



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
JOINT COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION AND
REGULATORY OVERSIGHT
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Rep. Antonio F. D. Cabral
House Chair

Sen. Nick Collins
Senate Chair

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Date of Hearing: Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Time: 10:30 AM-1:00 PM

Location: A-2 and Virtual

The committee will accept testimony on matters relating to finance, ethics, lobbying, labor, land, and honorary designations.

Please be advised that the schedule and agenda are subject to change at the discretion of the chairs. Further, the Chairs may schedule an executive session to coincide with this hearing. Per Committee Rules, Joint Committee members will be given any advance notice and materials to review.

All matters filed in the House that are listed above are required to be reported on by January 4, 2025, subject to extensions consistent with House Rule 27.

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Written testimony is encouraged and will continue to be accepted after the hearing until the relevant bill is acted upon.

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| Bill No. | Sponsor | Title |
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| H17 | Office of the Inspector General | An Act creating the Office of the Inspector General Recovery Fund |
| H40 | Office of the State Treasurer | An Act relative to the 401(k) CORE Plan |
| H3314 | Decker, Marjorie C. (HOU) | An Act relative to financial transparency |
| H3319 | Donaghue, Kate (HOU) | An Act relative to municipal lobbying |
| H3332 | Ferrante, Ann-Margaret (HOU) | An Act relative to the 401(k) CORE program |
| H3354 | Howitt, Steven S. (HOU) | An Act relative to CPCS reimbursement |
| H3360 | Hunt, Daniel J. (HOU) | An Act relating to fair pay and safe workplaces |
| H3386 | Markey, Christopher M. (HOU) | An Act relative to educational collaboratives |
| H3389 | Moakley, Thomas W. (HOU) | An Act to waive chargebacks on state grants, federal grant awards, federal subgrants and subsidies for the Regional Emergency Communication Center on Martha's Vineyard |
| H3394 | Muradian, Jr., David K. (HOU) | An Act providing for the observance of election worker appreciation day |
| H3416 | Sena, Danillo A. (HOU) | Resolutions urging Congress to pass legislation establishing a national infrastructure bank |
| H3428 | Vargas, Andres X. (HOU) | An Act enhancing the effectiveness of nonprofits' core mission work through full cost funding |
| H3429 | Vargas, Andres X. (HOU) | An Act establishing a Massachusetts Baby Bonds program |
| H4625 | Badger, Michelle L. (HOU) | An Act establishing Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day |

| Bill No. | Sponsor | Title |
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| H4648 | Davis, Leigh (HOU) | An Act relative to the purchase or lease of certain property known as Fenn Farm in the town of Stockbridge |
| S2103 | Brady, Michael D. (SEN) | An Act clarifying lobbying law violations |
| S2109 | Collins, Nick (SEN) | An Act to close travel loophole in the state conflict of interest law, and to provide for greater transparency and accountability regarding travel gifts |
| S2136 | Fattman, Ryan C. (SEN) | An Act relative to convicted lobbyists and legislative agents |
| S2139 | Fattman, Ryan C. (SEN) | An Act relative to unpaid student loans |
| S2146 | Feeney, Paul R. (SEN) | An Act establishing a Massachusetts Baby Bonds program |
| S2154 | Jehlen, Patricia D. (SEN) | An Act relative to drowsy driving awareness |
| S2166 | Lovely, Joan B. (SEN) | An Act relative to the 401(k) CORE plan |
| S2193 | Oliveira, Jacob R. (SEN) | An Act relative to educational collaboratives |
| S2200 | Oliveira, Jacob R. (SEN) | An Act limiting the impact of student loans to help staff succeed |
| S2203 | Payano, Pavel (SEN) | An Act enhancing the effectiveness of nonprofits' core mission work through full cost funding |
| S2209 | Rausch, Rebecca L. (SEN) | An Act protecting against discrimination in lobbying |
| S2211 | Rausch, Rebecca L. (SEN) | An Act closing a loophole in lobbying law |
| S2221 | Tarr, Bruce E. (SEN) | An Act relative to zero-based budgeting and budget transparency |
| S2657 | Driscoll, Jr., William J. (SEN) | An Act authorizing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through its Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, to grant permanent easements over certain land in the town of Milton for highway purposes |
| S2666 | Rausch, Rebecca L. (SEN) | An Act establishing Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day |

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Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

BILL NUMBER House, No. 17

TITLE An Act creating the Office of the Inspector General Recovery Fund

SPONSORS

SIMILAR MATTERS None

PRIOR HISTORY

None

CURRENT LAW

Chapter 29, regarding state finance

SUMMARY

Amends chapter 29 by establishing and setting up on the books of the commonwealth, a separate, non-budgeted special revenue fund known as the Office of the Inspector General Recovery Fund, which shall be administered by the office of the inspector general.

