

1 **SECTION 4.** Section 217 of chapter 6 of the General Laws, inserted by section 12 of chapter  
2 165 of the acts of 2014, is hereby repealed.

3 **SECTION 5.** Said chapter 6 is hereby further amended by adding the following section:-

4 Section 218. (a) There shall be a science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM,  
5 advisory council. The council shall advise the governor and assist in informing the work of the  
6 secretary of education, the secretary of labor and workforce development and the secretary of  
7 housing and economic development on issues relating to STEM education and STEM careers.

8 (b) The council shall:

9 (i) confer with participants and parties from the public and private sectors involved with  
10 STEM planning and programming;

11 (ii) assess how to increase student interest in, and preparation for, careers in STEM; and

12 (iii) advise on the creation, implementation of and updates to a statewide STEM plan that  
13 contains clear goals and objectives to guide future STEM efforts, including the creation of  
14 benchmarks for improvements.

15 (c) The council shall consist of at least 20 but not more than 30 members, not including  
16 members serving ex officio. The members of the council shall be appointed by the governor for  
17 a term of 2 years and shall serve without compensation. Council members shall be persons with  
18 demonstrated interest, experience and expertise in STEM education and shall include: a senator  
19 in congress from the commonwealth; a representative in congress from the commonwealth; a  
20 member of the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative; a member of the Massachusetts Clean  
21 Energy Center; a member of the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center; the president of the  
22 University of Massachusetts or a designee; a president of a state university or a designee; a  
23 president of a private university or a designee; a president of a public community college or a  
24 designee; a superintendent of a public school district or a designee; a superintendent of a  
25 vocational technical school or a designee; a chamber of commerce executive or a designee; a  
26 representative of a regional STEM network; an early education provider; a science or  
27 mathematics department chair from a public school district; an out-of-school time or informal  
28 educator with expertise in the STEM fields; a parent representative; a member of organized  
29 labor; a member of the Massachusetts cultural council; a member from the Massachusetts  
30 Business Roundtable and a member from a not-for-profit organization. The governor shall  
31 designate 2 members of the council to serve as co-chairs, 1 of whom shall be a member from the  
32 public sector and 1 of whom shall be a member from the private sector.

33 The following members or their designees shall serve as members of the council, ex officio:  
34 the senate and house chairs of the joint committee on education; the senate and house chairs of  
35 the joint committee on labor and workforce development; the secretary of education; the  
36 secretary of labor and workforce development; the secretary of housing and economic  
37 development; the commissioner of higher education; the commissioner of elementary and  
38 secondary education; and the commissioner of early education and care.

39 (d) The council shall establish an executive committee which shall consist of 7 members  
40 who shall provide guidance on the recommendations of the council and plan future meetings and  
41 initiatives. The co-chairs shall determine the membership of the executive committee and shall  
42 designate subcommittees to focus on particular challenges facing STEM education and the  
43 STEM fields. The council and the executive committee shall meet at such times and places as  
44 determined by the co-chairs. The council shall submit its findings and recommendations,  
45 together with drafts of legislation or regulations necessary to carry those recommendations into  
46 effect, by filing the same with the governor and the clerks of the senate and house of  
47 representatives at such periods as determined by the co-chairs.

48 **SECTION 6.** Chapter 6A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is  
49 hereby amended by striking out section 4A and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

50 Section 4A. In coordination with the office of the governor, each secretary shall, at the  
51 executive office and agency levels, develop measurable, outcome-based performance goals and a  
52 focused set of performance metrics to track progress and execution; measure performance, on an  
53 ongoing basis, against said goals and metrics; and establish strategies to improve government  
54 performance informed by said goals and metrics. A summary of performance results shall be  
55 reported publicly on an annual basis in consultation with the office of the governor.

56 **SECTION 7.** Section 16 of chapter 6A of the General Laws is hereby further amended by  
57 striking out, in lines 23 to 24, the words “the Betsy Lehman center for patient safety and medical  
58 error reduction”, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the center  
59 for health information and analysis.

60 **SECTION 8.** Section 3 of chapter 6C of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out, in  
61 line 274, the word “and”, as so appearing, and by inserting after the word “employees”, in line  
62 276, as so appearing, the following words:- ; and

63 (49) sell, lease or otherwise contract for advertising, including in or on the facilities of the  
64 department.

65 **SECTION 9.** Section 9 of said chapter 6C is hereby amended by striking out subsections (a)  
66 through (d), inclusive, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following subsections:-

67 (a) There shall be within the department, but not subject to the control of the department, an  
68 internal special audit unit. The inspector general shall appoint a director of the internal special  
69 audit unit, who shall serve as an assistant inspector general under the supervision of the inspector

70 general, and who shall serve for a term of 6 years. The inspector general may remove the  
71 director for cause, and shall fill any vacancy for the unexpired term. The director shall devote  
72 full time and attention to the duties of this office.

73 (b) The director may appoint and remove, subject to the approval of the inspector general,  
74 such persons as the director shall deem necessary to perform the functions of the internal special  
75 audit unit; provided, however, that section 9A of chapter 30 and chapter 31 shall not apply to any  
76 such employee holding any such appointment. Employees of the internal special audit unit shall  
77 have experience with accounting, auditing, financial analysis, applicable law, business  
78 management and public administration and shall devote their full-time and efforts to the unit.  
79 Employees shall be subject to the rules and regulations established for employees of the office of  
80 the inspector general pursuant to chapter 12A. Every person so appointed to any position in the  
81 internal special audit unit shall have experience and skill in the field of such position.

82 (c) Pursuant to chapter 12A, the internal special audit unit shall monitor the quality,  
83 efficiency and integrity of the department's operating and capital programs, including those of  
84 the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, and seek to prevent, detect and correct fraud,  
85 waste and abuse in the expenditure of public or private transportation funds. In accordance with  
86 chapter 12A, the department shall cooperate with the unit in carrying out the unit's duties  
87 including granting unrestricted and immediate access to persons, documents, databases,  
88 electronic data or other materials deemed necessary by the director to conduct an investigation,  
89 audit or review.

90 (d) The director may report and refer any instances of fraud, waste or abuse in the expense of  
91 transportation funds or the procurement of any supplies, services or construction by the  
92 department to the inspector general for investigation pursuant to chapter 12A and the results of  
93 such investigation may be referred to the attorney general for appropriate action.

94 **SECTION 10.** Section 63 of said chapter 6C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking  
95 out, in line 4, the figure "70" and inserting in place thereof, the following figure:- 73.

96 **SECTION 11.** Said section 63 of said chapter 6C, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by  
97 inserting after the word "proposals", in line 38, the following words:- , with an opportunity for  
98 public comment,.

99 **SECTION 12.** Section 73 of said chapter 6C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking  
100 out, in line 4, the words "pursuant to section 59".

