

HOUSE No. 3732

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Twelve

An Act to promote municipal collaboration and regionalization throughout the Commonwealth..

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. The following terms shall have the following meanings:

2 “Regional Planning Agencies”, all planning commissions in the commonwealth,

3 specifically: “Berkshire Regional Planning Commission”, established under Section 3 of chapter

4 40B of the General Laws; “Cape Cod Commission”, established under chapter 716 of the Acts of

5 1989; “Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission”, established under Section 3 of

6 said chapter 40B; “Franklin Regional Council of Governments”, established under Section 567

7 of chapter 151 of the Acts of 1996, and as amended by chapter 344 of the Acts of 1998;

8 “Martha’s Vineyard Commission”, established under chapter 831 of the Acts of 1977, and as

9 amended by chapter 317 of the Acts of 1979; “Merrimack Valley Planning Commission”,

10 established under Section 3 of said chapter 40B; “Metropolitan Area Planning Council”,

11 established under Section 26 of said chapter 40B; “Montachusett Regional Planning

12 Commission”, established under Section 3 of said chapter 40B; “Nantucket Planning and

13 Economic Development Commission”, established under chapter 561 of the Acts of 1973, and as

14 amended by chapter 98 of the Acts of 1981 and chapter 458 of the Acts of 1991; “Northern

15 Middlesex Council of Governments”, established under Section 3 of said chapter 40B, and as
16 amended by chapter 357 of the Acts of 1972, chapter 14 of the Acts of 1974 and chapter 420 of
17 the Acts of 1989; “Old Colony Planning Council”, established under chapter 332 of the Acts of
18 1967, and as amended by chapter 663 of the Acts of 1973; “Pioneer Valley Planning
19 Commission”, established under Section 3 of said chapter 40B, and “Southeastern Regional
20 Planning and Economic Development District”, established under Section 9 of said chapter 40B.

21 SECTION 2. The Governor shall direct all executive branch agencies, commissions and
22 departments to evaluate all grant, loan, and technical assistance programs administered by such
23 for opportunities to promote, facilitate and implement inter-municipal cooperation, collaboration,
24 and regional service delivery at the local level.

25 Each department, agency, and commission within the executive branch shall provide
26 evaluation results to the Governor within ninety (90) days, with the goal to identify opportunities
27 to leverage state resources to promote regional, efficient solutions to common problems.
28 Independent agencies and commissions are encouraged to undertake similar evaluations of any
29 grant, loan, or technical assistance program administered by them.

30 SECTION 3. The Governor shall direct the chairman of the Municipal Affairs
31 Coordinating Cabinet to evaluate departmental programs for opportunities to increase
32 collaboration between communities, and make recommendations to the Governor on the most
33 promising opportunities that would achieve the aforementioned aims of efficient and enhanced
34 local government service delivery.

35 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any executive
36 agency which administers a program through which funding may be provided to a municipality,

37 shall encourage municipal efficiencies by prioritizing those applications for funds which come
38 from cities or towns that have developed a method by which to jointly and more efficiently
39 utilize such funding.

40 SECTION 5. Section 22A of chapter 7 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
41 striking the words “the state purchasing agent subject to such rules, regulations and procedures
42 as may be established from time to time by the purchasing agent” and inserting in place thereof
43 the following words:-

44 the state purchasing agent or a regional planning agency established pursuant to chapter
45 40B of the General Laws or special act, subject to such rules, regulations and procedures as may
46 be established from time to time by said purchasing agent or regional planning agency.

47 SECTION 6. Section 1 of Chapter 30B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008
48 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (c) and inserting in place thereof
49 the following:

50 This chapter shall be deemed to have been complied with on all purchases made under
51 the provisions of sections 22A and 22B of chapter 7 when one political subdivision, as defined in
52 said section 22A, acting on behalf of other political subdivisions, complies with the provisions of
53 this chapter, or when purchases are made from a vendor pursuant to a contract for the item or
54 items being purchased either with the commonwealth, or with a regional planning agency
55 established pursuant to chapter 40B of the General Laws or any special act.

