chapter 77 of the acts of 2023 is hereby amended by striking out item 4400-1031 and inserting in place thereof the following item:-

4400-1031 For reimbursement to clients who have had their federal supplemental nutrition assistance program or summer electronic benefits for children program payments stolen through electronic benefit transfer card skimming, card cloning and other similar fraudulent methods, including organized identity theft schemes during the period of October 1, 2022 to June
30, 2025, inclusive, to the extent that federal funds will not cover the cost of reimbursement; provided, that claims for such reimbursement must be verified by the department of transitional assistance and must be reported to or identified by the department not later than July 31, 2025; and provided further, that the funds appropriated in this item shall not revert to the General Fund but shall be made available for these purposes through September 1, 2025 $1,000,000.

SECTION 182. Not later than October 31, 2024, the department of early education and care shall submit a report to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the senate and house committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education on a proposed methodology to calculate and assess the cost of providing high-quality early education and care. The methodology shall take into consideration the full cost of service delivery including, but not limited to, costs that vary based on: (i) geographic region; (ii) early education and care provider type and size; (iii) the age ranges of children served; (iv) group size and ratios; (v) the demographics of the populations served by early education and care providers; and (vi) costs of additional services to children and families with high needs, including staff and staff training necessary to accommodate children with disabilities or other high needs, interpreter services, mental health supports for children and staff and staff time required to provide comprehensive family engagement and services to ensure effective early education and promote multigenerational success.

In developing the methodology, the department shall consider the factors that affect the cost of service delivery including, but not limited to: (i) administration; (ii) staff pay and benefits; (iii) professional development and instructional coaching; (iv) operations and maintenance including, but not limited to, rent, equipment, technology, furniture and utility costs; (v) educational supplies and curricula; (vi) food services; and (vii) transportation services.
The department shall include in its report: (i) recommendations to annually assess and update the methodology to ensure continued alignment with the cost of providing high-quality early education and care and compliance with federal regulations; and (ii) recommendations regarding the use of the methodology to inform the development of child care financial assistance reimbursement rates under clause (e) of the second paragraph of section 2 of said chapter 15D of the General Laws and the distribution formula for the operational grant program established in section 19 of said chapter 15D.

SECTION 183. (a) Not later than June 30, 2025, the executive office of labor and workforce development, in consultation with the department of early education and care and the executive office of economic development, shall conduct a study and make recommendations in a report to be filed with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the senate and house committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education. The report shall include, but not be limited to: (i) identifying and promoting employer best practices; (ii) exploring employer incentives to support additional early education and care benefits for their employees; (iii) examining the availability of state partnerships with the business community to support employees who have young children; (iv) exploring ways to improve collaboration across secretariats of state agencies to engage with the business community; (v) considering incentives or requirements for employers of a certain size or specific subgroups of employers to provide employer-supported early education and care benefits to employees; and (vi) considering the feasibility of assessing all or certain employers to fund expanded access to high quality, affordable early education and care. Prior to making its recommendations, the executive office of labor and workforce development shall meet with regionally-diverse stakeholders.
SECTION 184. Not later than January 15, 2025, the department of early education and care shall submit to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education a preliminary report on the implementation and effects of the updated operational grant funding formula established pursuant to section 189 of this act and section 20 of chapter 15D of the General Laws and consistent with the reporting requirements of subsection (d) of said section 20 of said chapter 15D.

SECTION 185. The department of early education and care shall establish the first early education and care career ladder pursuant to section 21 of chapter 15D of the General Laws not later than October 31, 2024.

SECTION 186. Not later than January 1, 2025, the department of early education and care shall submit a report to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the senate and house committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education relative to family, friend and neighbor care, which shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the feasibility of implementing and overseeing a family, friend and neighbor care network; (ii) the department structures necessary to evaluate and support a family, friend and neighbor care network; (iii) the sustainability of said network; and (iv) any legislative changes necessary to carry out the recommendations. Prior to reporting its findings, the department shall consult with Community Labor United Inc.’s Care That Works pilot program, New England United for Justice, Inc., Service Employees International Union, Local 509 and Massachusetts Child Care Resource and Referral Network, Inc.

SECTION 187. Not later than December 31, 2025, the department of early education and care, in consultation with the Children’s Investment Fund, Inc. and the Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation, shall file a report with the clerks of the senate and house
of representatives, the senate and house committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education detailing proposed improvements to the Early Education and Out of School Time Capital Fund established in section 18 of chapter 15D of the General Laws. The report shall include, but not be limited to: (i) proposed grant eligibility criteria; (ii) proposed size of grants; (iii) proposed ways to streamline the application process; (iv) any other parameters to increase the impact of the fund and ensure that funds reach intended recipients; and (v) any data available on unmet needs for early education and care facilities improvements.

SECTION 188. Not later than February 28, 2025, the department of early education and care shall file a report on the impact and utilization of operational grant funding program established under section 189 of this act and section 20 of chapter 15D of the General Laws by multi-site, for-profit center-based child care providers who receive operational grants. The report shall be filed with the clerks of senate and the house of representatives, the senate and house committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education. The report shall include information about:

(i) the number of such entities that operate multi-site center-based programs in the commonwealth and the number of sites operated;

(ii) the number and percent of children served in such programs;

(iii) an analysis of the amount of grant funding distributed to each early education and care provider, including data on grant spending delineated by category of spending;

(iv) an analysis of the operations of such providers in other states, including an analysis of the impact, if any, on capacity and tuition costs for such providers when states exhausted COVID-19-related supplemental Child Care Development Fund funding; and
(iv) Any other information deemed necessary by the department to inform future formula adjustments to operational grants.

SECTION 189. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of early education and care shall distribute operational grant funding for fiscal year 2025 through the following formula:

(i) providers with enrollment including at least 25 per cent of children receiving child care financial assistance, otherwise serving at least 25 per cent of low and at-risk children or head start or early head start program shall receive not less than 50.5 per cent of operational grant funding distributed in a fiscal year;

(ii) providers with enrollment including at least 1 per cent but less than 25 per cent of children receiving child care financial assistance shall receive not less than 28.4 per cent of operational grant funding distributed in a fiscal year; and

(iii) providers serving no children receiving child care financial assistance shall receive not more than 21.1 per cent of operational grant funding distributed in a fiscal year.

(b) A provider that is not an “eligible organization” as defined in section 18 of chapter 15D of the General Laws and that, directly or through an affiliate, operates more than 10 center-based programs in the commonwealth shall not receive more than 1 per cent of annual program funds unless the provider is granted a waiver by the commissioner deeming such allocation of more than 1 per cent to be in the best interest of the commonwealth.

SECTION 190. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, annually, not later than May 15, the department of early education and care shall report to the senate and house committees on ways and means the proportion of operational grant funding for the upcoming fiscal year estimated to be distributed to each of the following: (i) providers with enrollment
including at least 25 per cent of children receiving child care financial assistance; (ii) providers with enrollment including at least 1 per cent but less than 25 per cent of children receiving child care financial assistance; and (iii) providers serving no children receiving child care financial assistance.

SECTION 19. Section 190 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 192. (a) The department of early education and care, in consultation with the executive office of labor and workforce development, the commonwealth corporation and the early education and care workforce council, established in section 79 of chapter 154 of the acts of 2018, shall conduct a study and submit a report making recommendations to: (i) enhance the early education and care workforce pipeline; and (ii) develop strategies and prioritization of programming and funding opportunities to ensure that the early educator workforce meets the needs of the commonwealth.

(b) The report shall include, but shall not be limited to, recommendations on: (i) recruiting new early education and care providers; (ii) developing apprenticeship programs and non-traditional recruitment opportunities as part of a curriculum-based service-learning program; (iii) collaborating with early education and care providers and vocational schools with curricula that include early education and care; (iv) retaining early educators; (v) incentivizing the development of family child care providers; and (vi) exploring the potential for the growth of family child care providers into center-based programs.

(c) The department of early education and care shall file the report, along with any recommendations, with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on education and the joint committee on labor and workforce development not later than June 30, 2025. The report shall be made
publicly available on the websites of the department of early education and care and the
executive office of labor and workforce development.

SECTION 193. (a) Notwithstanding sections 32 to 37, inclusive, of chapter 7C of the
General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner of capital
asset management and maintenance may sell, lease for a term not to exceed 99 years, transfer or
otherwise dispose of the Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord facility in the town of
Concord which is currently used for correctional purposes. The commissioner of capital asset
management and maintenance may determine the final boundaries of the parcels to be conveyed
after completion of a survey.