101 **SECTION 13.** Said section 73 of said chapter 6C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
102 striking out, in lines 5 to 8, the words " , none of whom shall be employees of the executive  
103 branch or members or employees of the legislature for a period of at least 2 years prior to his  
104 appointment. The commission shall include" and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
105 and shall consist of.

106 **SECTION 14.** The second paragraph of said section 73 of said chapter 6C, as so appearing, is  
107 hereby amended by striking out the last sentence.

108 **SECTION 15.** Said section 73 of said chapter 6C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
109 striking out, in line 55, the words “and (9)” and inserting in place thereof following words:- (9)  
110 issues of public concern; and (10).

111 **SECTION 16.** Said section 73 of said chapter 6C, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by  
112 striking out the sixth, seventh and eighth paragraphs and inserting in place thereof, the following  
113 paragraph:-

114 The report shall be delivered within 30 days of the commission’s approval of a request for  
115 proposal for design-build-finance-operate-maintain or design-build-operate-maintain services to  
116 the secretary of administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means,  
117 and the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on transportation.

118 **SECTION 17.** Section 4A of chapter 7 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out  
119 the first paragraph, as inserted by section 19 of chapter 7 of the General Laws, and inserting in  
120 place thereof the following paragraph:-

121 The executive office for administration and finance shall include a division of capital asset  
122 management and maintenance, which shall be headed by a commissioner as provided in section  
123 2 of chapter 7C, the Massachusetts office of information technology, which shall be headed by a  
124 chief information officer as provided in section 2 of chapter 7D, and a department of revenue as  
125 provided in chapter 14. In addition, the executive office for administration and finance shall  
126 include the human resources division and the operational services division which shall develop  
127 policies and standards to govern the conduct of commonwealth secretariats, departments,  
128 agencies, boards and commissions in each of these areas, and shall provide expertise and  
129 centralized processing to said secretariats, departments, agencies, boards, commissions and other  
130 entities of state government.

131 **SECTION 18.** Said section 4A of said chapter 7 is hereby further amended by striking out  
132 paragraph (e), as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the  
133 following paragraph:-

134 (e) The executive office for administration and finance shall promote and improve  
135 accountability and transparency throughout the executive department, including the operation of  
136 the searchable website required by section 14C. In seeking to improve accountability and  
137 transparency the executive office may: (1) monitor and review federal grant applications made  
138 on behalf of the commonwealth, including the coordination of efforts to maximize federal  
139 revenue opportunities and oversight of compliance with federal reporting requirements; (2)  
140 ensure transparency of the commonwealth’s administration and finance activities; (3) establish  
141 and maintain a central intake unit for reports of fraud, waste and abuse; (4) establish and  
142 maintain an economic forecasting and analysis unit to coordinate all spending and revenue  
143 forecasting by state agencies and coordinate with the caseload and economic forecasting office  
144 established in section 4R; (5) reduce and simplify paperwork of state agencies and departments  
145 through the adoption of uniform forms or corresponding short federal forms; (6) implement and

146 streamline electronic paperwork options to better facilitate public interaction with state agencies;  
147 and (7) collaborate with state agencies, authorities and other entities to carry out the foregoing.

148 **SECTION 19.** Section 4F1/2 of said chapter 7, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is  
149 hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following  
150 sentence:- The secretary shall expend funds in the trust without further appropriation to support  
151 activities related to the promotion of accountability and transparency as set forth in paragraph (e)  
152 of section 4A, and to support any performance management programs that the office of the  
153 governor may develop.

154 **SECTION 20.** Section 35P of chapter 10 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
155 amended by inserting after the word “preparation”, in line 9, the following words:- , event  
156 coordination.

157 **SECTION 21.** Chapter 12C of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking  
158 out section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

159 Section 2. There is hereby established a center for health information and analysis. The  
160 center shall be under the administrative supervision of an executive director who shall have an  
161 expertise in health care policy and finance and shall be appointed by the secretary, with the  
162 approval of the governor. The executive director shall serve at the pleasure of the secretary and  
163 may be removed by the secretary subject to the approval of the governor. The executive director  
164 shall have such educational qualifications and administrative experience as the secretary  
165 determines to be necessary for the performance of the duties of executive director.

166 **SECTION 22.** Said chapter 12C, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out  
167 section 4 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

168 Section 4. The position of executive director shall be classified under section 45 of chapter  
169 30 and the salary shall be determined under section 46C of said chapter 30. The total amount of  
170 all appointee salaries shall not exceed the sum appropriated therefor by the general court.

171 **SECTION 23.** Section 5 of said chapter 12C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out  
172 the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

173 The center shall adopt and amend rules and regulations, in accordance with chapter 30A, for  
174 the administration of its duties and powers necessary to effectuate this chapter. The regulations  
175 shall be adopted, after notice and hearing, only upon consultation with representatives of  
176 providers, provider organizations, private health care payers and public health care payers.

177 **SECTION 24.** Chapter 23A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following  
178 section:-

179 Section 66. (a) There shall be within the executive office of housing and economic  
180 development, but not subject to the supervision or control of the executive office, a rural policy  
181 advisory commission. The mission of the commission shall be to enhance the economic vitality

182 of rural communities, defined as municipalities with a population density of less than 500  
183 persons per square mile, and to advance the health and well-being of rural residents.

184 (b) The commission shall consist of the following 15 members: the speaker of the house of  
185 representatives, ex officio, or a designee; the president of the senate, ex officio, or a designee; the  
186 secretary of housing and economic development, ex officio, or a designee; 1 person appointed by  
187 the governor from the Berkshire regional planning commission, the Cape Cod commission, the  
188 central Massachusetts regional planning commission, the Franklin regional council of  
189 governments, the Martha's Vineyard commission, the Montachusett regional planning  
190 commission, the Nantucket planning and economic development commission and Pioneer valley  
191 planning commission; 4 other persons appointed by the governor. Commission members shall be  
192 persons with a demonstrated interest and experience in advancing the interests of rural residents.

193 (c) Members of the commission may serve a maximum of 3 consecutive 3 year terms.  
194 Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired  
195 term. The commission shall elect from among its members a chair, a vice chair, a treasurer and  
196 any other officers it deems necessary. The members of the commission shall receive no  
197 compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for any usual and customary expenses  
198 incurred in the performance of their duties. Members shall be considered special state employees  
199 for the purposes of chapter 268A.

200 (d) The commission shall serve as a research body for issues critical to the welfare and  
201 vitality of rural communities. In furtherance of that responsibility, the commission shall: (i)  
202 study, review and report on the status of rural communities and residents in the commonwealth;  
203 (ii) advise the legislative and executive bodies of the impact of existing and proposed state laws,  
204 policies and regulations on rural communities; (iii) advance legislative and policy solutions that  
205 address rural needs; (iv) advocate to ensure that rural communities receive a fair share of state  
206 investment; (v) promote collaboration among rural communities to improve efficiency in  
207 delivery of services; and (vi) develop and support new leadership in rural communities. The  
208 executive office of housing and economic development shall provide the commission with  
209 adequate office space as well any research, analysis or other staff support that the commission  
210 reasonably requires.