HOUSE No. 17

So much of the recommendations of the Inspector General (House, No. 11) as relates to creating the Office of the Inspector General Recovery Fund

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act creating the Office of the Inspector General Recovery Fund.

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. Chapter 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 2DDDDDD the following section:-

3 Section 2EEEEEE. There shall be established and set up on the books of the
4 commonwealth, a separate, non-budgeted special revenue fund known as the Office of the
5 Inspector General Recovery Fund, which shall be administered by the office of the inspector
6 general. The fund shall be credited with any monies payable to the inspector general from civil
7 recoveries, settlement funds, or recoupment of administrative and investigatory costs and may
8 earn and be credited interest.

9 Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended, without further appropriation, for the
10 office of the inspector general’s operational, administrative and investigatory purposes.

11 The unexpended balance in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall remain available for
12 expenditure in subsequent fiscal years. No expenditure made from the fund shall cause the fund
13 to be in deficit at any point.

HOUSE No. 17

So much of the recommendations of the Inspector General (House, No. 11) as relates to creating the Office of the Inspector General Recovery Fund

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:–

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 2DDDDDD the following section:–

3 Section 2EEEEEE. There shall be established and set up on the books of the
4 commonwealth, a separate, non-budgeted special revenue fund known as the Office of the
5 Inspector General Recovery Fund, which shall be administered by the office of the inspector
6 general. The fund shall be credited with any monies payable to the inspector general from civil
7 recoveries, settlement funds, or recoupment of administrative and investigatory costs and may
8 earn and be credited interest.

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10 office of the inspector general’s operational, administrative and investigatory purposes.

11 The unexpended balance in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall remain available for
12 expenditure in subsequent fiscal years. No expenditure made from the fund shall cause the fund
13 to be in deficit at any point.

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

BILL NUMBER House, No. 40

TITLE An Act relative to the 401(k) CORE Plan

SPONSORS

SIMILAR MATTERS H.3332 (Rep. Ferrante, Identical)

S.2166 (Sen. Lovely, Identical)

PRIOR HISTORY

(2023-24) H.3031: Favorable, referred to House Ways and Means

(2021-22) H.3143: Accompanied H.35

(2021-22) H.35: Favorable, referred to House Ways and Means

(2019-20) H.2698: Accompanied H.36

(2019-20) H.36: Favorable, referred to House Ways and Means

CURRENT LAW

Section 64E of chapter 29, establishing a qualified defined contribution plan for nonprofit employees of eligible organizations

SUMMARY

Currently, 64E of chapter 29 defines “not-for-profit employer” as, among other factors, employing no more than 20 people - this legislation would strike that requirement and also add a new subsection (g) that would allow the state treasurer to reduce operating expenses for the plan through seeking private donations or grants, including direct and indirect fundraising.

HOUSE No. 40

So much of the recommendations of the Department of the State Treasurer (House, No. 35) as relates to the 401(k) CORE Plan

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the 401(k) CORE Plan.

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. Section 64E of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
2 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking, in lines 5 and 6, the words “and employing
3 not more than 20 persons,”

4 SECTION 2. Said section 64E of said chapter 29, as so appearing, is hereby further
5 amended by inserting at the end thereof the following subsection:-

6 (g) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the state treasurer,
7 or designee, may seek to reduce operating expenses for the plan through private donations or
8 grants, which may include direct and indirect fundraising.

HOUSE No. 40

So much of the recommendations of the Department of the State Treasurer (House, No. 35) as relates to the 401(k) CORE Plan

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:—

1 SECTION 1. Section 64E of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
2 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking, in lines 5 and 6, the words “and employing
3 not more than 20 persons,”

4 SECTION 2. Said section 64E of said chapter 29, as so appearing, is hereby further
5 amended by inserting at the end thereof the following subsection:-

6 (g) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the state treasurer,
7 or designee, may seek to reduce operating expenses for the plan through private donations or
8 grants, which may include direct and indirect fundraising.

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

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| <u>BILL NUMBER</u> | House, No. 3314 |
| <u>TITLE</u> | An Act relative to financial transparency |
| <u>SPONSORS</u> | Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Reyes of Lawrence |
| <u>SIMILAR MATTERS</u> | None |

PRIOR HISTORY

None

CURRENT LAW

Chapter 268B, establishing the state ethics commission and outlining its duties and responsibilities, and outlining the process for public officials for filing financial interest statements

SUMMARY

Strikes part of section 1 of chapter 268B, which establishes the term "amount" as a category of value rather than an exact dollar figure applied to different financial ranges, and replaces it with "rounded to the nearest \$10,000, or to the nearest \$1,000 if less than \$10,000".

Replaces subsection (d) in section 3 of chapter 268B, which currently requires the commission to make statements and reports publicly available for in-person inspection and copying, to allow for free online downloading of statements and reports.