(b)(1) The commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance shall study the
existing conditions of the site of the real property described in subsection (a) and plan for the
reuse of said property. The commissioner shall consult stakeholders including, but not limited to:
(i) the secretary of housing and livable communities, or a designee; (ii) the secretary of
transportation, or a designee; (iii) the secretary of public safety and security, or a designee; (iv)
members of the select board of the town of Concord, or their designees; (v) members of any
advisory body established by the select board of the town of Concord regarding the reuse of the
Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord; (vi) the chair of the board of the Concord
Housing Development Corporation, established pursuant to chapter 275 of the acts of 2006, or a
designee; (vii) the Concord representative to the metropolitan area planning council; (viii)
district council chair of the Urban Land Institute Boston/New England, or a designee; (ix)
executive director of the Concord Business Partnership, or a designee; and (x) executive director
of OARS, Inc., or a designee.
(2) Not less than 60 days prior to finalizing the study, the commissioner shall hold not less than 3 public hearings in the town of Concord, with an option for virtual participation, to receive public comment on the site planning and reuse of the property described in subsection (a); provided, however, that the commissioner shall provide timely notice of the public hearings. The first public hearing shall take place not later than 45 days after the effective date of this act.

(3) The commissioner shall prepare a written report summarizing the study findings pursuant to paragraph (1), which shall include, but not be limited to: (i) a summary of existing site conditions identified during the study; (ii) a summary of the provisions of existing and ongoing municipal plans, including the town of Concord’s Envision Concord: Bridge to 2030 plan, Concord’s zoning bylaws affecting the property described in subsection (a) and any ongoing or completed studies or reports by the advisory body established by the select board of the town of Concord regarding the reuse of the Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord; (iii) a summary of state, regional and local plans and policies that may affect or guide use of the property described in subsection (a), including, but not limited to, plans and policies encouraging the development of a variety of housing options, commercial and retail opportunities, jobs and open space and policies encouraging smart growth; (iv) a summary of input provided at the public hearings held pursuant to paragraph (2) and the input of each of the stakeholders described in paragraph (1); (v) an evaluation of the specific plan, including land use, density and site access recommended by the advisory body established by the select board of the town of Concord regarding the reuse of the Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord; and (vi) the potential reuses and use restrictions, if any, the commissioner deems appropriate for the property described in subsection (a).
(4) The commissioner shall file the report prepared pursuant to paragraph (3) with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives not less than 60 days prior to the sale, lease, transfer or other disposition of the property described in subsection (a); provided, however, that notwithstanding paragraph (5) the commissioner may, prior to the filing of the report: (i) grant easements and rights of access to the town of Concord; (ii) convey all or part of the property described in subsection (a) to the town of Concord in a manner consistent with paragraph (5); and (iii) convey or grant easements of any portion of the property to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for the sole purpose of making improvements to state highway route 2.

(5) The commissioner shall dispose of the Massachusetts Correctional Institute, Concord real property: (i) by utilizing appropriate competitive processes and procedures; or (ii) through a sales-partnership agreement in accordance with subsection (d) with the town of Concord. Such competitive processes may include, without limitation, absolute auction, sealed bids and requests for price and development proposals. The real property shall be conveyed without warranties or representations by the commonwealth and shall be on such terms and conditions as the commissioner determines.

(c) A sales-partnership agreement pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection (b) may: (i) require the town of Concord to conduct a competitive process and select a developer prior to disposition of the real property by the commonwealth; provided, however, that the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance may transfer the real property directly to the developer selected by the town of Concord; or (ii) authorize the town of Concord to sell or lease the real property directly to a developer pursuant to chapter 30B of the General Laws. The consideration for the disposition of the real property to the town of Concord pursuant to a sales-
partnership agreement shall be $1. If the town of Concord sells or leases any portion of the real
property or the commonwealth disposes of real property directly to the developer selected by the
town of Concord pursuant to a sales-partnership agreement, the net proceeds from such sale or
lease as agreed to by the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance and the
town of Concord shall be allocated between the town of Concord and the commonwealth in
equal shares; provided, however, that the commissioner may agree to reduce the share of the
commonwealth’s proceeds to not less than 40 per cent of the net proceeds in order to provide
certain incentives to expedite the sale, lease or permitting of redevelopment by the town of
Concord.

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (b) but subject to subsections (f) to (j), inclusive, the
commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance may, not later than 30 days after the
effective date of this act, make an offer to transfer the wastewater treatment facility located at
Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord, and any other real property necessary thereto,
to the town of Concord for a direct public use, as defined in section 33 of chapter 7C of the
General Laws; provided, that the town of Concord shall have, as a right of first refusal, not less
than 180 days to accept the commissioner’s offer to acquire the property. Upon a refusal of the
town of Concord of the commissioner’s offer, including the expiration of said offer, the
commissioner may dispose of the wastewater treatment facility and any other real property
necessary thereto pursuant to said subsection (b).

(e) Not less than 30 days before the date of an auction or the date on which bids or
proposals or other offers to purchase or lease the real property are due, the commissioner of
capital asset management and maintenance shall place a notice in the central register published
by the state secretary pursuant to section 20A of chapter 9 of the General Laws stating the
availability of such property, the nature of the competitive process and other information deemed relevant, including the time and location of the auction, the submission of bids or proposals and the opening thereof. The commissioner shall not be required to place such notice if the property is conveyed to the town of Concord or a developer selected by the town of Concord in accordance with a sales-partnership agreement. Not less than 30 days before the date of an auction or the date on which bids or proposals or other offers to purchase or lease the real property are due, the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance shall notify, the chair of the select board of the town of Concord and the members of the general court representing the town in writing regarding the availability of such property.

(f) The commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance shall establish the value of the real property through procedures customarily accepted by the appraising profession as valid for determining property value. The value shall be calculated both for: (i) the highest and best use of the property as may be encumbered; and (ii) subject to uses, restrictions and encumbrances defined by the commissioner. The commissioner shall submit the appraisal required by this subsection to the inspector general for review and comment. The inspector general shall review and approve the appraisal and the review shall include an examination of the methodology utilized for the appraisal. The inspector general shall prepare a report of the review and file the report with the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance for submission by the commissioner to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on state administration and regulatory oversight. The commissioner shall submit copies of the appraisal and the inspector general’s review and approval and comments, if any, to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on state
administration and regulatory oversight not less than 15 days prior to the execution of any
documents effecting any transfers authorized by this section.

(g) The commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance shall place a notice
in the central register identifying the municipality, public agency, individual or firm selected as
the party to such real property transaction and the amount of the transaction. If the commissioner
accepts an amount below the value calculated pursuant to subsection (f), the commissioner shall
include the justification therefore, specifying the difference between the calculated value and the
price received.

(h) Notwithstanding subsection (b), the commissioner of capital asset management and
maintenance may retain or grant rights of way or easements for access, egress, utilities and
drainage across the property described in subsection (a) and across other property owned by the
commonwealth that is contiguous to the property described in subsection (a) and may accept
such rights of way or easements for access, egress, utilities and drainage as the commissioner
considers necessary and appropriate to carry out this section.

(i) No agreement for the sale, lease, transfer or other disposition of real property pursuant
to this section and no deed executed by or on behalf of the commonwealth shall be valid unless
such agreement or deed contains a certification, signed by the commissioner of capital asset
management and maintenance that certifies compliance with this section and which includes the
following statement:

“The undersigned certifies under penalties of perjury that I have fully complied with the
requirements of law related to any real property transfer of the parcel of land known as
Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord.”
(j) No agreement for the sale, lease, transfer or other disposition of real property pursuant to this section shall be valid unless the purchaser or lessee has executed and filed with the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance the statement required by section 38 of chapter 7C of the General Laws.

(k) The grantee or lessee of any real property disposed of pursuant to this section shall be responsible for all costs, including, but not limited to, appraisals, surveys, plans, recordings and any other expenses relating to the disposition as deemed necessary by the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance.

