

HOUSE No. 4010

House bill No. 4005, as amended and passed to be engrossed by the House. April 9, 2025.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purposes, which are to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2025 and to make certain changes in law, each of which is immediately necessary to carry out those appropriations or to accomplish other important public purposes, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

1 SECTION 1. To provide for supplementing certain items in the general appropriations act
2 and other appropriation acts for fiscal year 2025, the sums set forth in section 2 are hereby
3 appropriated from the Education and Transportation Fund established in section 2BBBBBB of
4 chapter 29 of the General Laws and the Education and Transportation Innovation and Capital
5 Fund established in section 2DDDDDD of said chapter 29, unless specifically designated
6 otherwise in this act or in those appropriation acts, for the several purposes and subject to the
7 conditions specified in this section and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public
8 funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. All appropriations in this section shall not be
9 subject to section 5D of chapter 29 of the General Laws. These sums shall be in addition to any
10 amounts previously appropriated and made available for the purposes of those items.

SECTION 2.

TRANSPORTATION

Massachusetts Department of Transportation

1596-2404	MBTA Physical Infrastructure.....	\$60,000,000
1596-2405	MBTA Low-Income Fare Relief	\$20,000,000
1596-2427	MBTA Workforce/Safety Reserve	\$400,000,000

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

1596-2422	Universal School Meals.....	\$10,000,000
1596-2424	Green Schoolworks.....	\$10,000,000
7061-0012	Special Education Circuit Breaker.....	\$58,000,000
	Student Opportunity Act Investment Fund.....	100%

Department of Higher Education

1596-2425	DHE Endowment Match.....	\$10,000,000
1596-2426	UMass Endowment Match.....	\$10,000,000

SECTION 2A. The sums set forth in this section are hereby appropriated from the Education and Transportation Fund established in section 2BBBBBB of chapter 29 of the General Laws and the Education and Transportation Innovation and Capital Fund established in

section 2DDDDDD of said chapter 29 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. These sums shall be made available through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2028.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Office of the Secretary

1596-2513 For a grant program for capital improvements, leasing of additional space and other initiatives necessary to build capacity and safely accommodate additional career technical education school slots; provided, that the funds shall be administered by the executive office of education, in consultation with the Massachusetts School Building Authority and the executive office of labor and workforce development; and provided further, that in determining a process for awarding grants, the executive office shall prioritize meeting the workforce demands of regional employers, reducing demonstrable waitlists at career and technical education schools and providing equitable access to career and technical skills training.....\$50,000,000

1596-2517 For local one-time education projects; provided, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for Gloucester Marine Genomics Institute Incorporated for costs associated with the education of students; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended as a grant to the Northeast Arc, Inc. for its Pathways to Opportunities program for education, mentorship, skill-building and job training of eligible high school students who are not immediately college bound; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended for the classroom expansion project at the United South End Settlements in the city of Boston;

provided further, that not less than \$875,000 shall be expended 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; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for 826 Boston, Inc. to administer writing enrichment, tutoring and college prep services for public school students; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for NeighborHealth Corporation for the development of a school-based health clinic within the Mario Umana Academy in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$45,000 shall be expended to the town of Wayland for the purchase of a van needed to expand transition programming for special education students in the Wayland public schools; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended to Junior Achievement of Greater Boston, Inc. to enhance middle school to career pathways, featuring the following programs: (a) interactive career exploration events designed to connect 1,200 8th graders with local businesses and industries to provide education pathways for career enhancement; (b) direct youth entrepreneurship by giving high school students the space, mentorship, materials and educational support necessary to launch and operate businesses in conjunction with coursework; (c) providing financial literacy courses, materials and educator training to students enrolled in financial literacy courses through designated district public schools; and (d) providing all levels of placement services and support for paid internships for program alumni; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for support of the Gloucester high school vocational school, including, but not limited to, the design, construction and implementation of a medical assisting program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for The Sports