Amends subsection (g) of section 5 of said chapter 268B, which requires reporting persons to disclose the identity of all securities and other investments beneficially owned with a fair market value of greater than one thousand dollars, to require the disclosure of the "aggregate fair market value, with the value of an investment considered the sum of individual units owned, of greater than one thousand dollars".

HOUSE No. 3314

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marjorie C. Decker

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to financial transparency.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Marjorie C. Decker</i> | <i>25th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/17/2025</i> |
| <i>Estela A. Reyes</i> | <i>4th Essex</i> | <i>5/28/2025</i> |

HOUSE No. 3314

By Representative Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3314) of Marjorie C. Decker relative to financial disclosures by certain public officials and employees. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to financial transparency.

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. Section 1 of chapter 268B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended in the definition of “Amount”, by striking out “greater than
3 \$1,000 but not more than \$5,000; greater than \$5,000 but not more than \$10,000; greater than
4 \$10,000 but not more than \$20,000; greater than \$20,000 but not more than \$40,000; greater than
5 \$40,000 but not more than \$60,000; greater than \$60,000 but not more than \$100,000; greater
6 than \$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following words “rounded to the nearest
7 \$10,000, or to the nearest \$1,000 if less than \$10,000”

8 Section 2. Section 3 of said chapter 268B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
9 Official Edition, is hereby amended by replacing subsection (d) with the following words:- make
10 statements and reports filed with the commission available for public inspection via download
11 online for free or for in person public inspection and copying during regular office hours upon
12 the written request of any individual, at a charge not to exceed the actual administrative and

13 material costs required in reproducing said statements and reports; provided, however, that the
14 commission may make statements and reports filed with the commission available by electronic
15 mail in a read-only format upon the written request of any individual that delivers the request by
16 electronic mail; provided, however, that the commission shall be authorized, in its discretion, to
17 exempt from public disclosure those portions of a statement of financial interest filed pursuant to
18 section five which contain the home address of the filer; and provided, further, that the
19 commission shall not notify the person whose statement has been examined.

20 Section 3. Subsection (g) of section 5 of said chapter 268B of the General Laws, as
21 appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words “fair market
22 value of greater than one thousand dollars”, and inserting in place thereof the following words:-
23 aggregate fair market value, with the value of an investment considered the sum of individual
24 units owned, of greater than one thousand dollars.

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

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| <u>BILL NUMBER</u> | House, No. 3319 |
| <u>TITLE</u> | An Act relative to municipal lobbying |
| <u>SPONSORS</u> | Representative Donaghue of Westborough |
| <u>SIMILAR MATTERS</u> | None |

PRIOR HISTORY

(2023-24) H3020: Accompanied Study order (H.4675)

(2019-20) H.2781: Accompanied Study order (H.5103)

CURRENT LAW

Chapter 3, Section 39: establishes the legal framework for regulating lobbying activities in Massachusetts, specifically between sections 39 to 50 of the governing statute.

Chapter 3, Section 41: establishes the administrative, educational, and regulatory framework for the registration and oversight of lobbying activities in Massachusetts

Chapter 3, Section 42: establishes a legal prohibition against contingency-based compensation for lobbying activities in Massachusetts

Chapter 3, Section 43: establishes mandatory lobbying disclosure and ethics reporting requirements for executive and legislative agents

Chapter 3, Section 44: establishes the registration and reporting requirements for organizations or groups that attempt to influence legislation or executive decisions in Massachusetts, even if they do not employ a registered lobbyist.

Chapter 3, Section 45: establishes the enforcement, investigative, and adjudicatory procedures for handling violations of Massachusetts lobbying laws

Chapter 3, Section 46: establishes the official lobbying docket period for executive and legislative agents (i.e., registered lobbyists) in Massachusetts

Chapter 3, Section 47: establishes the reporting and disclosure requirements for employers of executive or legislative agents - that is, for companies, organizations, or entities that hire lobbyists in Massachusetts.

Chapter 3, Section 48: establishes the criminal penalties, enforcement procedures, and referral duties for violations of Massachusetts lobbying laws specifically for certain sections that govern lobbyist

conduct, reporting, and disclosure.

SUMMARY

This legislation expands Massachusetts lobbying and disclosure laws to explicitly cover municipal lobbying, bringing it under the same regulatory, reporting, and enforcement framework that already governs state-level lobbying. Previously, these statutes primarily applied to executive agents (state-level lobbyists) and legislative agents (lobbyists interacting with the General Court).

SECTION 1: Expands Massachusetts lobbying laws to include municipal-level lobbying in large cities (those with more than 150,000 residents), by adding new definitions to Chapter 3, Section 39 (i.e. “covered municipal official”, “municipal agent”, and “municipal lobbying”).