211 (e) The commission shall meet on a quarterly basis at the discretion of the chair. Meeting  
212 locations shall rotate between Boston, Cape Cod and the Islands, central Massachusetts, and  
213 western Massachusetts. Meetings shall be open to the public in accordance with sections 18 to  
214 25, inclusive, of chapter 30A.

215 (f) The commission may accept and solicit funds, including any gifts, donations, grants or  
216 bequests or any federal funds, for any of the purposes of this section. Such funds shall be  
217 deposited in a separate account with the state treasurer, be received by said treasurer on behalf of  
218 the commonwealth, and be expended by the commission in accordance with law.

219 (g) The commission shall annually, on or before June 2, report the results of its findings and  
220 activities of the preceding year and its recommendations to the governor and to the clerks of the

221 senate and the house of representatives who shall forward the same to the joint committee on  
222 economic development and emerging technologies.

223 **SECTION 25.** Subsection (a) of section 2MMM of chapter 29, as amended by section 48 of  
224 chapter 165 of the acts of 2014, is hereby amended, in line 14, by striking out the figure “217”  
225 and inserting in place thereof, the following figure:- 218.

226 **SECTION 26.** Section 2QQQ of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
227 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the words “supplemental  
228 Medicaid” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Medicaid supplemental and  
229 incentive.

230 **SECTION 27.** Section 22C of chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out  
231 the figure “\$2,169,000,000”, as inserted by section 69 of chapter 165 of the acts of 2014, and  
232 inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$2,217,749,000.

233 **SECTION 28.** Section 19 of chapter 32B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official  
234 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 183 to 186, inclusive, the words “at either 3  
235 or 6-year intervals from the date of transfer of subscribers to the commission, as determined by  
236 the written agreement which shall specify the withdrawal interval and” and inserting in place  
237 thereof the following words:- after an initial 3-year period from the date of transfer of  
238 subscribers to the commission, or biennially thereafter, as determined by the written agreement,  
239 which shall specify the.

240 **SECTION 29.** Said section 19 of said chapter 32B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
241 by striking out, in line 196, the word “October” and inserting in place thereof the following  
242 word:- December.

243 **SECTION 30.** Said section 19 of said chapter 32B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
244 by inserting after the figure “32A”, in line 225, the following:- ; provided, that in order to  
245 facilitate a request from a political subdivision for its claims history under this section, the  
246 commission shall maintain separate files for the claims information of each political subdivision.  
247 Upon written request by the mayor, town manager or the public employee committee of a  
248 political subdivision, the commission shall provide the political subdivision with its claims  
249 history from the previous year, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following  
250 information: monthly claims history, monthly enrollment, large loss claims, benefit changes and  
251 a census of enrollees by gender and zip code. The commission may charge a fee for providing  
252 the data in an amount determined by the executive director, which shall not be greater than  
253 \$1,000. The commission shall provide a detailed data response to such request within 60 days.

254 **SECTION 31.** Section 23 of said chapter 32B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking  
255 out, in lines 38 and 39, the words “at 3 year intervals from the date of transfer of subscribers to  
256 the commission” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- upon the expiration of an  
257 initial 3-year period from the date of transfer of subscribers to the commission, or biennially  
258 thereafter.

259 **SECTION 32.** Said section 23 of said chapter 32B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
260 by striking out, in line 41, the word “October” and inserting in place thereof the following word:-  
261 December.

262 **SECTION 33.** Said section 23 of said chapter 32B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
263 by inserting after the figure “32A”, in line 68, the following:- ; provided that, in order to  
264 facilitate a request from a political subdivision for its claims history under this section, the  
265 commission shall maintain separate files for the claims information of each political subdivision.  
266 Upon written request by the mayor, town manager or the public employee committee of a  
267 political subdivision, the commission shall provide the political subdivision with its claims  
268 history from the previous year, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following  
269 information: monthly claims history, monthly enrollment, large loss claims, benefit changes and  
270 a census of enrollees by gender and zip code. The commission may charge a fee for providing  
271 the data in an amount determined by the executive director, which shall not be greater than  
272 \$1,000. The commission shall provide a detailed data response to such request within 60 days.

273 **SECTION 34.** Chapter 40J of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 6E  
274 ½ the following section:-

275 Section 6H. (a) The Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation doing business as the  
276 Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, hereinafter referred to as the collaborative, shall,  
277 subject to appropriation, establish and promote computer science education in public schools.  
278 The collaborative shall serve as the state agent in support of the objectives of the Massachusetts  
279 Computing Attainment Network, or MassCAN; provided, that the primary goal of MassCAN  
280 shall be to strengthen the growth and vitality of the commonwealth’s technology industry and the  
281 technology dependent business sectors by implementing a broad-based education and workforce  
282 strategy with the objective of increasing the number of students prepared to pursue computing  
283 technology careers. In furtherance of this goal, MassCAN shall seek to promote an environment  
284 in which all students in kindergarten to grade 12, inclusive, have access to computer science  
285 courses. MassCAN may, subject to the availability of funds: (i) promote the development and  
286 implementation of educational programs, courses and modules for students in kindergarten to  
287 grade 12, inclusive, and teachers; (ii) collaborate with the department of elementary and  
288 secondary education in developing new voluntary computer science standards for kindergarten to  
289 grade 12, inclusive; (iii) collaborate with the department of higher education to create computer  
290 science professional development hubs at universities in each of the regional science,  
291 technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM, networks established by the department;  
292 (iv) develop a school district-based program to assist teachers and administrators with the  
293 implementation of new computer science courses; (v) develop and maintain a website to share  
294 computer science resources and broadly communicate best practices and successes; (vi) connect  
295 computer science students with industry professionals to enhance students’ understanding of the  
296 relevance of their educational experience to the workplace and STEM career opportunities; (vii)  
297 identify the particular needs of school districts with disproportionately high numbers of  
298 underrepresented minorities; and (viii) leverage at least \$1 in matching funds from non-state  
299 sources of funding for every \$1 expended within the commonwealth. MassCAN shall take into  
300 consideration the recommendations of the STEM advisory council established in section 218 of  
301 chapter 6 when developing and implementing educational programs.