SECTION 194. Notwithstanding section 59 of chapter 23K of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, 100 per cent of the revenue received from a category 1 licensee, as defined in section 2 of said chapter 23K, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 55 of said chapter 23K in fiscal year 2025 shall be transferred as follows:

(i) 30.1 per cent to the Gaming Local Aid Fund established in section 63 of said chapter 23K;

(ii) 20.6 per cent to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund established in section 2ZZZ of chapter 29 of the General Laws;

(iii) 19.4 per cent to the Education Fund established in section 64 of said chapter 23K;

(iv) 13.2 per cent to the Gaming Economic Development Fund established in section 2DDDD of said chapter 29;

(v) 6.2 per cent to the Local Capital Projects Fund established in section 2EEEE of said chapter 29;

(vi) 5 per cent to the Public Health Trust Fund established in section 58 of said chapter 23K;
(vii) 2.5 per cent to the Race Horse Development Fund established in section 60 of said chapter 23K;

(viii) 2 per cent of revenues to the Massachusetts Cultural and Performing Arts Mitigation Trust Fund established in section 2HHHHH of said chapter 29; and

(ix) 1 per cent to the Massachusetts Tourism Fund to fund tourist promotion agencies under subsection (b) of section 13T of chapter 23A of the General Laws.

SECTION 195. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the bureau of purchased services in the operational services division shall determine prices for programs under chapter 71B of the General Laws in fiscal year 2025 by increasing the final fiscal year 2024 price by the rate of inflation as determined by the division. The division shall adjust prices for extraordinary relief pursuant to 808 CMR 1.06(4). The division shall accept applications for program reconstruction and special circumstances in fiscal year 2025. The division shall authorize the fiscal year 2025 price for out-of-state purchasers requested by a program, not to exceed a maximum price determined by the bureau, by identifying the most recent price calculated for the program and applying the estimated rate of inflation for each year, as determined by the bureau under section 22N of chapter 7 of the General Laws, in which the rate of inflation is frozen beginning with fiscal year 2004, in a compounded manner for each fiscal year.

SECTION 196. (a) There is hereby established a working group to develop and identify the future needs of the public higher education system to provide affordable, equitable and competitive higher education in the commonwealth.

(b) The working group shall include, but shall not be limited to: the secretary of administration and finance or a designee; the secretary of education or a designee; the
Massachusetts climate chief or a designee; the commissioner of higher education or a designee; the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance or a designee; the executive director of the Massachusetts clean energy center or a designee; the chairs of the joint committee on higher education; the chairs of the joint committee on bonding; a representative from the University of Massachusetts, appointed by the president of the University of Massachusetts; a representative from the state universities, appointed by the State Universities Council of Presidents; a representative of the Massachusetts association of community colleges; a representative of the University of Massachusetts Building Authority; and a representative of the Massachusetts State College Building Authority.

(c) The working group shall study and report on: (i) the feasibility and impacts of establishing a permanent financing structure using income surtax revenues for the issuance of debt for the benefit of public higher education capital needs; (ii) support for the University of Massachusetts Building Authority and the Massachusetts State College Building Authority to identify and finance investments in public higher education infrastructure; (iii) the capital funding necessary for public higher education campuses, broken down by campus; (iv) potential federal sources of reimbursement or grant funding for public higher education capital projects; (v) a prioritization process for public higher education capital needs; (vi) the total bonding capacity available for a public higher education capital projects bond legislation, including recommendations for the use of any general or special obligation bonds; (vii) a recommendation for a funding amount for future bond legislation for public higher education capital needs; (viii) potential processes for application, approval, design and delivery of capital projects for public higher education campuses; and (ix) possible investments for future bond legislation for public higher education capital needs, including, but not limited to, decarbonization, deferred
maintenance and facilities improvement for the public higher education system of the
commonwealth.

(d) Not later than March 1, 2025, the working group shall submit its report, including any
proposed legislation necessary to carry out its recommendations, to the governor, the clerks of
the house of representatives and the senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means,
the joint committee on higher education and the joint committee on bonding.

SECTION 197. The Massachusetts Port Authority shall construct and maintain from
available funds, an enhanced runway safety area at the end of runway 27, including a pier that
extends into Boston harbor over tidelands, at the General Edward Lawrence Logan International
Airport. The runway safety area at the end of runway 27 shall extend approximately 460 feet
beyond the harbor line of 1966 between points C and D pursuant to chapter 733 of the acts of
1966. The construction and maintenance of the runway safety area shall be subject to chapter 91
of the General Laws.

SECTION 198. There shall be a task force to study post-retirement employment of public
employees. The task force shall consist of: 1 member appointed by the president of the senate,
who shall serve as co-chair; 1 member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives,
who shall serve as co-chair; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the house of
representatives; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the senate; the executive director
of the public employee retirement administration commission or a designee; the executive
director of the state retirement board or a designee; the executive director of the teachers’
retirement system or a designee; the inspector general or a designee; the commissioner of
revenue or a designee; the president of the Retired State County & Municipal Employees
Association of Massachusetts; the executive director of the Massachusetts Municipal
Association, Inc.; the president of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, Inc.; and 2 members appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a member of a union representing state employees and 1 of whom shall be a member of a union representing municipal employees.

The task force shall evaluate the process, limits and controls for post-retirement employment of public employees subject to section 91 of chapter 32 of the General Laws. The study shall include, but not be limited to: (i) an evaluation of proposed standards to track post-retirement earnings and hours; (ii) an evaluation of proposed disclosure and reporting requirements for public retirees and employers, including verification of potential employees’ status as a public retiree; (iii) an evaluation of a system for reporting such post-retirement status to an oversight agency; (iv) an examination of methods to simplify the post-retirement earnings cap; (v) an evaluation of the feasibility of the department of revenue to conduct an annual earnings match for all public retirees; (vi) an evaluation of the feasibility of creating a new agency tasked with enforcing post-retirement earnings limits or enhancing the enforcement authority of the public employee retirement administration commission; (vii) an examination of proposed financial penalties for public retirees who knowingly and willfully exceed their post-retirement earnings cap; (viii) an evaluation of the different ways a public retiree may work for another public entity including as contractors, part-time employees, staff augmentation resources or any other employment model, along with recommendations to provide guidance for the use or prohibition of such models; and (ix) any other information the task force deems relevant.

The task force shall submit a report of its study, findings and recommendations, together with any draft legislation necessary to effectuate such recommendations, by filing it with the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives not later than June 30, 2025.
SECTION 199. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary and subject to all required federal approvals, the health safety net office established by section 65 of chapter 118E of the General Laws shall adjust the payment methodology for any federally qualified community health center established under chapter 147 of the acts of 1995 in a manner that shall negate the impact of any site-neutral payment policy on the rate of payment to said qualified community health centers. The office shall consult with affected centers prior to adjusting the payment methodology for said centers; provided, however, that the new funding policy shall be reflected in payments starting on January 1, 2025 and shall apply retroactively as of October 1, 2024.

SECTION 200. (a) There shall be a special commission to study the implementation of vocational education annexes in gateway municipalities as defined in section 3A of chapter 23A of the General Laws. The commission shall investigate: (i) the cost of constructing 3,000 to 5,000 square feet of vocational annex classrooms at comprehensive high schools; (ii) methods to sustainably fund and staff regionally aligned vocational programming in the building trades for juniors and seniors at comprehensive high schools; and (iii) estimated costs and current funding streams to finance potential projects.

(b) The commission shall consist of: the chairs of the joint committee on education; 1 member appointed by the senate president, who shall serve as co-chair; 1 member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, who shall serve as co-chair; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; the secretary of education or a designee; the commissioner of elementary and secondary education or a designee; the executive director of the Massachusetts School Building Authority or a designee; 3 members to be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a
representative of a gateway municipality with knowledge of municipal finance and 1 of whom shall be an individual with demonstrated expertise in the design and construction of cost-effective school buildings; the executive director of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, Inc.; the president of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, Inc.; the president of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators, Inc.; the president of the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Institute of Architects; the executive director of the Massachusetts Facilities Administrators Association; the president of the Massachusetts Teachers Association; the president of the American Federation of Teachers, Massachusetts; the president of the Home Builders Institute; the president of the Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education; the executive director of the Vocational Education Justice Coalition within the Massachusetts Community Action Network; and the president of the Massachusetts Building Trades Council.

(c) The commission shall submit a report of its findings and its recommendations for proposed legislation, if any, by filing the same with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives and the joint committee on education not later than March 1, 2025.