Museum to continue Boston vs. Bullies programming and preservation; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended by the department of elementary and secondary education for a grant program to school districts for implementation of community schools, including, but not limited to, the hiring of community school coordinators; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended as a grant to The May Institute, Inc. to support accessibility and construction costs for its new school located in the town of Mansfield for the special education of public school students with autism and other developmental disabilities up to age 22; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to NEADS World Class Service Dogs to administer, expand and digitize the NEADS Red Vest Accessible program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Worcester public schools to supply elementary schools, that serve students in Main South and Columbus Park, with reading materials for English language learners that are relevant to and reflective of their experiences; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Leicester public schools to purchase equipment for its veterinary technician vocational program; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for full-time kindergarten tuition expenses for Braintree public schools; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to Special Olympics Massachusetts, Inc. for early motor skills development and inclusive pre-K and elementary education; provided further, that \$500,000 shall be expended to METCO, Inc. to supplement costs of late bus transportation for the 33 METCO school districts; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Calmer Choice to enable continuation of the non-profit's 15-year evidence-based mental health programming to students in grades K-12 and educators in 11 public schools and 11 community organizations throughout Cape Cod and the south shore; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be allocated to Wondermore Inc. to support

97 literacy initiatives in Boston public schools, with a focus on promoting diversity through author
98 visits and book distribution; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be allocated to
99 Boston public schools for the development of the Aviation Program at Madison Park technical
100 vocational high school, an FAA-certified initiative designed to train students to become licensed,
101 certified pilots; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Women's
102 Money Matters, Inc. to provide support for financial wellness programs; provided further, that
103 not less than \$100,000 shall be provided to the city of Brockton and expended for the installation
104 of a public safety crosswalk in front of New Heights charter school located on Main street in the
105 city of Brockton for costs associated with design and installation; provided further, that not less
106 than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Mattapan Technology Learning Center, Inc. for
107 instructors and case managers to provide job training and career placement for technical
108 industries; provided further, that \$50,000 shall be expended for the St. Stephen's Youth Parent
109 mentoring program at the Mattahunt elementary school to increase the parent mentoring cohort
110 size to 10; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Brave Behind Bars,
111 Inc. for the Tufts University Prison Initiative of Tisch College women's education program;
112 provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the E-Team training program to
113 support vocational education and workforce training for adults; provided further, that not less
114 than \$75,000 be expended for the Haitian-Creole program at New England Culinary Arts
115 Training; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the rehabilitation
116 and conversion of the McKinley school in the city of Revere into an early childhood education
117 center; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Blessed Stephen
118 Bellesini, O.S.A. Academy, Inc. to support underserved students in the city of Lawrence;
119 provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Jumpstart for Young Children,

120 Inc. to provide support to evidence-based early childhood education programs that promote
121 language, literacy and social-emotional skill development for preschool children from under-
122 served communities and the expanded scope of work that Jumpstart provides in the
123 commonwealth to address the early education workforce shortage; provided further, that not less
124 than \$2,700,000 shall be expended for Leo Inc. in the city of Lynn for capital costs to increase
125 childcare capacity at its Broad street preschool; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall
126 be expended for psychosocial educational programming at the Teen Torch Foundation; provided
127 further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be allocated to Amherst-Pelham regional school district
128 for special education services; provided further, that not less than \$850,000 shall be expended to
129 Charles River Community Health, Inc. to develop physical space and support start-up costs
130 necessary for a primary care medical residency program; provided further, that not less than
131 \$100,000 shall be expended for computer device replacement in the North Reading public
132 schools; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to the New Bedford
133 Whaling Museum's welcome and exhibition center; provided further, that not less than \$100,000
134 shall be expended for the town of West Springfield for educational materials, programs or
135 services incurred by the town of West Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$100,000
136 shall be expended for improvements to the Framingham high school auditorium; provided
137 further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Chenery middle school in the town
138 of Belmont for the Chenery park revitalization project to enhance educational opportunities for
139 students; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Shelburne
140 for playground improvements; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to
141 the town of Charlemont for the Mohawk Trail regional and Hawlemont school districts'
142 sustainability study; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for Julie's