302 (b) There shall be a MassCAN advisory board to consist of 9 members, to be appointed by  
303 the governor: 1 of whom shall be recommended by Massachusetts Competitive Partnership, Inc.;  
304 1 of whom shall be recommended by the Massachusetts Business Roundtable; 1 of whom shall  
305 be recommended by the Massachusetts Technology Leadership Council, Inc.; 1 of whom shall be  
306 recommended by a federally-funded research corporation; 1 of whom shall be recommended by  
307 the chair of the computer science department of a public university; 1 of whom shall be  
308 recommended by the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, Inc.; 1 of whom  
309 shall be recommended by the Greater Boston chapter of the Computer Science Teachers  
310 Association; 1 of whom shall be recommended by the METCO program; and 1 whom shall be  
311 recommended by the Massachusetts chapter of the Society of Women Engineers.

312 (c) The collaborative shall file an annual report on or before September 30 with the clerks of  
313 the house of representatives and the senate who shall forward the same to the house and senate  
314 committees on ways and means and the joint committee on economic development and emerging  
315 technologies. The report shall detail a 3-year strategic plan, annual goals and progress in  
316 achieving those goals. The report shall be published on the website of the collaborative.

317 **SECTION 35.** Chapter 46 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following  
318 section:-

319 Section 35. There shall be established on the books of the commonwealth a separate fund  
320 known as the Secure Vital Registry Trust Fund to be expended without prior appropriation by the  
321 department of public health. The trust fund shall consist of the commonwealth's share of  
322 revenues collected for the provision of records under this chapter by state or local officials under  
323 the schedule promulgated pursuant to section 3B of chapter 7. The commissioner of public health  
324 shall be the trustee of the fund and shall make expenditures from the fund for the administrative  
325 costs of development, maintenance, and operation of the centralized, automated database for the  
326 system of vital records and statistics described in section 33. The department may incur  
327 expenses, and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts in anticipation of expected  
328 receipts; provided however, that no expenditure shall be made from the fund which shall cause  
329 the fund to be in deficit at the close of a fiscal year. Monies deposited in the trust fund that are  
330 unexpended at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund.

331 **SECTION 36.** Section 33 of chapter 92 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official  
332 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 28, the words "5 years" and inserting in place  
333 thereof the following words:- 10 years, and shall be in writing.

334 **SECTION 37.** Chapter 94C of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section  
335 19B, as appearing in section 132 of chapter 165 of the acts of 2014, the following section:-

336 Section 19C. The board of registration in pharmacy shall promulgate regulations requiring  
337 pharmacies located in areas with high incidents of opiate overdose, as determined by the board in  
338 consultation with the department of public health, to maintain a continuous supply of naloxone  
339 rescue kits or opioid antagonist medications, as defined in section 19B. Pharmacists employed in  
340 locations covered by the regulations shall be subject to the requirements of section 19B.

341 **SECTION 38.** Subsection (b) of section 24N of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing  
342 in section 1 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2014, is hereby amended by inserting after the fifth  
343 sentence the following sentence:-

344 The department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts in  
345 anticipation of the most recent estimate of expected receipts, as certified by the secretary of  
346 administration and finance; provided, however, that no expenditure shall be made from the fund  
347 which shall cause the fund to be in deficit at the close of a fiscal year.

348 **SECTION 39.** Section 1B of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as amended by section 23 of  
349 chapter 62 of the acts of 2014, is hereby further amended by adding the following subsection:-

350 (g) The commissioner of public health and each of the boards of registration and  
351 examination under the commissioner's supervision shall waive the commonwealth's portion of  
352 the initial application fee and the initial fee for a license application or certification granted  
353 pursuant to this section.

354 **SECTION 40.** Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section  
355 10H, as inserted by section 19 of chapter 258 of the acts of 2014, and inserting in place thereof  
356 the following section:-

357 Section 10I. For the purposes of this section the term “substance abuse treatment” shall  
358 include: early intervention services for substance use disorder treatment; outpatient services  
359 including medically assisted therapies; intensive outpatient and partial hospitalization services;  
360 residential or inpatient services, not covered under section 10J; and medically managed intensive  
361 inpatient services, not covered under said section 10J.

362 Any coverage offered by the division and its contracted health insurers, health plans, health  
363 maintenance organizations, behavioral health management firms and third party administrators  
364 under contract to a Medicaid managed care organization or primary care clinician plan shall not  
365 require a member to obtain a preauthorization for substance abuse treatment if the provider is  
366 certified or licensed by the department of public health.

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368 Section 10J. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall, unless the context  
369 clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:-

370 “Acute treatment services”, 24-hour medically-supervised addiction treatment for adults or  
371 adolescents provided in a medically-managed or medically-monitored inpatient facility, as  
372 defined by the department of public health, that provides evaluation and withdrawal management  
373 and which may include biopsychosocial assessment, individual and group counseling,  
374 psychoeducational groups and discharge planning.

375 “Clinical stabilization services”, 24-hour clinically-managed post detoxification treatment for  
376 adults or adolescents, as defined by the department of public health, usually following acute  
377 treatment services for substance abuse, which may include intensive education and counseling

378 regarding the nature of addiction and its consequences, relapse prevention, outreach to families  
379 and significant others and aftercare planning, for individuals beginning to engage in recovery  
380 from addiction.

381 The division and its contracted health insurers, health plans, health maintenance  
382 organizations, behavioral health management firms and third-party administrators under contract  
383 to a Medicaid managed care organization or primary care clinician plan shall cover the cost of  
384 medically-necessary acute treatment services and shall not require a preauthorization prior to  
385 obtaining treatment.

386 The division and its contracted health insurers, health plans, health maintenance  
387 organizations, behavioral health management firms and third-party administrators under contract  
388 to a Medicaid managed care organization or primary care clinician plan shall cover the cost of  
389 medically-necessary clinical stabilization services for up to 14 days and shall not require  
390 preauthorization prior to obtaining clinical stabilization services; provided, however, that the  
391 facility shall provide to the carrier both notification of admission and the initial treatment plan  
392 within 48 hours of admission; and provided further, that utilization review procedures may be  
393 initiated on day 7.

394 Medical necessity shall be determined by the treating clinician, in consultation with the  
395 patient, and noted in the patient's medical record.

396 Section 10K. The division shall provide coverage for the administration of all Food and Drug  
397 Administration approved drugs for the treatment of opioid or alcohol dependence and shall  
398 establish billing codes and rates of payment for providers of licensed critical stabilization  
399 services to administer such approved drugs to individuals in need of treatment.

400 For the purposes of this section, "critical stabilization services" shall mean: 24-hour  
401 clinically managed post detoxification treatment for adults or adolescents, as defined by the  
402 department of public health, usually following acute treatment services for substance abuse,  
403 which may include intensive education and counseling regarding the nature of addiction and its  
404 consequences, relapse prevention, outreach to families and significant others and aftercare  
405 planning, for individuals beginning to engage in recovery from addiction.