SECTION 201. (a) There shall be a special commission on combatting antisemitism in the commonwealth. The commission shall: (i) report on trends and data related to incidents of antisemitism in the commonwealth; (ii) make recommendations for the implementation of the United States national strategy to counter antisemitism; (iii) identify and evaluate existing efforts to combat antisemitism in the commonwealth; (iv) identify best practices from efforts to combat antisemitism in other states and jurisdictions; (v) evaluate the commonwealth’s hate crime statutes and whether any amendments would better protect residents from antisemitism and other similar forms of hatred; and (vi) recommend strategies, programs and legislation to combat
antisemitism in the commonwealth. The commission shall submit a report of its study and
recommendations to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and the senate and
house committees on ways and means not later than November 30, 2024.

(b) The commission shall consist of: 3 persons appointed by the senate president, 1 of
whom shall have expertise in combatting antisemitism and 1 of whom shall represent a Jewish
community organization in the commonwealth; 3 persons appointed by the speaker of the house
of representatives, 1 of whom shall have expertise in combatting antisemitism and 1 of whom
shall represent a Jewish community organization in the commonwealth; 1 member who shall be
appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; 1 member who shall be
appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 2 persons appointed by the governor, 1 of whom
shall have expertise in legal issues related to civil rights and civil liberties; 2 persons appointed
by the Massachusetts Municipal Association, Inc.; the attorney general or a designee; the chair of
the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination or a designee; the commissioner of
higher education or a designee; the commissioner of elementary and secondary education or a
designee; 1 person appointed by the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association; 1 person
appointed by the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association Incorporated; and 1 member
appointed by the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, Inc. The senate president
and the speaker of the house of representatives shall each designate a co-chair from their
respective appointees.

SECTION 202. (a) There shall be a special commission to study cost-of-living
adjustments for members of the state employees’ retirement system and state teachers’ retirement
system. The study shall include, but shall not be limited to: (i) a review of the feasibility of
possible increases in the maximum base amount, on which timely periodic cost-of living
adjustments are calculated; (ii) an estimate of the fiscal impact of an increase pursuant to clause (i); and (iii) sustainable methods of funding timely periodic cost-of-living adjustments for members of said systems. The commission may request, and the public employee retirement administration commission and the Massachusetts teachers’ retirement board shall provide, actuarial reports and studies relevant to carry out the work of this section.

(b) The commission shall consist of the following members or their designees: the chairs of the joint committee on public service; the secretary of administration and finance; the executive director of the public employee retirement administration commission; a representative of the pension reserves investment management board; a representative of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, Inc.; and 3 members to be appointed by the governor: 1 of whom shall be a representative appointed by the Retired State, County and Municipal Employees Association of Massachusetts, 1 of whom shall be a representative appointed by the state board of retirement and 1 of whom shall be a representative appointed by the Massachusetts teachers’ retirement board. The board shall elect from its members a chair.

(c) Not later than February 1, 2025, the commission shall file a report with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate providing the results of its study and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of proposed legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into effect.

SECTION 203. (a) There is hereby established a stakeholder lottery modernization committee. The committee shall be comprised of the following members: a representative from the New England Convenience Store and Energy Marketers Association, Inc.; a representative from the Retailers Association of Massachusetts, Inc.; a representative operating as a licensed sales agent in a brick and mortar retail store in the commonwealth chosen by the director of the
lottery and appointed to a 1-year term; a representative of the Massachusetts Restaurant
Association, Inc.; a representative from the Massachusetts Council on Gaming and Health, Inc.;
and any other member the executive director of the lottery deems necessary to carry out the work
of the committee, who shall be appointed and serve for a 1-year term.

(b) The committee shall submit recommendations to the lottery commission, established
by section 23 of chapter 10 of the General Laws, for the development and implementation of: (i)
modernization of the lottery system comprised of traditional brick and mortar lotteries; and (ii)
lotteries conducted online, over the internet and through the use of mobile phone applications.

(c) The committee shall review all processing fees associated with point of sale
transactions using debit cards and make recommendations to the director of the lottery on the
processing fees derived from the use of debit cards.

(d)(1) The committee shall meet monthly until the first sale of an online lottery ticket or
share. The committee shall submit recommendations to the director of the lottery commission
pursuant to subsections (b) and (c).

(2) For 18 months after the first sale of an online lottery ticket or share, the committee
shall meet quarterly to review lottery modernization and to develop and submit recommendations
to the director of the lottery commission pursuant to subsections (b) and (c).

(e) At the first meeting of the committee, members of the committee shall elect a chair by
simple majority vote, who shall establish the agenda for all meetings and preside over meetings.
A simple majority of members of the advisory board shall be present for actions to be taken.

(f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to allow the committee access to
information that is not available pursuant to section 10 of chapter 66 of the General Laws.
Nothing in this section shall prevent any member of the stakeholder lottery modernization committee from making their own independent recommendation to the director of the lottery.

SECTION 204. Not later than 30 days after the sale of the first online lottery ticket or share the director of the lottery commission shall submit a public notice with the state secretary for publication in the Massachusetts register of the date of the first sale.

SECTION 205. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

“Department”, the department of conservation and recreation.

“Environmental justice population”, as defined in section 62 of chapter 30 of the General Laws.

“Environmental justice principles”, as defined in said section 62 of said chapter 30.

“Riverside neighborhood”, the portions of the city of Cambridge bounded by the Charles river, River street, Massachusetts avenue and John F. Kennedy street, as shown on a map titled “Riverside, Cambridge, Massachusetts” on file with the Cambridge Community Development Department Cambridge GIS.

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a task force to study and make recommendations to the department to: (i) address equitable access to the Charles river in the area between the Longfellow bridge and the Eliot bridge; (ii) ensure that inclusive processes are in place to engage all relevant stakeholders when decisions involving the Charles river area are made; and (iii) improve communication with all involved stakeholders.

(c) The task force’s recommendations pursuant to subsection (b) and report pursuant to subsection (g) shall include, but shall not be limited to, ways to: (i) ensure that the department
considers environmental justice principles when making decisions involving the area of the
Charles river between the Longfellow bridge and the Eliot bridge; (ii) ensure that all stakeholders
are engaged when substantive decisions are made regarding closing or limiting access to
Memorial drive; (iii) ensure that the residents of the abutting neighborhood receive proper
notification when the department makes changes to access to Memorial drive; and (iv) improve
programming along the Charles river that may be enjoyed by a wide variety of stakeholders.
(d) The task force shall consist of: the commissioner of the department, or a designee,
who shall serve as co-chair; the undersecretary of environmental justice and equity within the
executive office of energy and environmental affairs, or a designee, who shall serve as co-chair;
the director of the bureau of climate and environmental health within the department of public
health, or a designee; 1 member appointed by Cambridge Health Alliance; 1 member appointed
by the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority; 1 member appointed by the Cambridge branch of
the NAACP; 1 member appointed by the Cambridge Black Pastors Alliance, Inc.; 1 member
appointed by My Brother’s Keeper Cambridge; 1 member appointed by the Massachusetts
Bicycle Coalition, Incorporated; 1 member appointed by the Charles River Conservancy, Inc.; 1
member appointed by Cambridge Mothers Out Front; 1 member appointed by The Nature
Conservancy of Massachusetts, Inc.; 1 member appointed by the Charles River Watershed
Association; 1 member appointed by The People for Riverbend Park Trust; and not less than 6
individuals whose primary residence is within 1/2 mile of the Charles river and who are
members of an environmental justice population or live in subsidized housing; provided,
however, that at least 2 of the individuals shall reside in the Riverside neighborhood. Task force
membership shall reflect diverse representation in the commonwealth, including, but not limited
to, diverse cultures, races, ethnicities, languages, disabilities, gender identities, sexual orientations, geographic locations and ages.

(e) The task force may consult with the department to inform its work. The department shall provide to the task force requested information relevant to the work of the task force.

(f) The task force shall hold not less than 3 public hearings and accept public comment before filing its final report pursuant to subsection (g).

(g) Not later than June 30, 2025, the task force shall submit a report with its recommendations to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate.

SECTION 206. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

“Lay off”, a reduction in force or reorganization resulting from declining enrollment or other budgetary reasons.

“Lay off requirements”, the requirements as described in the last paragraph of section 42 of chapter 71 of the General Laws.

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of elementary and secondary education shall study and report on the impacts of lay off requirements on teacher diversity in the commonwealth.