143 Family Learning Program, Inc. for a 1-time investment to replace antiquated infrastructure at its
144 early education and care facility; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended
145 to People, Incorporated for expanded and affordable childcare access for infants, toddlers and
146 preschoolers in the city of Fall River; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be
147 expended to the Greenfield public schools to support students in the city of Greenfield; provided
148 further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Laboure Center, Inc. to offset costs
149 associated with placing English language learners through its nursing assistant and home health
150 aide program; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the Josiah
151 Quincy School Association in the city of Boston; provided further, that \$25,000 shall be
152 expended for the South Boston Neighborhood House, Inc. to offset a 1-time deficit for its early
153 education and care program; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the
154 town of Upton to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not
155 less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Northbridge to offset special education costs
156 for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of
157 Grafton to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less than
158 \$100,000 shall be expended for upgrades to the Lynnfield high school auditorium in the town of
159 Lynnfield to improve daily educational and after school uses of the auditorium; provided further,
160 that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Children's Room in the town of Arlington for
161 student mental health support; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for
162 the Westfield school district for costs associated with projects in the musical education of
163 students; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for bathroom renovation
164 and accessibility upgrades for the Belchertown public schools; provided further, that not less
165 than \$50,000 shall be expended for Springfield public schools for improvements to the Indian

166 Orchard elementary school; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to
167 Ellis memorial early education center in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than
168 \$25,000 shall be expended for necessary repairs to the Newbury elementary school in the town
169 of Newbury; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Springfield
170 public schools to expand the arts program by acquiring art supplies, theater essentials and pottery
171 supplies to increase student engagement; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be
172 expended to Kids In Tech, Inc. for the purposes of supporting after-school, hands-on science,
173 technology, engineering, art and math education programs across the commonwealth; provided
174 further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Springfield public schools to obtain
175 translation devices to support communication for multilingual learner students and their parents;
176 provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for improvements to pedestrian
177 and busing access at Walpole high school; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be
178 expended for Springfield public schools to obtain and disperse, to all schools, multilingual
179 dictionaries for multilingual learner students; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be
180 expended for Springfield public schools for improvements at Dorman elementary school;
181 provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Lunenburg for
182 educational materials, programs or services incurred by the town of Lunenburg; provided further,
183 that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Springfield public schools for improvements
184 at Boland elementary school; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for
185 Springfield public schools to obtain headphones for ACCESS testing for multilingual learner
186 students; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of
187 Bellingham to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less
188 than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Uxbridge to offset special education costs for

189 fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the
190 Blackstone-Millville regional school district to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2025;
191 provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Arlington for
192 technology upgrades in the Arlington public schools; provided further, that not less than
193 \$100,000 shall be expended to Methuen public schools to support special education services;
194 provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Springfield public schools for
195 the replacement of the fire alarm system at Springfield high school of science and technology;
196 provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Peabody public school
197 system to provide for the science from scientists program; provided further, that not less than
198 \$250,000 shall be expended toward academic and financial support services for students of the
199 Urban College of Boston: A Two-Year College, Inc.; provided further, that not less than
200 \$200,000 shall be expended to Marlborough public schools to offset unanticipated out of district
201 special education placements and related transportation costs; provided further, that not less than
202 \$75,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Franklin for the purchase of a special
203 education passenger van to transport and support students for in-district programs in the Franklin
204 public schools; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of
205 Watertown to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less
206 than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Waltham to offset special education costs for
207 fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of
208 Newton to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less than
209 \$200,000 shall be expended to College Bound Dorchester, Inc. for the administration of
210 alternative education and other services for at-risk youth; provided further, that not less than
211 \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Westford for technological equipment upgrades in

212 classrooms for Crisafulli elementary school in Westford; provided further, that not less than
213 \$300,000 shall be expended to Weymouth public schools for materials, tools, equipment,
214 technology and educational resources that support teaching, learning and educational
215 development within the Weymouth public schools vocational and career technical education
216 programs; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Melrose public
217 schools for energy efficiency upgrades to Lincoln elementary, Melrose high school, and Melrose
218 Veterans Memorial middle school; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be
219 expended to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of consolidating the following school
220 districts: Northern Berkshire school union, North Adams school district, and Hoosac valley
221 regional school district; the study will also take into consideration the consolidation of
222 services.....\$13,765,000

223 1596-2519 For a reserve to support regional school transportation
224 costs.....\$15,000,000