406 **SECTION 41.** Section 12 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
407 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place  
408 thereof the following paragraph:-

409 The division may enter into contracts with providers and manufacturers of medical services,  
410 equipment and supplies as the division deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
411 chapter, including, but not limited to, selective contracts, volume purchase contracts, preferred  
412 provider contracts and managed care contracts. The division may negotiate the rate of  
413 reimbursement to the provider under any such contract, and any such negotiated rate shall not be  
414 subject to the provisions of sections 13 to 13F, inclusive.

415 **SECTION 42.** Section 94 of chapter 143 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
416 amended by striking out, in line 63, the words “and to send a copy” and inserting in place thereof  
417 the following words:- and to send, by electronic or other means, notice.

418 **SECTION 43.** Section 27A of chapter 221 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
419 amended by striking out clause (1).

420 **SECTION 44.** Said section 27A of said chapter 221, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
421 by striking out, in line 14, the figure “(2)” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- (1)

422 **SECTION 45.** Said section 27A of said chapter 221, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
423 striking out, in line 16, the figure “(3)” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- (2)

424 **SECTION 46.** Said section 27A of said chapter 221, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
425 striking out, in lines 31 and 32, the words “, and in the case of a district court, without an order  
426 of the standing justice of such district court.”

427 **SECTION 47.** Section 9 of chapter 249 of the acts of 2000 is hereby repealed.

428 **SECTION 48.** Subsection (2) of section 95 of chapter 173 of the acts of 2008 is hereby amended  
429 by striking out the figure “2016”, inserted by section 189 of chapter 165 of the acts of 2014, and  
430 inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2017.

431 **SECTION 49.** Section 183 of chapter 38 of the acts of 2013 is hereby repealed.

432 **SECTION 50.** Paragraph (d) of section 73 of chapter 359 of the acts of 2014 is hereby amended  
433 by adding the following sentence:- Notwithstanding the provisions of said chapter 6C or any  
434 other general or special law to the contrary, any proceeds from the sale of said building shall be  
435 transferred to the comptroller and deposited into the General Fund.

436 **SECTION 51.** (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for a period  
437 beginning on July 1, 2015, and ending on July 1, 2020, the following procedures shall apply to  
438 the procurement of goods and services by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority:

439 (1) Contracts executed by or on behalf of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation  
440 Authority shall not be subject to sections 52 to 55, inclusive, of chapter 7 of the General Laws;  
441 provided, that the secretary of transportation, or the secretary’s designee, shall consult on and  
442 approve all service contracts necessary to support the activities of the Massachusetts Bay  
443 Transportation Authority that are executed during this period. A subsequent agreement,  
444 including an agreement resulting from a rebidding of a service contract or an agreement  
445 renewing or extending a service contract originally executed during this period shall not be  
446 considered a privatization contract pursuant to section 53 of said chapter 7;

447 (2) In order to provide additional procurement flexibility, the Massachusetts Bay  
448 Transportation Authority shall be considered an exempt agency for the purposes of subsection  
449 (d) of section 4 of chapter 149A of the General Laws and shall submit its procedures for

450 procurement and use of construction management and at risk services to the internal special audit  
451 unit established pursuant to section 9 of chapter 6C of the General Laws for review and approval.  
452 The authority, after its procedures are approved, shall procure a construction management at risk  
453 firm in accordance with section 5 of said chapter 149A; and

454 (3) The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall be considered an exempt  
455 agency for the purposes of subsection (d) of section 16 of said chapter 149A and shall submit its  
456 procedures for procurement and use of design build to the internal special audit unit established  
457 pursuant to section 9 of chapter 6C of the General Laws for review and approval. The authority,  
458 after its procedures are approved, shall procure a design build entity in accordance with sections  
459 17 to 19, inclusive of said chapter 149A.

460 (b) The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, in conjunction with the Massachusetts  
461 Department of Transportation, shall submit, on or before September 1, an annual report detailing  
462 the number of service contracts and procurement contracts executed pursuant to this section.  
463 The report shall include, but not be limited to, the project or service contracted for, the term of  
464 the contract, the projected savings and any realized savings. The report shall be filed with the  
465 clerks of the house of representatives and the senate who shall forward the same to the house and  
466 senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on transportation.

467 **SECTION 52.** Notwithstanding chapter 29 of the General Laws, or any other general or special  
468 law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2016, to accommodate timing discrepancies between the  
469 receipt of revenue and related expenditures, the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not  
470 to exceed the most recent estimate, as certified by the secretary of administration and finance, of  
471 revenues to be deposited to the Commonwealth Care Trust Fund pursuant to section 2000 of  
472 chapter 29 of the General Laws.

473 **SECTION 53.** Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the amounts  
474 transferred pursuant to subdivision (1) of section 22C of chapter 32 of the General Laws shall be  
475 made available for the Commonwealth's Pension Liability Fund established in section 22 of said  
476 chapter 32. The amounts transferred pursuant to said subdivision (1) of said section 22C of said  
477 chapter 32 shall meet the commonwealth's obligations pursuant to said section 22C of said  
478 chapter 32, including retirement benefits payable by the state employees' retirement system and  
479 the state teachers' retirement system, for the costs associated with a 3 per cent cost-of-living  
480 adjustment pursuant to section 102 of said chapter 32, for the reimbursement of local retirement  
481 systems for previously authorized cost-of-living adjustments pursuant to said section 102 of said  
482 chapter 32 and for the costs of increased survivor benefits pursuant to chapter 389 of the acts of  
483 1984. The state board of retirement and each city, town, county and district shall verify these  
484 costs subject to rules, which shall be adopted by the state treasurer. The state treasurer may make  
485 payments upon a transfer of funds to reimburse certain cities and towns for pensions to retired  
486 teachers, including any other obligations which the commonwealth has assumed on behalf of any  
487 retirement system other than the state employees' retirement system or state teachers' retirement  
488 system, including the commonwealth's share of the amounts to be transferred pursuant to section  
489 22B of said chapter 32. All payments for the purposes described in this section shall be made  
490 only pursuant to distribution of monies from the fund and any distribution and the payments for  
491 which distributions are required shall be detailed in a written report filed quarterly by the

492 secretary of administration and finance with the house and senate committees on ways and  
493 means and the joint committee on public service in advance of the distribution. Distributions  
494 shall not be made in advance of the date on which a payment is actually to be made. The state  
495 board of retirement may expend an amount for the purposes of the board of higher education's  
496 optional retirement program pursuant to section 40 of chapter 15A of the General Laws. If the  
497 amount transferred pursuant to said subdivision (1) of said section 22C of said chapter 32  
498 exceeds the amount necessary to adequately fund the annual pension obligations, the excess  
499 amount shall be credited to the Pension Reserves Investment Trust Fund established in  
500 subdivision (8) of section 22 of said chapter 32 for the purpose of reducing the unfunded pension  
501 liability of the commonwealth.

502 **SECTION 54.** Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the formula for  
503 application of funds provided in section 35J of chapter 10 of the General Laws shall not apply in  
504 fiscal year 2016.