(c)(1) Not later than October 1, 2025, the department of elementary and secondary education shall file a report with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and the joint committee on education, including an analysis and recommendations on the impacts of the lay off requirements on teacher diversity.

(2) The report shall include, but shall not be limited to: (i) an analysis of the demographics of teachers that were laid off relative to their representation in the
commonwealth’s teacher workforce in school years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025, including an
analysis related to any disproportionate lay offs for teachers of color; (ii) data on any teachers
laid off in the school years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 and their performance evaluation ratings in
the school years immediately prior to the school year in which they were laid off; (iii) an analysis
detailing the extent to which teachers who worked at schools with large numbers of high-needs
students were laid off in the school years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025, including an analysis
related to any disproportionate lay offs for teachers of color; and (iv) an analysis detailing the
extent to which teachers who worked at schools with low teacher retention were laid off in the
school years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025, including an analysis related to any disproportionate lay
offs for teachers of color.

SECTION 207. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the
department of public utilities shall implement section 139 of chapter 164 of the General Laws
not later than November 30, 2024.

SECTION 208. Lynn Heritage state park in the city of Lynn shall be designated and
known as Veterans Memorial park. The department of conservation and recreation shall erect
and maintain suitable markers bearing such designation in compliance with the standards of the
department.

SECTION 209. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, grants from
the amounts collected pursuant to subsection (a) of section 13T of chapter 23A of the General
Laws allocated to regional tourism councils pursuant to clause (ii) of subsection (d) of said
section 13T of said chapter 23A for fiscal year 2025 shall be distributed not later than December
1, 2024 pursuant to a transfer schedule determined by the executive office for administration and
finance.
SECTION 210. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, grants from the amounts collected pursuant to subsection (b) of section 13T of chapter 23A of the General Laws allocated to regional tourism councils pursuant to clause (ii) of subsection (d) of said section 13T of said chapter 23A for fiscal year 2024 shall be distributed not later than December 1, 2024 pursuant to a transfer schedule determined by the executive office for administration and finance.

SECTION 211. To meet the language access and inclusion notice requirements pursuant to sections 81 to 83, inclusive, and sections 86, 87, 93 and 96, the department of revenue shall evaluate every 10 years the 7 most commonly spoken languages of the commonwealth utilizing the most recent data from the decennial federal census. The department shall update and prepare notices in language understandable by a least sophisticated consumer and the 7 most commonly spoken languages in the commonwealth, as established by the most recent census data.

SECTION 212. A former owner or other previous holder of the right of redemption of property or their successors in interest, whose right of redemption was foreclosed upon by a final judgment of foreclosure entered on or after May 25, 2021, but before the effective date of this act, may file a written complaint in the superior court for the return of excess equity in accordance with section 64A of chapter 60 of the General Laws within 12 months after the effective date of this act; provided, however, that no claim for the return of excess equity may be asserted by any party where a land court judgment of foreclosure was entered and not appealed, on or before May 24, 2021.

SECTION 213. There shall be a special commission to conduct a comprehensive study relative to current law and practice around the collection of delinquent property tax revenue by cities and towns.
The commission shall consist of: the chairs of the joint committee on revenue or their designees, who shall serve as co-chairs; the commissioner of revenue or a designee; the chief justice of the land court department or a designee; the chief justice of the superior court department or a designee; 1 member who shall be appointed by the senate president; 1 member who shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; 1 member who shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; 1 member who shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 1 member who shall be appointed by the governor; the attorney general or a designee; the executive director of the Massachusetts Municipal Association Inc.; the president of the Massachusetts Collectors’ and Treasurers’ Association, Inc; a representative of third-party purchasers of tax receivables; and a representative on property owners’ rights.

The commission shall file a report that shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) an examination and assessment of the current local property tax collection processes, including property owner notification and communication, property tax deferral options or exemptions that exist for special classes, third-party investor and any subsequent foreclosure proceedings;

(ii) an examination of the role of purchasers of tax receivables, including third-party purchasers of tax receivables, on the collection of delinquent property tax revenue and any recommended changes to the practice;

(iii) recommended changes to the current statutory interest rate for delinquent property taxes, if any, and the effect such changes would have on municipal operations and finances;
(iv) an examination of the revenue impact on cities and towns from former owners seeking to recover lost equity to which they may be entitled following the United States Supreme Court ruling in Tyler v. Hennepin County, 598 U.S. 631 (2023);

(v) recommended changes to the statute of limitations for such claims, if any;

(vi) the feasibility of a neutral third-party, including special masters and arbitrators, to oversee the determination of excess equity;

(vii) recommendations to implement additional reforms to municipal payment agreements under section 62A of chapter 60 of the General Laws for seniors and individuals whose primary income source is disability benefits;

(viii) the collection and analysis of data, which may include the number of foreclosures of properties following a tax taking which resulted in the loss of excess equity by former property owners for the 3 years preceding the United States Supreme Court ruling in Tyler v. Hennepin County, 598 U.S. 631 (2023);

(ix) best practices in place in other states; and

(x) any other recommendations that the commission finds to be in the interest of property owners and municipalities.

The commission shall file its final report and its recommendations for legislation, if any, with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the joint committee on revenue and the senate and house committee on ways and means not later than December 31, 2025.

SECTION 214. (a) There shall be a special commission to study and examine opportunities for collaboration and consolidation among the department of correction, the county sheriffs, the parole board and the office of community corrections. For the purposes of this section, “facility” shall include a correctional facility, a house of correction and a jail.
(b) The commission shall develop a list of alternatives to the distribution of responsibilities and oversight of facilities and shall consider any positive and negative impacts of each alternative. In developing alternatives, the commission shall: (i) consider the long-term fiscal sustainability of the facilities and recognize the need to reduce the cost to taxpayers of maintaining and operating facilities below capacity; (ii) recognize the need to provide safe and humane facilities for incarcerated persons; (iii) preserve flexibility to respond in a cost-effective manner to changes in incarceration levels; (iv) recognize the importance of evidence-based rehabilitative programming for incarcerated persons; (v) recognize the value of community-integrated reentry support services; (vi) recognize the advantages of local facilities for pretrial confinement and short incarcerations; (vii) recognize the advantages of local facilities in supporting family and community connections; (viii) recognize the value of existing facilities and other investments; (ix) recognize the need for increasing regional collaboration; (x) recognize the unique roles of sheriffs in varying urban and rural regions; (xi) recognize the unique issues posed by incarcerating female and LGTBQ+ populations; (xii) recognize the importance of addressing the social determinants of health in reentry services; (xiii) recognize the role that community organizations play in reentry services; and (xiv) recognize the alternative needs that county sheriffs may address.

(c)(1) The commission shall consist of the 9 voting members and 11 nonvoting members.

(2) The 9 voting members shall include: 2 members appointed by the senate president, 1 of whom shall serve as co-chair; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; 2 members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall serve as co-chair; 3 members appointed by the governor who shall have experience in management, public finance,
correctional policies and procedures or reentry and rehabilitative programming; provided,
however, that no voting member shall be a present employee of a facility. The voting members
on the commission shall reflect the geographic diversity of the commonwealth.

(3) The 11 nonvoting members shall include: the commissioner of probation, or a
designee; 3 members appointed by the Massachusetts Sheriffs’ Association, Inc.; 3 members
appointed by the governor, of whom 1 shall be a retired correction officer, 1 shall be a social
worker or other licensed mental health professional and 1 shall be a retired judge of the
commonwealth; and 4 members to be appointed by the attorney general, of whom 1 shall be an
advocate for prisoners’ rights, 1 shall be a formerly incarcerated person whose sentence was
served in a state correctional facility, 1 shall be a formerly incarcerated person whose sentence
was served in a county correctional facility and 1 shall have expertise or experience in healthcare
for incarcerated persons.

(4) Five voting members shall constitute a quorum. The first meeting of the commission
shall be convened not more than 30 days after 5 voting members have been appointed.

(d) The commission shall submit a written report of its findings with the clerks of the
senate and house of representatives, the senate and house committees on ways and means and the
joint committee on public safety and homeland security not later than September 30, 2026.