225 *Department of Early Education and Care*

226 1596-2511 For initiatives to support workforce, affordability and quality
227 improvements in the early education and care sector; provided, that funds may be transferred at
228 the direction of the secretary of administration and finance to the Early Education and Care
229 Operational Grant Fund established in section 19 of chapter 15D of the General Laws; provided
230 further, that not less than \$20,000,000 shall be expended for a reimbursement rate increase for
231 subsidized early education center-based and family child care providers in the fiscal year ending
232 on June 30, 2026; provided further, that not less than \$7,500,000 shall be expended for an early
233 education and care educator loan forgiveness program established in section 19G of said chapter

234 15A; provided further, that not less than \$8,000,000 shall be expended for grants to early
235 education and care providers for costs associated with personal childcare; provided further, that
236 notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, funds from said transfer may be
237 expended from said fund for one-time improvements that assist all families in connecting to child
238 care providers and other initiatives to support capacity building and workforce supports for early
239 education and care providers.....\$55,500,000

240 *Department of Elementary and Secondary Education*

241 1596-2514 For educational grants to reduce the waitlist for English for speakers of
242 other languages services; provided, that funds shall be administered by the department of
243 elementary and secondary education in coordination with the Workforce Skills Cabinet
244 established in Executive Order No. 560, dated February 26, 2015; provided further, that in
245 determining a process for awarding grants, the department shall prioritize programs focused on
246 training workers with the English language skills needed to fill in-demand jobs; and provided
247 further, that the commissioner of elementary and secondary education may transfer funds to item
248 7035-0002 and expend said funds subject to the conditions specified in said item in the general
249 appropriations act for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2026.....\$8,500,000

250 1596-2515 For an early literacy high-dosage tutoring initiative program directed by
251 the commissioner of elementary and secondary education; provided, that said program shall
252 support Massachusetts public schools and districts to partner with providers approved by the
253 department of elementary and secondary education to address pandemic-related learning loss and
254 other identified underperformance to support accelerated literacy growth for students in
255 kindergarten through grade 3; provided further, that students characterized as below benchmark

in grade 1 shall be prioritized; provided further, that funds may support activities, including, but not limited to: (i) providing early literacy tutoring services for students in kindergarten through grade 3 who have not met relevant benchmarks on department of elementary and secondary education-approved early literacy screening assessments; (ii) administering said screening assessments for participating students and collecting and sharing pre- and post-tutoring data; (iii) studying the impact of the provided tutoring; and (iv) providing in-person or virtual foundational skills-focused tutoring services per department of elementary and secondary education guidance; and provided further, that participating entities may include, but shall not be limited to: (a) public schools; and (b) districts serving a large proportion of high-needs students.....\$25,000,000

1596-2516 For a reserve to support reimbursements to school districts and direct payments to service providers for special education instructional and transportation costs pursuant to section 5A of chapter 71B of the General Laws and item 7061-0012; provided, that reimbursements shall be made in the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2026 for costs incurred in the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2025; provided further, that funds may be transferred to said item 7061-0012 and expended subject to the conditions specified in said item in the general appropriations act for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2026; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the office of the inspector general to review school district transportation service practices provided pursuant to said section 5A of said chapter 71B, including, but not limited to, procurement of said services, and to make recommendations for school districts that aim to reduce costs and ensure that districts maximize purchasing power and act transparently and efficiently to provide said services; provided further, that the office of the inspector general shall review possible ways for districts to consolidate transportation services regionally, to the extent practicable; provided further, that not later than February 2, 2026, the

279 office of the inspector general shall submit to the house and senate committees on ways and
280 means and the joint committee on education and publish on its website recommendations and
281 best practices: (i) for school districts to reduce costs and maximize purchasing power for
282 transportation services; (ii) to consolidate transportation services regionally, to the extent
283 practicable; and (iii) that the office deems necessary for said services; provided further, that the
284 office of the inspector general shall include in its recommendations any information on cost
285 savings for school districts by following said best practices and recommendations; and provided
286 further, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall provide any information
287 necessary for the office of the inspector general to conduct a comprehensive review under this
288 item.....\$190,000,000