505 **SECTION 55.** Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the comptroller shall  
506 not make any transfers attributable to capital gains tax collections required pursuant to section  
507 5G of chapter 29 of the General Laws during fiscal year 2016 .

508 **SECTION 56.** Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the comptroller shall  
509 transfer \$110,000,000 or a lesser amount, if the secretary of administration and finance so  
510 requests in writing, to the General Fund from the Commonwealth Care Trust Fund established in  
511 section 2000 of chapter 29 of the General Laws.

512 **SECTION 57.** (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Massachusetts  
513 Housing Finance Agency shall, on or before June 30, 2016, transfer \$4,000,000 from funds  
514 previously appropriated, or loans repaid, that the agency administers on behalf of the  
515 commonwealth as a result of the program established pursuant to item 1231-1020 as created by  
516 section 72 of chapter 365 of the acts of 1996, and \$2,500,000 from funds previously appropriated  
517 that the agency administers on behalf of the commonwealth as a result of the program  
518 established pursuant to section 197E of chapter 111 of the General Laws, to the comptroller to be  
519 credited to the Housing Preservation and Stabilization Trust Fund for fiscal year 2016.

520 (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the comptroller shall, on or  
521 before June 30, 2016, transfer \$5,000,000 from the General Fund to the Housing Preservation  
522 and Stabilization Trust Fund.

523 **SECTION 58.** Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in hospital fiscal year  
524 2016, the office of the inspector general may expend a total of \$1,000,000 from the Health  
525 Safety Net Trust Fund, established by section 66 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, for costs  
526 associated with maintaining a Health Safety Net audit unit within the office. The unit shall  
527 continue to oversee and examine the practices in all hospitals including, but not limited to, the  
528 care of the uninsured and the resulting free charges. The unit shall also study and review the  
529 commonwealth's Medicaid program including, but not limited to, reviewing the program's  
530 eligibility requirements, utilization, claims administration and compliance with federal mandates.

531 The inspector general shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and  
532 means on the results of the audits and any other completed analyses on or before March 1, 2016.

533 **SECTION 59.** Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, nursing facility and  
534 resident care facility rates effective October 1, 2015, under section 13D of chapter 118E of the  
535 General Laws may be developed using the costs of calendar year 2007, or any subsequent year  
536 the secretary of health and human services may select in her discretion.

537 **SECTION 60.** Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the nursing home  
538 assessment established by subsection (b) of section 63 of chapter 118E of the General Laws shall  
539 be sufficient in the aggregate to generate \$220,000,000 in fiscal year 2016.

540 **SECTION 61.** Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, on or before October  
541 1, 2015, and without further appropriation, the comptroller shall transfer from the General Fund  
542 to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund, established pursuant to section 66 of chapter 118E of the  
543 General Laws, the greater of \$45,000,000 or one-twelfth of the total expenditures to hospitals  
544 and community health centers required pursuant to this act, for the purposes of making initial  
545 gross payments to qualifying acute care hospitals for the hospital fiscal year beginning October  
546 1, 2015. These payments shall be made to hospitals before, and in anticipation of, the payment  
547 by hospitals of their gross liability to the fund. The comptroller shall transfer from the Health  
548 Safety Net Trust Fund to the General Fund, not later than June 30, 2016, the amount of the  
549 transfer authorized by this section and any allocation of that amount as certified by the director  
550 of the health safety net office.

551 **SECTION 62.** Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive office  
552 for administration and finance may transfer up to \$30,000,000 from the Commonwealth Care  
553 Trust Fund, established in section 2000 of chapter 29 of the General Laws, to the Health Safety  
554 Net Trust Fund, established in section 66 of chapter 118E of the General Laws. The executive  
555 office of health and human services and the health safety net office shall fund the hospital fiscal  
556 year 2016 payment amount to each hospital for services provided to low-income, uninsured or  
557 underinsured residents pursuant to sections 66 and 69 of chapter 118E from the Health Safety  
558 Net Trust Fund. Payments may be made either as safety net care payments under the  
559 commonwealth's waiver pursuant to section 1115 of the federal Social Security Act or as an  
560 adjustment to Title XIX service rate payments or a combination of both. Other federally  
561 permissible funding mechanisms available for public service hospitals, as defined by regulations  
562 of the executive office of health and human services, may be used to reimburse up to  
563 \$70,000,000 of uncompensated care pursuant to sections 66 and 69 of chapter 118E using  
564 sources distinct from the funding made available to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund. The  
565 secretary for administration and finance, in consultation with the secretary of health and human  
566 services and the executive director of the commonwealth health insurance connector authority,  
567 shall on a quarterly basis evaluate the revenue needs of the health safety net program funded by  
568 the Health Safety Net Trust Fund and any subsidized health insurance programs funded by the  
569 Commonwealth Care Trust Fund and may transfer monies between these funds to address such  
570 needs. The secretary for administration and finance shall notify the house and senate committees  
571 on ways and means and the joint committee on health care financing of any proposed transfers

572 between the Health Safety Net Trust Fund and the Commonwealth Care Trust Fund at least 30  
573 days before making any such transfers.

574 **SECTION 63.** Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive office  
575 of health and human services shall submit an application to the federal Centers for Medicare and  
576 Medicaid Services for a waiver of the provisions of 42 U.S.C. §1396b(w)(3)(B) and 42 U.S.C.  
577 §1396b(w)(3)(C) relative to the nursing facility assessment established by section 63 of chapter  
578 118E of the General Laws. The waiver application shall seek approval to amend the classes of  
579 nursing facilities subject to the assessment and the amount of assessment liability imposed on  
580 certain nursing facilities, as set forth in this section. Each nursing facility shall be classified into  
581 1 of the following 4 classes: (I) nursing facilities that do not meet the criteria for class (II), (III)  
582 (or) (IV), herein; (II) non-profit continuing care retirement communities and non-profit  
583 residential care facilities; (III) non-profit facilities with total Medicaid days in excess of a  
584 threshold level of such days established by regulations promulgated by the executive office of  
585 health and human services; and (IV) facilities that have no more than 100 licensed beds, do not  
586 participate in the Medicare or Medicaid programs under Titles XVIII and XIX of the federal  
587 Social Security Act, and were established and licensed in the Commonwealth prior to July 30,  
588 1965. All facilities in class (I) shall be required to pay an assessment at the rate established by  
589 regulation promulgated by the secretary of health and human services in conformity with the  
590 total annual assessment revenue amount established by said section 63 of said chapter 118E as  
591 amended from time to time by the annual general appropriations act or supplemental  
592 appropriation act. Nursing facilities in classes (II) or (III) shall be required to pay an assessment  
593 at a rate equal to 10 percent of the assessment rate imposed on nursing facilities in class (I).  
594 Nursing facilities in class (IV) shall be exempt from liability for the assessment established under  
595 said section 63 of said chapter 118E and as modified pursuant to this section. The waiver  
596 application required by this section shall be structured in a manner that will qualify it for  
597 automatic approval by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services pursuant to 42  
598 CFR 433.68.