SECTION 215. (a) The board of higher education shall convene a task force to study and
make recommendations on improving quality and affordability of higher education in the
commonwealth, including state financial assistance programs for students domiciled in the
commonwealth and attending the university of Massachusetts segment or the state university
segment as defined under section 5 of chapter 15A of the General Laws.
The task force shall review and evaluate: (i) state assistance programs and funding, including, but not limited to, aid for tuition, fees, books, supplies and other costs of attendance and make recommendations to ensure the accessibility and affordability of said higher education institutions and how to achieve best outcomes; (ii) student costs and debts during and after attending said universities; (iii) programs that improve student success, including, but not limited to, academic support, career counseling, assistance with applying for state and federal benefits and improvements to facilities; (iv) improvements needed to increase the recruitment and retention of qualified adjunct and full-time faculty and staff; and (v) financial assistance program design and models to efficiently increase state assistance, improve outcomes and reduce student costs. The task force shall consider financial, logistical, cultural and other barriers affecting students, the financial resources of the state, the financial resources of students attending university and make recommendations to reduce barriers and increase access to high-quality higher education. The department of higher education may provide staff and research support to assist the task force.

(b) The task force shall consist of: 2 members of the board of higher education, who shall serve as co-chairs; the chairs of the joint committee on higher education or their designees; the secretary of education, or a designee; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the senate; the commissioner of higher education, or a designee; the president of the University of Massachusetts, or a designee; a representative of the state universities; a representative of the community colleges; 5 persons appointed by the governor, 2 of whom shall represent faculty or staff working at a university and 2 of whom shall represent students currently enrolled at a public institution of higher education; the executive director of the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center, Inc. or a designee; the
executive director of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, Inc. or a designee; the executive
director of the Massachusetts Business Roundtable, or a designee; the executive director from the
Massachusetts Teachers Association, or a designee; and the executive director of the
Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education, Inc.

(c) The commission shall submit an initial report to the clerks of the senate and house of
representatives and the house and senate committee on ways and means not later than December
15, 2024. The commission shall submit a final report to the clerks of the senate and house of
representatives and the house and senate committee on ways and means not later than March 31,
2025.

SECTION 216. The secretary of administration and finance shall develop a plan,
including estimated costs and a proposed timeline for implementation, to ensure that any state
form or document issued by a state agency that requires an individual to indicate the individual’s
gender shall provide an opportunity for the individual to choose a gender option other than male
or female; provided, however, that the secretary shall ensure that such a form or document
complies with applicable federal rules and regulations. The secretary shall submit the plan to the
clerks of the senate and house of representatives and the senate and house committees on ways
and means not later than January 1, 2025.

SECTION 217. Not later than January 1, 2025, the registry of motor vehicles, the state
secretary and any state agency, including, but not limited to, the department of children and
families, the department of youth services, the department of mental health and the committee
for public counsel services, that interacts with youth or young adults in the care of such state
agency or provides youth or young adults with legal assistance shall develop materials for
dissemination to inform youth and young adults of the options regarding sex and gender
designations on state forms and documents pursuant to this act and develop processes to assist youth and young adults who wish to change their gender designation.

SECTION 218. Within 60 days of the effective date of this act, the department of higher education shall designate members of the MassTransfer Steering Committee established under section 48 of chapter 15A of the General Laws. Not later than 1 year after the effective date of this act, the department of higher education shall publish the website pursuant to subsection (b) of said section 48 of said chapter 15A.

SECTION 219. Notwithstanding any general law or special law to the contrary, the secretary of health and human services shall implement new annual funding of not less than $63,600,000 total computable within the state-directed Medicaid managed care incentive initiative payment mechanisms to the non-state-owned public hospital for each of the fiscal years 2024 to 2027, inclusive, at full levels, including the 20 per cent increase to the maximum payment amounts listed in items 2, 4 and 5 of section 6 of Attachment Q of the MassHealth demonstration waiver approved May 15, 2023, effective October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2027, inclusive, under subsection (a) of section 1115 of Title XI of the federal Social Security Act.

SECTION 220. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary of health and human services, in collaboration with the non-state-owned public hospital, shall seek any and all required federal approvals the secretary and the non-state-owned public hospital deem necessary to implement section 219, including any required waivers and other applicable submissions necessary to implement the state-directed payment mechanisms under 42 CFR 438.6(c).

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the payments to the non-state-owned public hospital shall be authorized annually by the secretary and shall be made
through the Medical Assistance Trust Fund established in section 2QQQ of chapter 29 of the General Laws.

(c) The secretary of health and human services shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on health care financing of any federal approval received or denied pursuant to this section.

SECTION 221. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in the event that the commonwealth does not receive initial federal approvals pursuant to section 219 that the secretary of health and human services determines necessary to implement said section 219, the secretary, in collaboration with the non-state-owned public hospital, shall develop and pursue alternative federal funding mechanisms, as necessary, to achieve the specified incremental federal funding pursuant to said section 219 and shall seek all necessary federal approvals.

(b) The secretary of health and human services shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on health care financing of any federal approval received or denied pursuant to this section.

SECTION 222. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the unexpended balances in items 0699-0015 and 0699-9100 of section 2 shall be deposited into the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund established in section 24 of chapter 32A of the General Laws before the certification of the fiscal year 2025 consolidated net surplus, pursuant to section 5C of chapter 29 of the General Laws. The amount deposited shall be an amount equal to 10 per cent of all payments received by the commonwealth in fiscal year 2025 under the master settlement agreement in Commonwealth of Massachusetts v. Philip Morris, Inc. et al., Middlesex Superior Court, No. 95-7378; provided, however, that if the unexpended balances of said items 0699-0015
and 0699-9100 of said section 2 in fiscal year 2025 are less than 10 per cent of all payments received by the commonwealth in fiscal year 2025 under the master settlement agreement payments, an amount equal to the difference shall be transferred to the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund from payments received by the commonwealth under the master settlement agreement.

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the payment percentage set forth in section 152 of chapter 68 of the acts of 2011 shall not apply in fiscal year 2025.

SECTION 223. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the amounts transferred pursuant to subdivision (1) of section 22C of chapter 32 of the General Laws shall be made available for the Commonwealth’s Pension Liability Fund established in section 22 of said chapter 32. The amounts transferred pursuant to said subdivision (1) of said section 22C of said chapter 32 shall meet the commonwealth's obligations pursuant to said section 22C of said chapter 32, including retirement benefits payable by the state employees’ retirement system and the state teachers’ retirement system, for the costs associated with a 3 per cent cost-of-living adjustment pursuant to section 102 of said chapter 32, for the reimbursement of local retirement systems for previously authorized cost-of-living adjustments pursuant to said section 102 of said chapter 32 and for the costs of increased survivor benefits pursuant to chapter 389 of the acts of 1984. The state board of retirement and each city, town, county and district shall verify these costs, subject to rules that shall be adopted by the state treasurer. The state treasurer may make payments upon a transfer of funds to reimburse certain cities and towns for pensions of retired teachers, and including any other obligation that the commonwealth has assumed on behalf of a retirement system other than the state employees’ retirement system or state teachers’ retirement system and including the commonwealth's share of the amounts to be transferred pursuant to
section 22B of said chapter 32. The payments under this section shall be made only pursuant to
distribution of money from the Commonwealth’s Pension Liability Fund and any distribution,
and the payments for which distributions are required, shall be detailed in a written report
prepared quarterly by the secretary of administration and finance and submitted to the senate and
house committees on ways and means and the joint committee on public service in advance of
the distributions. Distributions shall not be made in advance of the date on which a payment is
actually to be made. If the amount transferred pursuant to said subdivision (1) of said section
22C of said chapter 32 exceeds the amount necessary to adequately fund the annual pension
obligations, the excess amount shall be credited to the Pension Reserves Investment Trust Fund
established in subdivision (8) of said section 22 of said chapter 32 to reduce the unfunded
pension liability of the commonwealth.

SECTION 224. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the
comptroller shall reduce any transfers attributable to capital gains tax collections required
pursuant to section 5G of chapter 29 of the General Laws during fiscal year 2025 by an amount
not to exceed $375,000,000 if the secretary of administration and finance makes a determination
that the funds are needed and submits such determination in writing to the house and senate
committees on ways and means that the funds are necessary to achieve balance for fiscal year
2025.