56 SECTION 7. The Governor shall direct the executive office of administration and finance
57 to amend 801 C.M.R. 21.00 to state that contracts between regional planning agencies and any
58 Executive Office, Department, Agency, Office, Division, Board, Commission or Institution

59 within the Executive Branch to provide or to receive services, facilities, staff assistance or money
60 payments shall be the equivalent of interdepartmental service agreements and exempt from the
61 provisions of 801 C.M.R. 21.00.

62 SECTION 8. The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after the second
63 paragraph of Section 5 of chapter 40B the following paragraphs:-

64 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, planning
65 commissions established hereunder may administer and provide regional services to member
66 cities and towns and may delegate such authority to subregional groups of such cities and towns.
67 Planning commissions may enter into cooperative agreements with other planning commissions
68 or regional councils of government to provide such regional services.

69 Regional services provided to member municipalities shall be determined by each
70 planning commission's executive committee, and may include any service which may be
71 provided by the municipality or any other public entity in the commonwealth. In the event that
72 an executive committee has not been established, such services shall be determined by the
73 district planning commission.

74 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, any city or town
75 which is a member of the planning commission may enter into a cooperative agreement with said
76 commission to perform jointly or for the other or in cooperation with other member cities and
77 towns, any service, activity or undertaking which such city or town is authorized by law to
78 perform.

79 All cooperative agreements entered into pursuant to this section by member cities and
80 towns are voluntary, and notwithstanding any other law, require authorization by the relevant
81 Board of Selectmen or City Council, with the approval of the mayor.

82 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, planning
83 commissions are authorized to enter into contracts and agreements with any department, agency
84 or subdivision of the federal or state government and any individual, corporation, association or
85 public authority to provide or receive services, facilities, staff assistance or money payments in
86 connection with the work of planning commissions, and planning commissions may contribute
87 or receive services, facilities, staff assistance or money payments as consideration such contracts
88 and agreements.

89 SECTION 9. Section 14 of said chapter 40B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
90 inserting after subsection (o) the following subsections:-

91 (p) notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, to administer and
92 provide regional services to member cities and towns and may delegate such authority to
93 subregional groups of such cities and towns. The commission may enter into cooperative
94 agreements with other planning commissions or regional councils of government to provide such
95 regional services. Regional services provided to member municipalities shall be determined by
96 the executive committee and may include any service which may be provided by the
97 municipality or any other public entity in the commonwealth.

98 (q) notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, any city or town
99 which is a member of the district may enter into a cooperative agreement with the commission to

100 perform jointly or for the other or in cooperation with other member cities and towns, any
101 service, activity or undertaking which such city or town is authorized by law to perform.

102 (r) all cooperative agreements entered into pursuant to subsection (p) or (q) of this section
103 by member cities and towns are voluntary, and notwithstanding any other law, require
104 authorization by the relevant Board of Selectmen or City Council, with the approval of the
105 mayor.

106 SECTION 10. Said chapter 40B is hereby further amended by inserting after the final
107 paragraph of Section 29 the following sections:-

108 Section 29A. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, the
109 council is authorized to administer and provide regional services to member cities and towns and
110 may delegate such authority to subregional groups of such cities and towns. The council may
111 enter into cooperative agreements with other planning commissions or regional councils of
112 government to provide such regional services.

113 Regional services provided to member municipalities shall be determined by the
114 executive committee and may include any service which may be provided by the municipality or
115 any other public entity in the commonwealth.

116 Section 29B. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, any city
117 or town which is a member of the council may enter into a cooperative agreement with said
118 council to perform jointly or for the other or in cooperation with other member cities and towns,
119 any service, activity or undertaking which such city or town is authorized by law to perform.

120 Section 29C. All cooperative agreements entered into by member cities and towns
121 pursuant to Section 29A or Section 29B are voluntary, and notwithstanding any other law,
122 require authorization by the relevant Board of Selectmen or City Council, with the approval of
123 the mayor.