SECTION 2: Updates Section 41 of Chapter 3 to reflect the change made in the above section by adding the words “municipal agents” after “legislative agents”, making municipal lobbyists now subject to the same rules, restrictions, and ethical requirements that already apply to state-level lobbyists (legislative agents).

SECTION 3: Further amends Section 41 of Chapter 3 to reflect changes made in previous sections by inserting the word “municipal” after “legislative”.

SECTION 4: Amends Section 41 of Chapter 3 by inserting the words “, municipal agent” after “legislative agent” in line 20, thereby extending the same rules, prohibitions, and responsibilities that apply to legislative agents (state lobbyists) to municipal agents (municipal lobbyists) in that portion of the statute.

SECTION 5: Similarly adds “, municipal agent” after “legislative agent” in line 25 of Section 41, ensuring that municipal lobbyists are included wherever the law references legislative agents, further aligning municipal lobbying with state-level lobbying regulations.

SECTION 6: Continues the pattern established in earlier amendments by inserting “, municipal agent” after “legislative agent” in line 31 of Section 41, thereby explicitly extending Section 41’s requirements and restrictions to municipal agents.

SECTION 7: Establishes a \$50 annual filing fee for municipal agents when added to the state secretary’s docket.

SECTION 8: Extends references to “legislative agents” in lines 48–49 of Section 41 to include municipal agents.

SECTION 9: Prohibits municipal lobbying agreements where payment is contingent on the outcome of the lobbying efforts.

SECTION 10: Requires municipal agents to file a sworn, itemized report with the state secretary twice a year, covering January-June by July 15 and July-December by January 15, listing all campaign contributions and expenditures made in their role, including those for covered municipal officials, with exceptions for minor daily expenses under \$35 and personal or close family-related expenses.

SECTION 11: Requires legislative, municipal, and executive agents to provide select detailed disclosures in their periodic statements. These disclosures must be as complete as possible, even if specific bill numbers or names were not directly referenced during lobbying.

SECTION 12: Explicitly includes municipal agents within the scope of the reporting requirements for executive agents.

SECTION 13: Amends language, thereby extending the same reporting obligations to municipal agents.

SECTION 14: Amends language, thereby further ensuring municipal agents are explicitly covered under the disclosure provisions for executive agents.

SECTION 15: Requires any group or organization not employing a municipal agent that spends over \$250 in a calendar year to influence municipal government actions or decisions of covered municipal officials to register with the state secretary. They must file a sworn statement detailing: the principals and purpose of the organization, relevant municipal decisions or legislation, total expenditures, and an itemized account of all spending for or on behalf of covered municipal officials.

SECTION 16: Amends statute to explicitly extend its coverage to municipal agents in addition to executive agents

SECTION 17: Revises the exemptions in Section 44, clarifying that groups or organizations not employing agents, not making profits or political contributions, not paying members, and spending \$2,000 or less annually on lobbying are exempt from the registration and reporting requirements, including municipal lobbying.

SECTION 18: Amends Section 45(d) to include “, municipal lobbying” after “executive lobbying,” extending the state secretary’s subpoena powers to municipal lobbying activities.

SECTION 19: Amends language to explicitly include municipal agents within Section 45’s provisions.

SECTION 20: Amends language to ensure that municipal agents are included in the docketing requirements alongside executive agents.

SECTION 21: Expands reporting requirements for employers to include expenditures related to municipal agents in addition to executive and legislative agents, specifying what must be itemized and under what conditions.

SECTION 22: Explicitly adds municipal agents alongside executive agents in Section 47, extending the statute’s coverage to them.

SECTION 23: Adds municipal agents alongside executive agents in Section 48, applying the same penalties, disqualifications, and enforcement provisions to municipal agents.

HOUSE No. 3319

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kate Donaghue

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to municipal lobbying.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Kate Donaghue</i> | <i>19th Worcester</i> | <i>1/15/2025</i> |

HOUSE No. 3319

By Representative Donaghue of Westborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3319) of Kate Donaghue for legislation to regulate municipal lobbying. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3020 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to municipal lobbying.

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. Section 39 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after line 99, the following definition:-

3 “Covered municipal official”, a mayor, city manager, city councilor, member of the board
4 of alderman, school committee member or municipal department head in a city having more than
5 150,000 inhabitants as of the most recent federal census.”, and further;

6 By inserting after line 169, the following definitions:- ““Municipal agent”, a person who
7 for compensation or reward engages in municipal lobbying which includes at least 1 lobbying
8 communication with a government employee made by said person. The term “municipal agent”
9 shall include a person who, as part of his regular and usual business or professional activities and

10 not simply incidental thereto, engages in legislative municipal lobbying, whether or not any
11 compensation in addition to the salary for such activities is received for such services. For
12 purposes of this definition a person shall be presumed to be engaged in municipal lobbying that
13 is simply incidental to his regular and usual business or professional activities if he or she: (i)
14 engages in municipal lobbying for not more than 25 hours during any reporting period; and (ii)
15 receives less than \$2,500 during any reporting period for legislative lobbying.