SECTION 225. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the
commissioner of revenue may establish a tax amnesty program during which all penalties that
may be assessed by the commissioner shall be waived without the need for any showing by the
taxpayer of reasonable cause or the absence of willful neglect for the failure of the taxpayer to:
(i) timely file any proper return for any tax type and for any tax period; (ii) timely pay any tax
liability; or (iii) pay the proper amount of any required estimated payment toward a tax liability. The waiver of a taxpayer’s liability under this section shall apply if the taxpayer, prior to the expiration of the amnesty period, voluntarily files proper returns and pays the full amount of tax shown on the taxpayer’s returns or upon the commissioner’s assessments, including all interest due. The waiver shall not apply to any penalties that may be due pursuant to section 35A, 35D or 35F of chapter 62C of the General Laws with regard to returns filed pursuant to the tax amnesty program. The waiver of penalties shall not apply to any period for which the taxpayer does not file proper returns. The tax amnesty program shall apply to tax returns due on or before December 31, 2024. If a taxpayer comes into compliance with tax obligations pursuant to the tax amnesty program, the commissioner may apply limited look-back periods for unfiled returns, not to exceed 4 years, unless the commissioner determines that the taxpayer has acted with fraudulent intent. The scope of the tax amnesty program, including the particular tax types, periods covered and the applicability of the look-back periods, shall be determined by the commissioner.

(b) The tax amnesty program shall be established within fiscal year 2025 for a period of 60 days to be determined by the commissioner and shall expire not later than June 30, 2025. If a taxpayer fails to pay the full liability by June 30, 2025, the commissioner shall retain any payments made and shall apply the payments against the outstanding liability and the tax amnesty shall not apply.

(c)(1) The commissioner may offer tax amnesty to taxpayers who have failed to file required returns due for any tax period on or before December 31, 2024; provided, however, that the taxpayer shall file the required return and shall pay the tax shown as due on the return during the amnesty period.
(2) The commissioner shall not authorize the waiver of interest or any amount treated as interest.

(3) The commissioner’s authority to waive penalties during the amnesty period shall not apply to any taxpayer who is or has been the subject of a tax-related criminal investigation or prosecution or to any taxpayer who delivers or discloses or has delivered or disclosed any false or fraudulent application, document, return or other statement.

(4) Any taxpayer who delivers or discloses a false or fraudulent application, document, return or other statement to the department of revenue in connection with a tax amnesty application pursuant to this section shall not be eligible for amnesty and shall be subject to the greater of: (i) the applicable penalties pursuant to chapter 62C of the General Laws; or (ii) a penalty not to exceed $10,000, which shall be calculated and assessed according to rules determined by the commissioner and may be subject to de minimis or other exceptions that the commissioner may consider appropriate. This penalty shall be subject to said chapter 62C and shall be added to and become part of the tax due.

(d) Tax amnesty shall not apply to penalties that the commissioner would not have the sole authority to waive including, but not limited to, fuel taxes administered under the International Fuel Tax Agreement or under the local option portions of taxes or excises collected for the benefit of cities, towns or state governmental authorities.

(e) The commissioner shall maintain records of the penalties waived pursuant to the tax amnesty program including, but not limited to: (i) the number of taxpayers provided with tax amnesty; (ii) the types of tax liability for which tax amnesty was provided and, for each type of liability, the amount of tax liability collected and the amount of penalties forgone by virtue of the tax amnesty program; and (iii) the total outstanding tax liability for amnesty-eligible taxpayers at
the conclusion of the tax amnesty program after the collection of all funds pursuant to this
section. The commissioner shall file a report detailing the tax amnesty program with the clerks of
the senate and house of representatives, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the
joint committee on revenue and the house and senate minority leaders not later than September 1,
2025. The report shall not contain information sufficient to identify an individual taxpayer or the
tax amnesty provided to an individual taxpayer pursuant to this section.

(f) The commissioner shall establish administrative procedures and methods to prevent a
taxpayer who utilizes the tax amnesty program from utilizing any future tax amnesty programs
for the next 10 consecutive years, beginning in calendar year 2024.

SECTION 226. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary
of administration and finance, in consultation with the secretary of health and human services,
may transfer not more than a total of $25,000,000 from the prescription advantage program in
item 9110-1455 of section 2 and the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of
chapter 118E of the General Laws in fiscal year 2025 to support the Medicare Saving or
Medicare Buy-In programs established in section 25A of said chapter 118E; provided, however,
that not less than 45 days in advance of the transfer, the secretary of health and human services
shall certify in writing to the house and senate committees on ways and means the amount to be
transferred and an explanation of the amount of expected savings to those programs resulting
from the transfer.

SECTION 227. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, payments
from the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E of the General
Laws may be made either as safety net care payments under the commonwealth's waiver
pursuant to section 1115 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1315, or as an adjustment to
service rate payments under Title XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act or a combination of both. Other federally permissible funding mechanisms available for certain hospitals, as defined by regulations of the executive office of health and human services, may be used to reimburse up to $70,000,000 of uncompensated care pursuant to sections 66 and 69 of said chapter 118E using sources distinct from the funding made available to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund.

SECTION 228. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, not later than October 1, 2024 and without further appropriation, the comptroller shall transfer from the General Fund to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E of the General Laws the greater of $45,000,000 or 1/12 of the total expenditures to hospitals and community health centers required pursuant to this act, for the purposes of making initial gross payments to qualifying acute care hospitals for the hospital fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024. These payments shall be made to hospitals before, and in anticipation of, the payment by hospitals of their gross liability to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund. The comptroller shall transfer from the Health Safety Net Trust Fund to the General Fund, not later than June 30, 2025, the amount of the transfer authorized by this section and any allocation of that amount as certified by the director of the health safety net office.

SECTION 229. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, prior to transferring the consolidated net surplus in the budgetary funds for fiscal year 2025 to the Commonwealth Stabilization Fund pursuant to section 5C of chapter 29 of the General Laws, the comptroller shall transfer $14,000,000 from the General Fund to the Disaster Relief and Resiliency Fund established in section 2HHHHHH of said chapter 29.

SECTION 230. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2025, $160,000,000 shall be considered operating assistance and distributed to regional transit
authorities from item 1595-6370 of section 2E and item 1596-2406 of section 2F. For fiscal year 2025, $90,500,000 of the amount transferred from said item 1595-6370 of said section 2E shall be distributed based on fiscal year 2024 distributions in accordance with the updated fiscal year 2024 bilateral memorandum of understanding between each regional transit authority and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation; provided, however, that each regional transit authority shall receive operating assistance from said item 1595-6370 of said section 2E of not less than the amount received in fiscal year 2024; and provided further, that $3,500,000 shall be distributed to each regional transit authority based on the following formula: (i) 60 per cent based on total transit ridership as reported on the most recent certified national transit data base report; (ii) 30 per cent based on the population of its member communities from the most recent census; and (iii) 10 per cent based on service coverage area determined by the total square miles of its member communities. The department may require each regional transit authority to provide data on ridership, customer service and satisfaction, asset management and financial performance, including farebox recovery, and shall include any such collected data in a report on the performance of regional transit authorities, detailing each authority’s progress towards meeting the performance metrics established in each memorandum of understanding.

SECTION 231. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in hospital fiscal year 2025, the office of inspector general may expend not more than $1,000,000 from the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E of the General Laws for costs associated with maintaining a health safety net audit unit within the office. The unit shall continue to oversee and examine the practices in hospitals including, but not limited to, the care of the uninsured and the resulting free charges. The unit shall also study and review the Medicaid program under said chapter 118E including, but not limited to, a review of the program’s
eligibility requirements, utilization, claims administration and compliance with federal mandates.

The inspector general shall submit a report to the senate and house committees on ways and
means detailing the results of the audits and any other completed analyses not later than March 1,
2025.

SECTION 232. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, nursing
facility rates to be effective on October 1, 2024 under section 13D of chapter 118E of the
General Laws may be developed using the costs of calendar year 2019.

SECTION 233. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the
comptroller, at the direction of the secretary of administration and finance, may transfer up to
$15,000,000 from the Commonwealth Care Trust Fund established in section 2000 of chapter
29 of the General Laws to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter
118E of the General Laws.

SECTION 234. Not later than June 30, 2025, the executive office of health and human
services and MassHealth shall establish rules and regulations for the implementation of
paragraph 6 of subsection (e) of section 9D of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as inserted by
section 116.