124 SECTION 11. Section 4 of chapter 716 of the Acts of 1989 is hereby amended by
125 inserting after subsection (a)(27) the following subsections:-

126 (28) notwithstanding the provisions of any other section of this chapter, to administer and
127 provide regional services to member cities and towns and may delegate such authority to
128 subregional groups of such cities and towns. The commission may enter into cooperative
129 agreements with other planning commissions or regional councils of government to provide such
130 regional services. Regional services provided to member municipalities shall be determined by
131 the commission and may include any service which may be provided by the municipality or any
132 other public entity in the commonwealth.

133 (29) notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, any city or town
134 which is a member of the commission may enter into a cooperative agreement with said
135 commission to perform jointly or for the other or in cooperation with other member cities and
136 towns, any service, activity or undertaking which such city or town is authorized by law to
137 perform.

138 (30) all cooperative agreements entered into by member cities and towns pursuant to
139 subsections (28) and (29) of this section are voluntary, and notwithstanding any other law,
140 require authorization by the relevant Board of Selectmen or City Council, with the approval of
141 the mayor.

142 (31) notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, the commission
143 is authorized to

144 enter into contracts and agreements with any department, agency or subdivision of the
145 federal or state government and any individual, corporation, association or public authority to
146 provide or receive services, facilities, staff assistance or money payments in connection with the
147 work of the commission, and the commission may contribute or receive services, facilities, staff
148 assistance or money payments as consideration such contracts and agreements.

149 SECTION 12. Section 3 of chapter 831 of the Acts of 1977 is hereby amended by
150 inserting after the fourth paragraph the following section:-

151 Section 3A. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section of this chapter, the
152 commission may administer and provide regional services to member cities and towns and may
153 delegate such authority to subregional groups of such cities and towns. The commission may
154 enter into cooperative agreements with other planning commissions or regional councils of
155 government to provide such regional services.

156 Regional services provided to member municipalities shall be determined by the
157 commission and may include any service which may be provided by the municipality or any
158 other public entity in the commonwealth.

159 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, any city or town
160 which is a member of the commission may enter into a cooperative agreement with said
161 commission to perform jointly or for the other or in cooperation with other member cities and
162 towns, any service, activity or undertaking which such city or town is authorized by law to
163 perform.

164 All cooperative agreements entered into by member cities and towns pursuant to Section
165 3A are voluntary, and notwithstanding any other law, require authorization by the relevant Board
166 of Selectmen or City Council, with the approval of the mayor.

167 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, the commission is
168 authorized to enter into contracts and agreements with any department, agency or subdivision of
169 the federal or state government and any individual, corporation, association or public authority to
170 provide or receive services, facilities, staff assistance or money payments in connection with the
171 work of the commission, and the commission may contribute or receive services, facilities, staff
172 assistance or money payments as consideration such contracts and agreements.

173 SECTION 13. Section 2 of chapter 561 of the Acts of 1973 is hereby amended by
174 inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraphs:-

175 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, the Commission may
176 administer and provide regional services to the county and town. The Commission may enter
177 into cooperative agreements with other planning commissions or regional councils of
178 government to provide such regional services.

179 Regional services provided to the county and town shall be determined by the
180 Commission and may include any service which may be provided by the municipality or any
181 other public entity in the commonwealth.

182 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, the county and town
183 which is a member of the Commission may enter into a cooperative agreement with said
184 Commission to perform jointly any service, activity or undertaking which such county or town is
185 authorized by law to perform.

186 All agreements entered into by the county or town pursuant to this section are voluntary,
187 and notwithstanding any other law, require authorization by the Board of Selectmen.

188 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, the Commission is
189 authorized to enter into contracts and agreements with any department, agency or subdivision of
190 the federal or state government and any individual, corporation, association or public authority to
191 provide or receive services, facilities, staff assistance or money payments in connection with the
192 work of the Commission, and the Commission may contribute or receive services, facilities, staff
193 assistance or money payments as consideration such contracts and agreements.