599 **SECTION 64.** (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner  
600 of revenue may establish a tax amnesty program during which all penalties that could be  
601 assessed by the commissioner for the failure of the taxpayer: (i) to timely file any proper return  
602 for any tax types and for any tax periods; (ii) to timely pay any tax liability; or (iii) to pay the  
603 proper amount of any required estimated payment toward a tax liability shall be waived without  
604 the need for any showing by the taxpayer of reasonable cause or the absence of willful neglect, if  
605 the taxpayer, prior to the expiration of the amnesty period, voluntarily files proper returns and  
606 pays the full amount of tax shown on the taxpayer's returns or upon the commissioner's  
607 assessments, together with all interest due thereon. The waiver shall not apply to any penalties  
608 that may be due under sections 35A or 35D of chapter 62C with regard to returns filed pursuant  
609 to the amnesty. The waiver of penalties shall not apply to any period for which the taxpayer  
610 does not file such proper returns. The amnesty program shall not apply to a tax liability of any  
611 tax type for a period commencing on or after January 1, 2014. The scope of the program,  
612 including the particular tax types and periods covered, including any limited look-back period for  
613 unfiled returns, such period not to exceed 3 years, shall be determined by the commissioner

614 (b) The amnesty program shall be established for a period of 60 days within fiscal year 2016  
615 to be determined by the commissioner, such period to expire not later than June 30, 2016. If a  
616 taxpayer fails to pay the full liability on or before June 30, 2016, the commissioner shall retain  
617 any payments made and shall apply those payments against the outstanding liability and the tax  
618 amnesty program shall not apply.

619 (c) (1) The commissioner may offer amnesty to those taxpayers who have failed to file  
620 required returns due for any tax period beginning before January 1, 2014, provided that the  
621 taxpayer files the required return and pays the tax shown as due on the return during the amnesty  
622 period together with accrued interest.

623 (2) The commissioner shall not authorize the waiver of any interest or amount treated as  
624 interest.

625 (3) The commissioner's authority to waive penalties during the amnesty period shall not  
626 apply to any taxpayer who is or has been the subject of a tax-related criminal investigation or  
627 prosecution or to any taxpayer who delivers or discloses or has delivered or disclosed any false  
628 or fraudulent application, document, return or other statement.

629 (4) A taxpayer who delivers or discloses any false or fraudulent application, document,  
630 return or other statement to the department of revenue in connection with an amnesty application  
631 under this section shall be ineligible for amnesty and shall be subject to the greater of: (i) the  
632 applicable penalties under chapter 62C of the General Laws; or (ii) a penalty not to exceed  
633 \$10,000 which shall be calculated and assessed according to rules determined by the  
634 commissioner and may be subject to de minimis or other exceptions that the commissioner may  
635 consider appropriate. This penalty shall be subject to said chapter 62C and shall be added to and  
636 become part of the tax due.

637 (d) Amnesty shall not apply to those penalties which the commissioner would not have the  
638 sole authority to waive including, but not limited to, fuel taxes administered under the  
639 International Fuel Tax Agreement or under the local option portions of taxes or excises collected  
640 for the benefit of cities, towns or state governmental authorities.

641 (e) The commissioner shall maintain records of the penalties waived under the tax amnesty  
642 program established by this section including, but not limited to: (i) the number of taxpayers  
643 provided with amnesty; (ii) the types of tax liability for which amnesty was provided and, for  
644 each type of liability, the amount of tax liability collected and the amount of penalties foregone  
645 by virtue of the tax amnesty program; and (iii) the total outstanding tax liability for amnesty-  
646 eligible taxpayers at the conclusion of the tax amnesty program after the collection of all funds  
647 under this section. The commissioner shall file a report detailing the information with the clerks  
648 of the senate and the house of representatives, the joint committee on revenue, the house and  
649 senate committees on ways and means and the house and senate minority leaders not later than  
650 September 1, 2016; provided, however, that the report shall not contain information sufficient to  
651 identify an individual taxpayer or the amnesty that an individual taxpayer was provided under  
652 this section.

653 (f) The commissioner shall establish administrative procedures and methods to prevent any  
654 taxpayer who utilizes the tax amnesty program from utilizing any future tax amnesty programs  
655 for the next consecutive 10 years, beginning in calendar year 2015.

656 **SECTION 65.** Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the unexpended  
657 balances in items 0699-0014, 0699-0015, 0699-2005 and 0699-9100 shall be deposited into the  
658 State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund, established by section 24 of chapter 32A of the General Laws,  
659 not later than June 30, 2016. The amount deposited shall be an amount equal to 30 per cent of all  
660 payments received by the commonwealth in fiscal year 2016 under the master settlement  
661 agreement in Commonwealth of Massachusetts v. Philip Morris, Inc. et al., Middlesex Superior  
662 Court, No. 95-7378; provided, however, that if, in fiscal year 2016, the unexpended balances of  
663 items 0699-0014, 0699-0015, 0699-2005 and 0699-9100 is less than 30 per cent of all payments  
664 received by the commonwealth in fiscal year 2016 under the master settlement agreement  
665 payments, an amount equal to the difference shall be transferred to the State Retiree Benefits  
666 Trust Fund from payments received by the commonwealth under the master settlement  
667 agreement in Commonwealth of Massachusetts v. Philip Morris, Inc. et al., Middlesex Superior  
668 Court, No. 95-7378

669 **SECTION 66.** Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the percentage  
670 increase set forth in section 152 of chapter 68 of the acts of 2011 shall not apply in fiscal year  
671 2016.

672 **SECTION 67.** Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of  
673 correction shall reprocore food and commissary services provided at all institutions with a  
674 contract to decrease expenses and increase efficiencies throughout the department. The  
675 department shall solicit new bids for such services and reprocorement shall be subject to an open  
676 and competitive bid process. The department of correction shall file a report with the house and  
677 senate committees on ways and means on the reprocorement progress and projected cost-savings  
678 on or before January 15, 2016. In executing the reprocorement of such services, the department  
679 shall notify each county sheriff who may elect to participate in the reprocorement of such  
680 services.

681 **SECTION 68.** (a) Notwithstanding clause (xxiii) of the third paragraph of section 9 of chapter  
682 211B of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the court  
683 administrator may, from the effective date of this act through April 30, 2016, transfer funds from  
684 any item of appropriation within the trial court; provided, however, that the court administrator  
685 may not transfer more than 5 per cent of funds from items 0339-1001 and 0339-1003 to any  
686 other item of appropriation within the trial court. These transfers shall be made in accordance  
687 with schedules submitted to the house and senate committees on ways and means. The schedule  
688 shall include: (i) the amount of money transferred from any item of appropriation to any other  
689 item of appropriation; (ii) the reason for the necessity of the transfer; and (iii) the date on which  
690 the transfer shall be completed. A transfer under this section shall not occur until 10 days after  
691 the revised funding schedules have been submitted in written form to the house and senate  
692 committees on ways and means.