16 “Municipal lobbying”, any act to promote, oppose, influence, or attempt to influence the
17 decision of any covered municipal official, where such decision concerns any ordinance
18 proposed or change to an adopted ordinance, action or vote of a covered municipal official or the
19 adoption, repeal, amendment or postponement of a standard, rate, rule, regulation or appointment
20 within a covered municipal official’s direct jurisdiction or the approval, modification or
21 disapproval of any formal action by a covered municipal.”

22 SECTION 2. Section 41 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
23 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “legislative agents” in line 7 the
24 following words:- “, municipal agents”.

25 SECTION 3. Section 41 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
26 Official Edition, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “legislative” in line 9 the
27 following word:- “, municipal”.

28 SECTION 4. Section 41 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
29 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “legislative agent” in line 20 the
30 following words:- “, municipal agent”.

31 SECTION 5. Section 41 of chapter 3 of the General, as appearing in the 2020 Official
32 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “legislative agent” in line 25 the
33 following words :- “, municipal agent”.

34 SECTION 6. Section 41 of chapter 3 of the General, as appearing in the 2020 Official
35 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “legislative agent” in line 31 the
36 following words :- “, municipal agent”.

37 SECTION 7. Section 41 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
38 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following sentence after the second sentence
39 in line 5:- The state secretary shall assess each municipal agent an annual filing fee of \$50 upon
40 entering the agent’s name on the docket.

41 SECTION 8. Section 41 of chapter 3 of the General, as appearing in the 2020 Official
42 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “legislative agent” in lines 48 and 49 the
43 following words :- “, municipal agent”.

44 SECTION 9. Section 42 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
45 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following sentence at the end of the first
46 paragraph in line 8:-

47 No person shall agree to engage in municipal lobbying for consideration to be paid upon
48 the contingency of the outcome of the actions described in the definition of “municipal
49 lobbying.”

50 SECTION 10. Section 43 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
51 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following new sentence after the first
52 sentence of the first paragraph in line 29:-

53 On or before the fifteenth day of July, complete from January first through June thirtieth;
54 and the fifteenth day of January, complete from July first to December thirty-first of the
55 preceding year, every municipal agent shall render to the state secretary an itemized statement,
56 under oath, listing all campaign contributions as defined in section one of chapter fifty-five; all
57 expenditures, and the total amount thereof, incurred, contributed or paid during the reporting
58 period in the course of his employment as a municipal agent and all expenditures made for or on
59 behalf of covered municipal officials incurred or paid during the reporting period, except that the
60 municipal agent shall not be required to report such expenditures not in the course of his
61 employment made for or on behalf of the immediate family of such municipal agent or a relative
62 within the third degree of consanguinity of the municipal agent or of his or her spouse or the
63 spouse of any such relative; and except that in the case of all expenditures the municipal agent
64 shall not be required to itemize the expenditures of any one day in which the amount incurred or
65 paid did not total thirty-five dollars or more.

66 SECTION 11. Section 43 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
67 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the first sentence of the third paragraph contained
68 in lines 41 to 54, inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the following text:

69 Every legislative agent, municipal agent and executive agent shall include in the
70 statement required by this section for the relevant reporting period: (1) the identification of each
71 client for whom the legislative, municipal or executive agent provided lobbying services; (2) a

72 list of all bill numbers and names of legislation and other governmental action that the executive,
73 municipal or legislative agent acted to promote, oppose or influence; (3) a statement of the
74 executive, municipal or legislative agent's position, if any, on each such bill or other
75 governmental action; (4) the identification of the client or clients on whose behalf the executive,
76 municipal or legislative agent was acting with respect to each such bill or governmental action;
77 (5) the amount of compensation received for executive, municipal or legislative lobbying from
78 each client with respect to such lobbying services; and (6) all direct business associations with
79 public officials. The disclosure shall be required regardless of whether the legislative agent,
80 municipal agent or executive agent specifically referenced the bill number or name, or other
81 governmental action while acting to promote, oppose or influence legislation, and shall be as
82 complete as practicable.

83 SECTION 12. Section 43 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
84 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "executive" in line 60 the
85 following word:- ", municipal".

86 SECTION 13. Section 43 of chapter 3 of the General, as appearing in the 2020 Official
87 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "executive" in line 67 the following
88 word:- ", municipal".

89 SECTION 14. Section 43 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
90 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "executive" in line 77 the
91 following word:- ", municipal".