194 SECTION 14. Section 2 of chapter 332 of the Acts of 1967 is hereby amended by
195 inserting after the seventh paragraph the following section:-

196 Section 2A. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, the
197 Council may administer and provide regional services to member cities and towns and may
198 delegate such authority to subregional groups of such cities and towns. The Council may enter
199 into cooperative agreements with other planning commissions or regional councils of
200 government to provide such regional services.

201 Regional services provided to member municipalities shall be determined by the Council
202 and may include any service which may be provided by the municipality or any other public
203 entity in the commonwealth.

204 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, any city or town
205 which is a member of the Council may enter into a cooperative agreement with said Council to
206 perform jointly or for the other or in cooperation with other member cities and towns, any
207 service, activity or undertaking which such city or town is authorized by law to perform.

208 All agreements entered into by member cities and towns pursuant to this section are
209 voluntary, and notwithstanding any other law, require authorization by the relevant Board of
210 Selectmen or City Council, with the approval of the mayor.

211 SECTION 15. Subsection (U) of Section 567 of chapter 151 of the Acts of 1996 is hereby
212 amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraphs:-

213 Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, the Franklin Council of Governments may
214 administer and provide regional services to member cities and towns and may delegate such
215 authority to subregional groups of such cities and towns. The Council of Governments may enter
216 into cooperative agreements with other planning commissions or regional councils of
217 government to provide such regional services.

218 Regional services provided to member municipalities shall be determined by the Council
219 of Governments Committee and may include any service which may be provided by the
220 municipality or any other public entity in the commonwealth.

221 All agreements entered into by member cities and towns pursuant to this section are
222 voluntary, and notwithstanding any other law, require authorization by the relevant Board of
223 Selectmen or City Council, with the approval of the mayor.

224 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, the Franklin Council
225 of Governments is authorized to enter into contracts and agreements with any department,
226 agency or subdivision of the federal or state government and any individual, corporation,
227 association or public authority to provide or receive services, facilities, staff assistance or money
228 payments in connection with the work of the commission, and the commission may contribute or

229 receive services, facilities, staff assistance or money payments as consideration such contracts
230 and agreements.

231 SECTION 16. Section 2 of chapter 40D of the General Laws is hereby amended by
232 striking out, in the first paragraph, the words “a town at an annual meeting or a special meeting
233 called for the purpose” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- by the board of
234 selectmen, in a town.

235 SECTION 17. Said section 2 of said chapter 40D is hereby amended by striking out, in
236 the third paragraph, the words “at an annual or special town meeting” and inserting in place
237 thereof the following words:- its board of selectmen.

238 SECTION 18. Section 3 of chapter 121C of the General Laws is hereby amended by
239 striking out the words “a town at an annual town meeting or a special town meeting called for the
240 purpose” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- by the board of selectmen in a
241 town.

242 SECTION 19. Section 30B of chapter 41, as amended by section 26 of Chapter 188 of the
243 Acts of 2010, is hereby amended by striking out the words “by vote of their legislative bodies”
244 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- by vote of the city council with the approval
245 of the mayor, in a city, and by vote of the board of selectmen, in a town.

246 SECTION 20. Section 27B of chapter 111, is hereby amended by striking out the words
247 “and by vote of a town at a regular annual town meeting” and inserting in place thereof the
248 following words:- and by a vote of the board of selectmen.

249 SECTION 21. Said section 27B of said chapter 111 is hereby amended by striking the
250 words “at a town meeting” and inserting in place thereof the following:- by vote of the board of
251 selectmen.

252 SECTION 22. Section 44A of chapter 40, is hereby amended by striking out the words “a
253 town meeting” and inserting thereof the following words:- the board of selectmen.

254 SECTION 23. Said section 44A of said chapter 40, is hereby amended by striking the
255 word “moderator” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- board of selectmen.

256 SECTION 24. Said section 44A of said chapter 40, is hereby amended by striking Section
257 44E and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

258 Section 44E. The selectmen of each of the several towns, upon receipt of a
259 recommendation that a regional refuse disposal district be established, shall vote on accepting
260 such plan. The mayors of the several cities, upon receipt of a recommendation that a regional
261 refuse disposal district be established, shall submit the question of accepting such plan to the city
262 council within sixty days after receipt of the recommendation.