693 **SECTION 69.** Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the bureau of  
694 purchased services in the operational services division shall determine prices for programs under  
695 chapter 71B of the General Laws in fiscal year 2016 by increasing the final fiscal year 2015 price  
696 by the rate of inflation as determined by the division. The division shall adjust prices for

697 extraordinary relief as defined in 808 CMR 1.06(4). The division shall accept applications for  
698 program reconstruction and special circumstances in fiscal year 2016. The division shall  
699 authorize the annual price for out-of-state purchasers requested by a program, not to exceed a  
700 maximum price determined by the bureau by identifying the most recent price calculated for the  
701 program and applying the estimated rate of inflation for each year, as determined by the bureau  
702 under section 22N of chapter 7 of the General Laws, in which the rate of inflation is frozen  
703 beginning with fiscal year 2004, in a compounded manner for each fiscal year.

704 **SECTION 70.** The department of public health, in consultation with the bureau of substance  
705 abuse services, shall create an extended-release injectable naltrexone pilot program for  
706 individuals with opioid or alcohol addiction being treated in licensed clinical stabilization service  
707 programs. The department of public health shall select locations for the pilot program based on  
708 prevalence of need; however there shall be no less than 2 program locations selected. Each  
709 program shall operate for 2 years and collect outcomes data on an ongoing basis, in a manner  
710 described below and as determined by the commissioner.

711 Locations selected by the department for the pilot program shall be granted additional  
712 funding, as determined by the department, for staff or other needs associated with prescribing  
713 and administering extended-release injectable naltrexone to patients prior to discharge and, as  
714 part of discharge planning, connect such patients with community providers prescribing  
715 extended-release injectable naltrexone and offering substance abuse counseling.

716 The department of public health shall collect data in order to gauge the success of the  
717 program in effectuating long-term recovery and track trends within the patient population. Such  
718 data shall be collected by tracking each individual participant post discharge from the critical  
719 stabilization service program for no less than 1 year in a manner to be determined by the  
720 commissioner of public health. Information collected by the department during this time shall  
721 include, but not be limited to: whether the individual is actively engaged in outpatient or  
722 inpatient treatment for a substance use disorder, whether the individual is using extended-release  
723 injectable naltrexone or other medication-assisted therapies, any barriers to accessing treatment  
724 in the community, any episodes of relapse, any hospitalization related to substance misuse or  
725 overdose, and any record of arrest or incarceration for drug related offenses since discharging  
726 from the clinical stabilization service program.

727 For the purposes of this section, “critical stabilization service programs” shall mean 24-hour  
728 clinically managed post-detoxification treatment for adults or adolescents, as defined by the  
729 department of public health, usually following acute treatment services for substance abuse,  
730 which may include intensive education and counseling regarding the nature of addiction and its  
731 consequences, relapse prevention, outreach to families and significant others and aftercare  
732 planning, for individuals beginning to engage in recovery from addiction.

733 For the extent of the pilot program, the department of public health shall issue a report  
734 annually, on or before June 30, to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate who  
735 shall forward the same to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint  
736 committee on health care financing, the joint committee on mental health and substance abuse,

737 and the joint committee on public health. The report shall include a program progress update and  
738 provide outcomes data.

739 **SECTION 71.** There shall be established a task force to study the feasibility of a state or  
740 privately operated prescription drug disposal program. Said program shall be relative to the  
741 collection and safe disposal of federally scheduled prescription medications. The task force shall  
742 review any state or federal regulations related to safe disposal of scheduled medications,  
743 including those relative to take-back events, mail-back programs or collection receptacles. The  
744 task force shall investigate alternative options for scheduled prescription drug collection and safe  
745 disposal, including, but not limited to, drug stewardship programs in Alameda County, California  
746 and Kings County, Washington. The task force shall submit a report of its findings to clerks of  
747 the house of representatives and senate who shall forward the same to the house and senate  
748 committees on ways and means, the joint committee on public health and the joint committee on  
749 mental health and substance abuse on or before October 13, 2015.

750 The task force shall be comprised of the following members: The commissioner of the  
751 department of public health or a designee, the commissioner of public safety and security or a  
752 designee, the attorney general or a designee, the executive director of the Massachusetts Sheriffs  
753 Association, Inc. or a designee, the commissioner of environmental protection or a designee, and  
754 the president of the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council, Inc. or a designee.

755 **SECTION 72.** Notwithstanding the provisions of section 9 of this act, the current director of the  
756 internal special audit established pursuant to section 9 of chapter 6C shall be allowed to serve out  
757 the rest of the director's current 6-year term.

758 **SECTION 73.** There shall be a public-private partnership working group established to review  
759 and evaluate statutory and regulatory obstacles to the formation and use of public-private  
760 partnerships in the commonwealth. For purposes of this section, the term public-private  
761 partnership shall include, but not be limited to, contractual agreements between a governmental  
762 entity and a private or not-for-profit entity in connection with the design, construction, operation  
763 and maintenance of a public asset that provides alternative finance and delivery methods in the  
764 commonwealth, including, design-build-finance-operate-maintain services or design-build-  
765 operate-maintain services. The working group shall investigate and make recommendations to  
766 the general court on the current practices, administrative efficiencies and cost benefits of  
767 increased usage of public-private partnerships. A report of the working group's findings along  
768 with any recommendations for legislation shall be filed with the clerks of the house of  
769 representatives and the senate within 120 days of the working group first convening. The report  
770 shall also include an examination of how public-private partnerships and alternate finance and  
771 delivery methods may be applied to various types of infrastructure projects including but not  
772 limited to, higher education facilities and housing and economic development projects.

773 The working group shall have 11 members: the secretary of administration and finance or a  
774 designee, who shall serve as chair; the attorney general or a designee; the inspector general or a  
775 designee; the secretary of housing and economic development or a designee; the undersecretary

776 of housing, or a designee, the secretary of transportation or a designee; and 5 members to be  
777 appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall represent organized labor; 1 of whom shall be a  
778 representative of the business community; 1 of whom shall be a representative of the  
779 construction industry; 1 of whom shall be a representative from the Massachusetts Port  
780 Authority; and 1 of whom shall be a representative from Massachusetts Development Finance  
781 Authority.

782 **SECTION 74.** Section 10I and 10J of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as inserted by section  
783 40, shall take effect on October 1, 2015.

784 **SECTION 75.** Except as otherwise specified, this act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.