92 SECTION 15. Section 44 of chapter 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
93 inserting the following new sentence after the first sentence in line 26 of the first paragraph:-

94 On or before the fifteenth day of July, complete from January first through June thirtieth;
95 and the fifteenth day of January, complete from July first to December thirty-first of the
96 preceding year, any group or organization, however constituted, not employing a municipal
97 agent which as part of an organized effort, expends in excess of two hundred and fifty dollars
98 during any calendar year to promote, oppose, or influence municipal governmental action, or to
99 influence the decision of any officer or employee of a covered municipal official, where such
100 decision concern the adoption, defeat or postponement of a standard, rate, rule or regulation
101 pursuant thereto, or to do any act to communicate directly with a covered municipal official to
102 influence a decision concerning policy or procurement shall register with the state secretary by
103 rendering a statement, under oath, containing the names and addresses of the principals of such
104 group or organization, the purposes of the organization, such aforesaid decisions of such
105 employees of the executive branch or an authority or legislation which affects those purposes,
106 the total amount of expenditures, incurred or paid during the reporting period in furtherance of
107 the foregoing objectives and an itemized statement containing all expenditures made for or on
108 behalf of covered municipal officials and employees of such offices.

109 SECTION 16. Section 44 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
110 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “executive” in line 56 the
111 following word:- “, municipal”.

112 SECTION 17. Section 44 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
113 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the text contained in the last paragraph in lines
114 62 to 76, inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

115 This section shall not apply to any group or organization that (i) does not employ an
116 executive, municipal or legislative agent; (ii) does not realize a profit; (iii) does not make a
117 contribution, as defined in section one of chapter fifty-five, to a political candidate or committee;
118 (iv) does not pay a salary or fee to any member for any activities performed for the benefit of the
119 group or organization; and (v) expends two thousand dollars or less during any calendar year to
120 promote, oppose, or influence legislation, or the governor's veto or approval thereof, or to
121 influence the decision of any officer or employee of the executive branch or an authority,
122 including, but not limited to, statewide constitutional officers and employees thereof, or a
123 covered municipal official and employees thereof, where such decision concerns legislation or
124 the adoption, defeat or postponement of a standard, rate, rule or regulation pursuant thereto or
125 other government action, or to do any act to communicate directly with a covered executive
126 official or covered municipal official to influence a decision concerning policy or procurement.

127 SECTION 18. Section 45 of chapter 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
128 inserting the following the words in the subsection (d) after the words “executive lobbying”:- ,
129 municipal lobbying.

130 SECTION 19. Section 45 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
131 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “executive” in line 96 the
132 following word:- “, municipal”.

133 SECTION 20. Section 46 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
134 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “executive” in line 1 the
135 following word:- “, municipal”.

136 SECTION 21. Section 47 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
137 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence contained in lines 1 to 25,
138 inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the following text:

139 “On or before the fifteenth day of July, complete from January first through June
140 thirtieth; and the fifteenth day of January, complete from July first to December thirty-first of the
141 preceding year, every employer of an executive, municipal or legislative agent shall render to the
142 state secretary a complete and detailed itemized statement, under oath, listing all expenditures
143 incurred or paid separately by such employer during the reporting period in connection with
144 promoting, opposing or influencing legislation, or the governor's approval or veto thereof, or
145 influencing the decision of any officer or employee of the executive branch or an authority,
146 including, but not limited to, statewide constitutional officers and employees thereof, or a
147 covered municipal official and employees thereof, where such decision concerns legislation or
148 the adoption, defeat or postponement of a standard, rate, rule or regulation pursuant thereto or
149 other government action, or to do any act to communicate directly with a covered executive
150 official or covered municipal official to influence a decision concerning policy or procurement
151 and all expenditures for or on behalf of the statewide constitutional officers, officers and
152 employees of such offices, members of the general court, officers and employees of the general
153 court, officers and employees of the executive branch and officers and employees of an
154 authority, covered municipal officials and any employees thereof and the total amount thereof
155 incurred or paid separately by such employer during the reporting period; and except that in the
156 case of all expenditures the employer shall not be required to itemize the expenditures of any one
157 day in which the amount incurred or paid did not total thirty-five dollars or more.”

158 SECTION 22. Section 47 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
159 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “executive” in line 47 the
160 following word:- “, municipal”.

161 SECTION 23. Section 48 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
162 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “executive” in lines 6 and 8, as it
163 appears in each instance, the following word:- “, municipal”.