263 If a majority of the members of each city council voting on the question and the board of
264 selectmen in each town shall vote in the affirmative, the proposed regional refuse disposal
265 district shall be deemed to be established forthwith in accordance with the terms of the proposed
266 agreement.”

267 SECTION 25. Subsection subsection (f) of said section 44 of said chapter is hereby
268 amended by striking the words “a majority of the voters present and voting on the matter at a

269 town meeting called for the purpose of expressing such disapproval” and inserting in place
270 thereof the following words:- the board of selectmen.

271 SECTION 26. Section 3 of chapter 115, is hereby amended by striking out the last
272 sentence in the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

273 Two or more municipalities may, by approval of the mayor or manager in a city or by
274 vote of the board of selectmen in a town, appoint one person to serve as veterans’ agent for such
275 municipalities and may apportion the payment of compensation among such municipalities.

276 SECTION 27. Section 10 of said chapter 115, is hereby amended by striking out the first
277 sentence of the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

278 Two or more municipalities may, in a city by vote of the city council thereof, and in a
279 town by vote of the selectmen thereof, form a district for the purposes set forth in the first
280 paragraph of this section, including the appointment and compensation of a director of veterans’
281 services, for the enforcement therein of such purposes and of such other provisions of law as it
282 may be his duty to enforce.

283 SECTION 28. The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after section 4A of
284 chapter 40 the following section:-

285 Section 4A½. (a) For purposes of this section, the following words shall have the
286 following meanings:-

287 “Governmental unit”, a city, town or a regional school district, a district as defined in
288 section 1A, a regional planning commission, however constituted, a regional transit authority

289 established under chapter 161B, a water and sewer commission established under chapter 40N or
290 by special law, a county, or a state agency as defined in section 1 of chapter 6A.

291 “Joint powers agreement”, a contract specifying the terms and conditions of the joint
292 exercise of powers and duties entered into by participating governmental units pursuant to the
293 laws governing any such unit and the provisions of this section.

294 “Region”, any geographically-designated area within which the powers and duties
295 provided in a joint powers agreement shall be exercised.

296 (b) Notwithstanding any general law or special act to the contrary, the chief executive
297 officer of a city or town, or a board, committee or officer authorized by law to execute a contract
298 in the name of a governmental unit may, on behalf of the unit, enter into a joint powers
299 agreement with another governmental unit for the joint exercise of any of their common powers
300 and duties within a designated region. The joint powers agreement shall be authorized by the
301 parties thereto in the following manner: in a city by the city council with the approval of the
302 mayor, in a town by the board of selectmen and in a district by the prudential committee. A
303 decision to enter into a joint powers agreement under this section, or to join an existing region,
304 shall not be subject to bargaining under chapter 150E.

305 (c) The joint powers agreement shall specify:

306 (1) its purpose and the method by which the purpose sought shall be accomplished;

307 (2) the services, activities or undertakings to be jointly performed within the region;

308 (3) the specific organization, composition and nature of any separate legal or

309 administrative entity created thereby to perform the services, activities or undertakings within the

310 region, and the specific powers and duties delegated thereto, provided such entity may be legally
311 created. Such entity may include an independent entity created pursuant to subsection (d), a
312 nonprofit corporation organized pursuant to chapter 180 whose membership is limited solely to
313 the participating governmental units, a limited partnership organized pursuant to chapter 109
314 whose membership is limited solely to the participating governmental units, or a limited liability
315 company organized under chapter 156C whose membership is limited solely to the participating
316 governmental units. The funds of any such entity, corporation, limited partnership, or limited
317 liability company shall be subject to audit in the manner provided by law for the auditing of
318 public funds.

319 (4) the manner of financing the joint services, activities or undertakings within the region
320 and of establishing and maintaining a budget therefore;

321 (5) any procedures related to the termination of the joint powers agreement, the
322 withdrawal of any participating governmental unit and the addition of any new governmental
323 units.

324 (6) its duration.