289 1596-9805 For programs to encourage graduates of the commonwealth's public
290 institutions of higher education to work as public school educators; provided, that not less than
291 \$1,237,500 shall be expended to fund the tomorrow's educators scholarship program established
292 pursuant to section 19D of chapter 15A of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than
293 \$1,237,500 shall be expended for a student loan repayment assistance program for public school
294 educators; provided further, that the student loan repayment assistance program shall be
295 administered by the executive office of education and that funds for the program may be
296 expended to enhance existing loan repayment assistance programs, if appropriate; provided
297 further, that the student loan repayment assistance program shall provide assistance of not more
298 than \$7,500 per eligible individual; provided further, that said program shall prioritize the
299 recruitment and retention of racially, culturally, ethnically and linguistically diverse educators
300 consistent with chapter 132 of the acts of 2019 to diversify the educator workforce; provided
301 further, that to be eligible for loan repayment assistance under this item, an individual shall: (a)

302 have completed a bachelor’s degree program at a public institution of higher education as
303 defined in section 5 of chapter 15A of the General Laws and including Quincy College, after
304 January 1, 2020; (b) have outstanding educational debt that was incurred to pay tuition, fees or
305 additional costs of attendance as calculated by the institution of higher education, including, but
306 not limited to, room and board, books and supplies, transportation, child care and personal
307 expenses, while enrolled in an undergraduate degree or post-baccalaureate program at the
308 institution; and (c) commit to and work for 4 years in a school district, as defined in section 2 of
309 chapter 70 of the General Laws, as a teacher, instructional or program paraprofessional, or in any
310 other position that requires a license or other form of certification issued by the department of
311 elementary and secondary education or other state agency; provided further, that the executive
312 office of education shall promulgate regulations for the administration and enforcement of the
313 student loan repayment assistance program which shall include repayment procedures if a
314 participating individual fails to comply with the program requirements; provided further, that if
315 the funds appropriated for the program are insufficient to cover costs of all eligible individuals,
316 priority shall be given to educators working in school districts with higher shares of students who
317 are designated as low income as defined in said section 2 of said chapter 70; provided further,
318 that not less than 45 days prior to the obligation of funds for the loan repayment assistance
319 program, the executive office of education shall submit a comprehensive program plan to the
320 executive office for administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and
321 means and the joint committee on education; and provided further, that funds from this item may
322 be expended on a public awareness campaign on the loan repayment assistance
323 program.....\$2,475,000

1596-2518 For a capital project, including development costs, administered by the department of elementary and secondary education for the Holocaust Legacy Foundation, Inc. to establish the Boston Holocaust Museum to provide interactive educational opportunities in the commonwealth, including, but not limited to, history and social science frameworks; provided, that funds may be used for: (i) exhibit buildout; (ii) accessibility; (iii) security infrastructure; (iv) educational technology; and (v) curriculum.....\$5,000,000

TRANSPORTATION

Massachusetts Department of Transportation

1595-2508 For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to replenish the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority deficiency fund; provided, that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall notify the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, the executive office for administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on transportation not less than 30 days prior to withdrawing funds from the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority deficiency fund; and provided further, that not later than June 30, 2025, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall submit a written deficiency fund policy to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, the executive office for administration and finance, the joint committee on transportation and the house and senate committees on ways and means.....\$300,000.000

1596-2505 For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund established in section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws for a program to support grants for workforce and training initiatives at regional transit authorities and support transit improvements

346 across the commonwealth; provided, that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall
347 oversee the distribution of grants under this item; and provided further, that not later than March
348 2, 2026, the department shall submit a report to the joint committee on transportation and the
349 house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the
350 grant criteria used to determine awards; (ii) a list of grant recipients, including the amounts
351 received by each recipient; and (iii) a description of the specific uses by each recipient
352\$25,000,000