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

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| <u>BILL NUMBER</u> | House, No. 3332 |
| <u>TITLE</u> | An Act relative to the 401(k) CORE program |
| <u>SPONSORS</u> | Representative Ferrante of Gloucester |
| <u>SIMILAR MATTERS</u> | H40 (Office of the State Treasurer, Identical) S2166 (Sen. Lovely, Identical) |

PRIOR HISTORY

(2023-24) H3031: Favorable, referred to House Ways and Means

(2021-22) H3143: Favorable, referred to House Ways and Means

CURRENT LAW

Section 64E of chapter 29, establishing a qualified defined contribution plan for nonprofit employees of eligible organizations

SUMMARY

Currently, 64E of chapter 29 defines “not-for-profit employer” as, among other factors, employing no more than 20 people—this legislation would strike that requirement and also add a new subsection (g) that would allow the state treasurer to reduce operating expenses for the plan through seeking private donations or grants, including direct and indirect fundraising.

HOUSE No. 3332

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ann-Margaret Ferrante

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the 401(k) CORE program.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i> | <i>5th Essex</i> | <i>1/17/2025</i> |

HOUSE No. 3332

By Representative Ferrante of Gloucester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3332) of Ann-Margaret Ferrante relative to administering the deferred compensation program. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3031 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the 401(k) CORE program.

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. Section 64E of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking, in lines 5 and 6, the words “and employing not
3 more than 20 persons,”

4 SECTION 2. Said section 64E of said chapter 29, as so appearing, is hereby further
5 amended by inserting at the end thereof the following subsection:-

6 (g) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the state treasurer, or
7 designee, may seek to reduce operating expenses for the plan through private donations or grants,
8 which may include direct and indirect fundraising.

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <u>BILL NUMBER</u> | House, No. 3354 |
| <u>TITLE</u> | An Act relative to CPCS reimbursement |
| <u>SPONSORS</u> | Representative Howitt of Seekonk |
| <u>SIMILAR MATTERS</u> | None |

PRIOR HISTORY

(2023-24) H3055: Study

(2021-23) H3071: Study

CURRENT LAW

Section 6B of Chapter 211D, regarding payment of counsel on the committee for public counsel services

SUMMARY

Amends section 6B of Chapter 211D to stipulate that no member of the general court shall directly or indirectly receive or request compensation in relation to duties carried out by the Committee for Public Counsel Services.

HOUSE No. 3354

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven S. Howitt

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to CPCS reimbursement.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <i>Steven S. Howitt</i> | <i>4th Bristol</i> | <i>1/14/2025</i> |

HOUSE No. 3354

By Representative Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3354) of Steven S. Howitt for legislation to prohibit members of the General Court from directly or indirectly receiving or requesting compensation from anyone in relation to Committee for Public Counsel Services duties. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3055 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**
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An Act relative to CPCS reimbursement.

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 6B of Chapter 211D, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby
- 2 amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:-
- 3 No member of the general court shall directly or indirectly receive or request
- 4 compensation, in relation to the duties prescribed in Section 5.

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

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|-------------------------------|---|
| <u>BILL NUMBER</u> | House, No. 3360 |
| <u>TITLE</u> | An Act relating to fair pay and safe workplaces |
| <u>SPONSORS</u> | Representative Hunt of Boston |
| <u>SIMILAR MATTERS</u> | None |

PRIOR HISTORY

(2023-24) H.3060: Favorable, referred to House Ways and Means

(2021-22) H.3173: Favorable, referred to House Ways and Means

(2019-20) H.2723: Favorable, referred to House Ways and Means

CURRENT LAW

Chapter 29, Section 29k: establishes oversight and accountability requirements for state authorities receiving \$500,000 or more in annual appropriations, including audits, financial reporting, executive compensation limits, and the creation of audit and compensation committees.

SUMMARY

This legislation adds a new section to the Massachusetts General Laws, following Chapter 29, Section 29K, establishing disclosure and accountability requirements for state contractors and their subcontractors regarding workplace law violations. It requires periodic reporting, allows state contracting officers to consider this information in awarding contracts, and authorizes corrective actions or contract termination to ensure compliance.

SECTION 1: Addition of Section 19L

Subsection (a): Defines key terms, including “offeror” (contractor submitting a proposal), “state agency,” “state contract,” “state contracting officer,” and “workplace laws” (laws protecting workers’ rights, safety, wages, and civil rights). This sets the scope and applicability of the requirements.

Subsection (b): Requires offerors (and their subcontractors) to disclose any administrative, arbitral, or civil judgments from the past three years related to violations of workplace laws, including federal and state labor, safety, civil rights, and wage laws. This establishes a transparency requirement before a contract is awarded.

Subsection (c): Mandates that state contracting officers, in consultation with the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, consider the submitted disclosure information when deciding whether to award a contract. This integrates compliance history into procurement decisions.

Subsection (d): Requires contractors to update their disclosure information every six months. The state contracting officer, with the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, can require corrective actions, compliance assistance, remediation, or in severe cases, choose not to exercise contract options or terminate contracts.

SECTION 2: The act takes effect 90 days after its passage.