325 (d) A joint powers agreement may create a new independent entity for the purposes of
326 carrying out the powers and duties of a region. The powers of an entity established pursuant to
327 this subsection shall include, but not be limited to, the power to: (1) sue and be sued; (2) make
328 and execute contracts and other instruments necessary for the exercise of the powers of the
329 region; (3) make and from time to time amend and repeal policies and procedures relative to the
330 operation of the region; (4) receive and expend funds; (5) apply for and receive grants from the

331 commonwealth, the federal government and from other grantors; and (6) any such other powers
332 as are necessary to properly carry out its powers as an independent entity.

333 Such entity shall be governed by a board of directors comprised of at least one member
334 representing each participating governmental unit. The board of directors shall coordinate the
335 activities of the region and may establish any policies and procedures necessary to do so.

336 The board of directors shall establish and manage a fund to which all monies contributed
337 by the participating governmental units, and all grants and gifts from the federal or state
338 government or any other source shall be deposited. The board of directors shall appoint a
339 treasurer who may be a treasurer of one of the participating governmental units. The treasurer,
340 subject to the direction and approval of the board of directors, shall be authorized to receive,
341 invest and disburse all funds of the region without further appropriation. The treasurer shall give
342 bond for the faithful performance of his duties in a form and amount as fixed by the board of
343 directors.

344 The board of directors may borrow money, enter into long or short-term loan agreements
345 or mortgages and apply for state, federal or corporate grants or contracts to obtain funds
346 necessary to carry out the purposes of the region. The board of directors may enter into contracts
347 for the purchase of supplies, materials and services and for the purchase or lease of land,
348 buildings and equipment as deemed necessary.

349 The entity shall be deemed to be a public employer and the board of directors may
350 employ personnel to carry out the purposes of the joint powers agreement and establish the
351 duties, compensation and other terms and conditions of employment of personnel.

352 (e) A participating governmental unit shall not liable for the acts or omission of another
353 participating government unit or the region or any entity created by the joint powers agreement,
354 unless the participating governmental unit has agreed otherwise in the joint powers agreement.

355 SECTION 29. There shall be established and set upon the books of the commonwealth a
356 separate fund to be known as the Regionalization Incentive and Implementation Fund. Amounts
357 credited to the fund shall be administered by the division of local services within the department
358 of revenue which shall determine that the funds are used for activities consistent with the
359 purpose of this act and the Massachusetts management and accounting report system. The
360 amounts shall be used, without further appropriation, solely for the administration and
361 implementation of this section.

362 The fund shall be a separate and expendable trust fund administered by the division of
363 local services within the department of revenue. There shall be credited to the fund, revenue
364 from appropriations or other monies authorized by the general court and specifically designated
365 to be credited to the fund and investment income earned on the fund's assets, and all other
366 sources. Money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General
367 Fund, and shall be allocated to the fund the following fiscal year.

368 One hundred percent of the monies deposited in the Regional Incentive and
369 Implementation Fund, but not more than \$4,000,000.00 in the aggregate in any fiscal year, shall
370 be used by the department of housing and community development within the executive office of
371 housing and economic development to provide grants on a competitive basis to districts and
372 municipalities, including councils of government and regional planning agencies that are
373 applying on behalf of two or more municipal entities, to fund the regionalization of municipal

374 services including, but not limited to, the areas of planning, implementation, transitional costs,
375 staff, operations, equipment, hardware, facilities, the subsidization of salaries for positions to
376 perform municipal functions jointly and projects to implement joint services, and related subject
377 areas.

378 Grant applications shall be reviewed by a panel including the department of housing and
379 community development, executive office of administration and finance and department of
380 revenue division of local services.

381 The department of housing and community development shall promulgate rules and
382 regulations for the administration of the Regionalization Incentive and Implementation Fund.

383 SECTION 30. 1599-2010. For a reserve to fund the District Local Technical Assistance
384 Fund including projects that encourage regionalization to be administered by the division of local
385 services and distributed through the District Local Technical Assistance Fund, established in
386 section 2XXX of chapter 29 of the General Laws..... \$2,800,000