353 1596-2506 For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund
354 established in section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws for a pilot program to provide grants
355 to municipalities for repair, maintenance and improvements to unpaved roads; provided, that the
356 Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall oversee the distribution of grants under this
357 item; provided further, that said grant funds shall only be available to municipalities for repair,
358 maintenance and improvements to dirt or gravel roads that are open to the public and maintained
359 by the municipality; provided further, that grant funds shall be used by municipalities for: (i)
360 reconstruction, surface grading, crown and shoulder restoration and removal of wash boarding
361 and potholes; (ii) guardrail and signage repair or replacement; (iii) drainage work, including
362 swales; and (iv) the purchase or lease of maintenance equipment, including, but not limited to,
363 graders, rollers and loaders; provided further, that municipalities shall not use grant funds for: (a)
364 construction of new roadways; (b) conversion of unpaved roads to paved roads; (c) landscaping
365 or removing vegetation not related to an eligible use project; (d) culverts; (e) retaining walls; or
366 (f) police details; and provided further, that not later than December 30, 2025, the Massachusetts
367 Department of Transportation shall submit a report on grant funds from this item to the house
368 and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on transportation that shall

369 include, but shall not be limited to: (A) the methodology used to distribute grant funds; (B) a list
370 of all municipalities that received grant funds; and (C) the amount of grant funds awarded to
371 each municipality.....\$10,000,000

372 1596-2507 For local one-time transportation projects; provided, that not less than
373 \$300,000 shall be expended for mitigation costs associated with development along route 93 in
374 the city of Medford; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of
375 Sudbury for the operation of the GoSudbury program to provide subsidized rideshare and taxi
376 transportation; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for a design,
377 feasibility and traffic study for a town square in the town of Paxton; provided further, that not
378 less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the city of Methuen to purchase and install solar-
379 powered radar speed limit signs in high-risk areas throughout the city; provided further, that not
380 less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority for
381 sound mitigation at the South-Side Maintenance Facility in the Readville section of the city of
382 Boston; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the town of Lexington
383 to support increased transportation expenses due to 250th anniversary celebrations; provided
384 further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for culvert upgrades and other rural
385 infrastructure improvements in the town of Bolton; provided further, that not less than \$75,000
386 shall be expended for the reconstruction of a bridge connecting Brandon road in the town of
387 Dudley to Hill street in the town of Webster; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall
388 be expended for the redesign, installation of new steps, added lights and installation of an
389 emergency safety alert system for the bridge on Norfolk street in the city of Boston between the
390 intersections of Corbet street and Willowwood street; provided further, that not less than \$50,000
391 shall be expended for the preservation and repair of the Hartwell street bridge in the town of

392 West Boylston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for road repair
393 projects in the town of Granby; provided further, that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation
394 Authority shall provide RIDE services to the town of North Reading; provided further, that not
395 less than \$300,000 shall be expended to the city of Lawrence for the construction and
396 rehabilitation of the Joseph W. Casey bridge, the Mario Lucchesi Memorial bridge, the Daisy
397 street bridge and the Majowics bridge; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be
398 expended to supplement school district transportation services for the town of West Springfield;
399 provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for sidewalks, curbing, crossings,
400 ramps and pedestrian accessibility improvements in the city of Framingham; provided further,
401 that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for maintenance vehicle upgrades in the city of
402 Greenfield; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for pedestrian safety
403 improvements in the town of Arlington; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be
404 expended to the town of Hamilton for a missing sidewalk project along Highland street; provided
405 further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for capital improvements and planning for
406 transportation infrastructure projects in the city of Malden; provided further, that not less than
407 \$20,000 shall be expended for Village Neighbors, Inc. for transportation services in rural
408 communities; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended for the Ludlow
409 council on aging for senior transportation costs and equipment; provided further, that not less
410 than \$50,000 shall be expended for culvert replacements in the town of Berkley; provided
411 further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Brookline for bicycle share
412 stations, bicycles and installation costs; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be
413 expended to the Revere Beach Partnership, Inc. for transportation mitigation costs associated
414 with the 2025 International Sand Sculpting Festival in the city of Revere; provided further, that