SECTION 235. Notwithstanding section 6 of chapter 6D of the General Laws, section 7
of chapter 12C of the General Laws, section 24N of chapter 111 of the General Laws, section
69A of chapter 118E of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the
surcharges to be collected pursuant to said section 6 of said chapter 6D, said section 7 of said
chapter 12C, said section 24N of said chapter 111 and said section 69A of said chapter 118E
shall be collected for the period beginning with the start of the applicable assessment year for
each such surcharge through the later of: (i) 1 full calendar month following the calendar month
in which the secretary receives all federal approvals deemed necessary pursuant to section 236; or (ii) December 31, 2024, and shall not be collected for the period beginning the later of: (A) 1 full calendar month following the calendar month in which the secretary receives all federal approvals deemed necessary pursuant to section 236; or (B) January 1, 2025, through the end date of the applicable assessment year. Any payment obligation of any surcharge payor pursuant to said section 6 of said chapter 6D, said section 7 of said chapter 12C, said section 24N of said chapter 111 or said section 69A of said chapter 118E existing as of the later of (i) one full calendar month following the calendar month in which the secretary receives all federal approvals deemed necessary pursuant to section 236, or (ii) December 31, 2024, shall survive until such transfer or payment obligation is satisfied. The secretary of health and human services may promulgate regulations to implement this section.

SECTION 236. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary of health and human services shall seek all required federal approvals that the secretary deems necessary to implement sections 4, 5, 18, 19, 20, 58, 111, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 126, 127, 130, 131 and 235, including any required waivers under 42 CFR § 433.68 necessary to implement the managed care organization services assessment described in section 68 of chapter 118E of the General Laws.

If, after having received any required federal approval necessary to implement sections 4, 5, 18, 19, 20, 58, 111, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 126, 127, 130, 131 and 235, such approval is withdrawn or is otherwise not in effect or if the secretary determines that a change in federal law or regulations or the administration of any such federal law or regulation requires a modification to the managed care organization services assessment described in said section 68 of said chapter 118E or to the implementation of the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of
said chapter 118E, the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project Fund established in said
section 2EEEEEE of said chapter 29 or the Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment
Fund established in said section 2FFFFFF of said chapter 29, the secretary shall notify the joint
committee on health care financing and the house and senate committees on ways and means to
develop alternatives.

Not later than February 15, 2026, and annually thereafter, the secretary shall report to the
house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on health care
financing: (i) the amount of the assessment made and collected from each managed care
organization’s managed care organization services subject to assessment pursuant to said section
68 of said chapter 118E; and (ii) the amounts transferred to, deposited in, expended from and
transferred from the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project Fund established in said
section 2EEEEEE of said chapter 29 and the Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment
Fund established in said section 2FFFFFF of said chapter 29.

SECTION 237. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, if the
commonwealth does not receive all federal approvals pursuant to section 236 that the secretary
of health and human services determines necessary to implement sections 4, 5, 18, 19, 20, 58,
111, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 126, 127, 130, 131 and 235, including any required waivers under
42 CFR § 433.68, said sections 4, 5, 18, 19, 20, 58, 111, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 126, 127, 130,
131 and 235 shall not become effective until the first full calendar month following the calendar
month in which the secretary determines that all such federal approvals have been received. The
secretary shall continue to seek all federal approvals necessary to implement said sections 4, 5,
18, 19, 20, 58, 111, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 126, 127, 130, 131 and 235 until such federal
approvals have been received or the United States Department of Health and Human Services or
the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services renders a final determination to deny the request for federal approvals determined necessary pursuant to section 236.

SECTION 238. Section 237 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 239. Notwithstanding section 186 of chapter 126 of the acts of 2022, sections 20, 23, 24, 57 and 63 of said chapter 126 shall take effect on October 1, 2027; provided, however, that any transfer or payment obligation existing under the second paragraph of section 2AAAAA of chapter 29 of the General Laws, subsection (c) of section 2TTTTT of said chapter 29 or subsection (c) of section 2UUUUU of said chapter 29 as of September 30, 2027, shall survive the effectiveness of this section.

SECTION 240. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary of health and human services shall seek all required federal approvals the secretary deems necessary to implement sections 49, 51, 121, 125, 128, 129, 168 and 239, including any required waivers under 42 CFR § 433.68 necessary to implement the updates to the hospital assessment described in section 67 of chapter 118E of the General Laws. If, after having received any required federal approval necessary to implement said sections 49, 51, 121, 125, 128, 129, 168 and 239, such approval is withdrawn or is otherwise not in effect or if the secretary determines that a change in federal law or regulations or the administration of any such federal law or regulation requires a modification to the hospital assessment described in said section 67 of said chapter 118E or to the implementation of the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of said chapter 118E, the Non-Acute Care Hospital Reimbursement Trust Fund established in section 2WWWW of chapter 29 of the General Laws, the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund established in section 2AAAAA of said chapter 29, the Hospital Investment and Performance Trust Fund established in section 2TTTTT of said chapter 29 or the Population Health
Investment Trust Fund established in section 2UUUUU of said chapter 29, the secretary shall provide written notification to the joint committee on health care financing and the house and senate committees on ways and means and shall consult with the Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association, Inc. to develop alternatives.

Not later than February 15, 2026, and annually thereafter, the secretary shall report to the joint committee on health care financing and the house and senate committees on ways and means: (i) the amount of the assessment made and collected from each hospital pursuant to said section 67 of said chapter 118E; and (ii) the amounts transferred to, deposited in, expended from and transferred from the Hospital Investment and Performance Trust Fund established in said section 2TTTTT of said chapter 29 and the Population Health Investment Trust Fund established in said section 2UUUUU of said chapter 29.

SECTION 241. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, if the commonwealth does not receive all federal approvals pursuant to section 240 that the secretary of health and human services determines necessary to implement sections 49, 51, 121, 125, 128, 129, 168 and 239, including any required waivers under 42 CFR § 433.68, said sections 49, 51, 121, 125, 128, 129, 168 and 239 shall not become effective until the first full calendar month following the calendar month in which the secretary determines all such federal approvals have been received. The secretary, in consultation with representatives of the Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association, Inc. shall continue to seek all federal approvals necessary to implement said sections 49, 51, 121, 125, 128, 129, 168 and 239 until such federal approvals are received or until the United States Department of Health and Human Services or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services renders a final determination to deny the request for federal approvals determined necessary pursuant to section 240.
SECTION 242. Section 240 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 243. Section 18 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 244. Section 203 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 245. Section 219 to 221, inclusive, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 246. Section 169 shall take effect on June 30, 2024.

SECTION 247. Section 104 shall take effect 60 days after the effective date of this act.

SECTION 248. Sections 49, 51, 121, 125, 128, 129, 168 and 239 shall take effect upon

the later of (i) one full calendar month following the calendar month in which the secretary

receives all federal approvals deemed necessary to implement said sections; or (ii) October 1,

2024.

SECTION 249. Section 135 shall take effect on October 31, 2024.

SECTION 250. Sections 80 to 99, inclusive, shall take effect on November 1, 2024.

SECTION 251. Section 100, 101 and 103 shall take effect for taxable years beginning on

or after January 1, 2024.

SECTION 252. Sections 4, 5, 18, 19, 20, 58, 111, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 126, 130 and

131 shall take effect upon the later of (i) one full calendar month following the calendar month in

which the secretary receives all federal approvals deemed necessary to implement said sections;

or (ii) January 1, 2025.

SECTION 253. Section 32 and section 21 of chapter 15D of the General Laws, as

inserted by section 36, shall take effect on January 15, 2025.

SECTION 254. Section 20 of chapter 15D of the General Laws, as inserted by section 36,

and sections 71, 72 and 73 shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

SECTION 255. Section 57 shall take effect on July 31, 2025.

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SECTION 256. Sections 117, 118 and 119 shall take effect upon the earlier of: (i) the receipt of all necessary federal approvals, including state plan and 1115 demonstration amendments; or (ii) January 1, 2025.

SECTION 257. Section 244 shall take effect 18 months after the date of the first sale of an online lottery ticket or share consistent with the date pursuant to section 204.

SECTION 258. Sections 127 and 242 shall take effect on October 1, 2027.

SECTION 259. Section 191 shall take effect on March 1, 2028.

SECTION 260. Section 245 shall take effect on October 1, 2028.

SECTION 261. Subsection (c1/2) of section 20 of chapter 15D of the General Laws, as inserted by section 36, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 262. Section 261 shall take effect June 30, 2029.

SECTION 263. Section 238 shall take effect on January 1, 2030.

SECTION 264. Except as otherwise specified, this act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.