415 not less than \$25,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Quincy for a downtown parking garage
416 to help facilitate patient access to the planned development of a new medical facility; provided
417 further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of Fitchburg for road surface
418 and pedestrian way repair projects for route 12; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall
419 be expended for drainage improvements along Pauline street in the city of Winthrop; provided
420 further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Belmont for sidewalk
421 pedestrian safety improvements; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended
422 to the town of Stoneham for school transportation costs pursuant to section 7A of chapter 71 of
423 the General Laws; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended to the town of
424 Winchester for drainage improvements; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be
425 expended to the city of Marlborough to continue operation of the local commuter shuttle
426 connecting residents from area commuter rail stations to Marlborough employers and downtown
427 Marlborough businesses; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the
428 town of Bedford for the installation of a crosswalk in the Crosby drive area; provided further,
429 that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Wakefield police department for a vehicular
430 traffic and speed monitoring subscription service; provided further, that not less than \$300,000
431 shall be expended to the city of Worcester for the Chandler street renovation project; and
432 provided further, that not less than \$600,000 shall be expended to the town of Wellesley for a
433 traffic study and redesign of the Weston road corridor in the town of Wellesley, including the
434 Linden street and Central street bottleneck and the route 9 interchange: and provided further, that
435 not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Wakefield for roadway
436 improvements.....\$28,930,000

437 1596-2509 For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation
438 Authority under clause (1) of subsection (d) of section 2ZZZ of chapter 29 of the General Laws
439 for direct costs and lost revenues attributable to initiatives undertaken by the Massachusetts Bay
440 Transportation Authority to mitigate traffic impacts related to the closure of the Sumner Tunnel
441 during fiscal years 2024 and 2025; provided, that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation
442 Authority shall submit a report to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, the joint
443 committee on transportation and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing
444 the initiatives undertaken by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to mitigate traffic
445 impacts related to the closure of the Sumner Tunnel for maintenance
446\$13,000,000

447 SECTION 2B. Chapter 15D of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
448 following section:-

449 Section 22. (a) As used in this section, the following terms shall, unless the context
450 clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

451 “Imagination Library of Massachusetts program”, a comprehensive statewide initiative to
452 encourage children from birth to 5 years of age to develop a love of reading and learning.

453 “Qualified local entity”, an existing or new local Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library
454 affiliate that agrees to fund up to 50 per cent of the costs of the Imagination Library of
455 Massachusetts program.

456 (b) Subject to appropriation, the department shall establish the Imagination Library of
457 Massachusetts program to promote the development of a comprehensive statewide initiative to
458 encourage preschool age children to develop a love of reading and learning. The department

shall develop, implement and promote a comprehensive statewide initiative to encourage children from birth to 5 years of age to develop a love of reading and learning.

(c)(1) Subject to appropriation, the Imagination Library of Massachusetts program shall provide, through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, 1 age-appropriate book to each registered child from birth to age 5. Books shall be sent monthly to each child's home at no cost to families.

(2) Subject to appropriation, the Imagination Library of Massachusetts program shall contribute funds to qualified local entities participating in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

(d) The department shall administer the Imagination Library of Massachusetts program, including, but not limited to:

(i) promoting the statewide development of qualified local entities;

(ii) coordinating with qualified local entities to increase enrollment;

(iii) engaging with communities, qualified local entities and nonprofit leaders across the commonwealth;

(iv) implementing a statewide marketing and communications campaign, including, but not limited to, an ongoing public awareness campaign to:

(A) make donors aware of the opportunity to donate to the Imagination Library of Massachusetts program; and

(B) make the public aware of the Imagination Library of Massachusetts program and how to register eligible children; and

(v) coordinating the local match requirement for approved qualified local entities as well as the reimbursement of local program costs for books and mailing, as needed.

(e) The department shall, in coordination with the qualified local entity, ensure all personally identifiable information is handled in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

(f) Annually, not later than March 15, the department shall submit a report to the clerks of the house of representatives and senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the chairs of the joint committee on education, the executive office for administration and finance and the executive office of education on the activities of the program, including, but not limited to: (i) the total number of children enrolled, delineated by municipality; (ii) the number of books sent to enrolled children, delineated by municipality; (iii) the number of books returned as undeliverable, delineated by municipality; (iv) any activity from the Imagination Library of Massachusetts Fund, established in section 2KKKKKK of chapter 29, including, but not limited to, deposits and expenditures; (v) the number of qualified local entities across the commonwealth, their locations, local match amount contributed and other local partners, if any; and (vi) any other information the department deems relevant.

(g) The department may promulgate regulations, pursuant to chapter 30A, for the implementation of the Imagination Library of Massachusetts program.

SECTION 2C. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2JJJJJ, inserted by section 7 of chapter 248 of the acts of 2024, the following section:-

Section 2KKKKKK. (a) There is hereby established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate, non-budgeted special revenue fund known as the Imagination Library of Massachusetts Fund that shall be administered by the secretary of education.

(b) There shall be credited to the fund: (i) revenue from appropriations and other money authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (ii) funds from public and private sources such as gifts, grants and donations; and (iii) interest earned on money in the fund. Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended without further appropriation. No expenditure made from the fund shall cause the fund to be in deficit at any point. Any money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund. The fund shall not be subject to section 5C.

(c) Funds shall be made available to provide age-appropriate books on a monthly basis, at home, to each child registered in the Imagination Library of Massachusetts program, established pursuant to section 22 of chapter 15D, from birth to their fifth birthday, inclusive, at no cost to families or guardians, in coordination with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, income surtax revenue, as defined in section 2BBBBBB of chapter 29 of the General Laws, collected in the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2024 but certified after July 20, 2024, shall be transferred to the Education and Transportation Innovation and Capital Fund established in section 2DDDDDD of said chapter 29 from the Student Opportunity Act Investment Fund established in section 35RRR of chapter 10 of the General Laws, not later than 30 days after the effective date of this act.

SECTION 4. Section 2F of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024 is hereby amended by striking out item 1596-2427 and inserting in place thereof the following item:-

520 1596-2427 For a transfer to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
521 workforce and safety reserve established in line item 1599-1971 of section 2 of chapter 126 of
522 the acts of 2022, for projects to address ongoing safety concerns at the Massachusetts Bay
523 Transportation Authority related to the interim and final findings of the Federal Transit
524 Administration’s Safety Management Inspection initiated in April 2022; provided, that the
525 Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall work in consultation with the Massachusetts
526 Department of Transportation and the department of public utilities in the planning and
527 implementation of said projects funded through this item; provided further, that funds may be
528 expended for hiring and retention related to said projects; provided further, that funds may be
529 expended to support ongoing costs associated with said projects which shall include preventative
530 maintenance, safety, service delivery and capital activities necessary to remain in compliance
531 with said findings of said inspection; provided further, that the Massachusetts Department of
532 Transportation shall issue monthly reports to the joint committee on transportation and the house
533 and senate committees on ways and means detailing the status of the Massachusetts Bay
534 Transportation Authority’s progress toward responding to each finding and required action as
535 issued by the Federal Transit Administration; and provided further, that said reports shall be
536 delineated by special directive and shall include, but shall not be limited to: (i) the funds
537 expended from this item and the related purpose for said spending; (ii) the completion date of
538 each executed required action; and (iii) the estimated completion date of each pending required
539 action.....\$36,000,000

540 Education and Transportation Fund 100%

541 SECTION 5. Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,
542 is hereby amended by inserting the following section: -

543 Section 1E.

544 No public school shall allow a male student athlete to participate on a girls' sports team
545 nor shall a public school allow a female athlete to participate on a boys sports team.

546 Any school found not in compliance shall forfeit all games where an athlete of the
547 opposite sex participated. The Superior Court shall have available all remedies at law or in
548 equity. A party who brings an action to enforce this section and prevails shall be entitled to his or
549 her costs and attorney's fees.

550 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the provisions of this section
551 shall not take effect until such time as: (i) the department of elementary and secondary education
552 has analyzed the policy for student athletes and their families in the commonwealth, including,
553 but not limited to, a review of: any safeguards that may alleviate safety concerns related to
554 physical health, and the impacts on the education and extracurricular activities of elementary and
555 secondary students at public schools in the commonwealth, including, but not limited to,
556 behavioral and physical health impacts related to this section, anticipated changes to the well-
557 being of said students and the current practice of other states; (ii) the department has furnished a
558 report of the analysis pursuant to clause (i); and (iii) legislation necessary to carry out any
559 recommendations has been filed and enacted pursuant to Part 2, Chap. 1, Sec. 1, Art. II of the
560 Constitution.