HOUSE No. 3360

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel J. Hunt

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relating to fair pay and safe workplaces.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Daniel J. Hunt</i> | <i>13th Suffolk</i> | <i>1/14/2025</i> |

HOUSE No. 3360

By Representative Hunt of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3360) of Daniel J. Hunt for legislation to further regulate state contracts and sub-contracts. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3060 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relating to fair pay and safe workplaces.

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. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 29k the following section:-

3 Section 29l. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall, unless the context
4 clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:--

5 “Offeror”, the person who has authority to, and does submit an offer to a state agency to
6 enter into any state contract;

7 “State agency” shall have the meaning given the term in section 1 of chapter 29;

8 “State contract”, any contract with a state agency whereby the state agency is obligated to
9 make payment to the contracting party for goods, services, or other work to be delivered or
10 performed under the contract;

11 “State contracting officer”, any person with the authority to enter into a contract on
12 behalf of a state agency;

13 “Workplace laws”, shall mean any regulation, statute, or law that aims to prohibit
14 discrimination in, or regulate, the workplace that is applicable to a contracting entity;

15 (b) All state contracting officers shall ensure that the solicitation for a state contract
16 requires the offeror-

17 (1) to represent, to the best of the offeror’s knowledge and belief, whether there has been
18 any administrative merits determination, arbitral award or decision, or civil judgment rendered
19 against the offeror in the preceding three years for violations of any workplace laws, including
20 health and safety standards, wage laws, and civil rights laws; including but not limited to:

21 a. the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, 29 U.S.C. 201 et seq.;

22 b. the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, 29 U.S.C. 651 et seq.;

23 c. the National Labor Relations Act, 29 U.S.C. 151 et seq.;

24 d. the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.;

25 e. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. 2000e et seq.;

26 f. the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.;

27 g. the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, 29 U.S.C. 621 et seq.;

28 h. the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978;

29 i. the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.;

30 j. Executive Order 11246;

31 k. Section 1981 of the Civil Rights Act of 1866, 42 U.S.C. 1981;

32 l. Massachusetts Workers Compensation Laws,

33 m. the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008;

34 n. Chapter 151B of the General Laws; or

35 o. Any other equivalent state or federal laws.

36 (2) to require each subcontractor for state contract to represent to the offeror, to the best
37 of the subcontractor's knowledge and belief, whether there has been any administrative merits
38 determination, arbitral award or decision, or civil judgment rendered against the subcontractor in
39 the preceding three years for violations of any such workplace laws, including health and safety
40 standards, wage laws, and civil rights laws as enumerated above.

41 (c) All state contracting officers, in consultation with the Executive Office of Labor and
42 Workforce Development, shall consider information provided by the offeror under section 291 in
43 determining whether to award a contract.

44 (d) The state contracting officer for an awarded contract shall require that the contractor
45 update the information provided under section 291 every six months. The state contracting

46 officer, in consultation with the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, shall
47 determine whether any information provided under this section warrants corrective action. Such
48 action may include:

49 (1) an agreement requiring appropriate remedial measures;

50 (2) compliance assistance;

51 (3) resolving issues to avoid further violations; or

52 (4) the decision not to exercise an option on a contract or to terminate the contract.

53 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect 90 days after its passage.

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

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| <u>BILL NUMBER</u> | House, No. 3386 |
| <u>TITLE</u> | An Act relative to educational collaboratives |
| <u>SPONSORS</u> | Representatives Markey of Dartmouth, Badger of Plymouth, and Arena-DeRosa of Holliston; Senator Oliveira |
| <u>SIMILAR MATTERS</u> | S2193 (Sen. Oliveira) |

PRIOR HISTORY

(2023-24) H3085: Favorable, referred to House Steering

(2021-22) H3200: Favorable, referred to House Steering

CURRENT LAW

Section 20 of chapter 268A, prohibiting municipal employees from having financial interests in municipal agency contracts

SUMMARY

Would exempt employees of regional public educational agencies, such as educational collaboratives, from the prohibition that municipal employees shall not have a financial interest, directly or indirectly, in a contract made by a municipal agency of the same city or town.

Would allow an employee of a regional public educational agency such as an educational collaborative, or an educational collaborative' member school districts, to have a direct or indirect financial interest in a contract or agreement made by the educational collaborative to provide educational and related services to such collaborative, or the member school districts, provided that the employee provides a written disclosure of these contracts to both agencies with whom the employee is contracting.

HOUSE No. 3386

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Christopher M. Markey

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to educational collaboratives.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
|------------------------------|---|------------------|
| <i>Christopher M. Markey</i> | <i>9th Bristol</i> | <i>1/17/2025</i> |
| <i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i> | <i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i> | <i>2/10/2025</i> |
| <i>Michelle L. Badger</i> | <i>1st Plymouth</i> | <i>5/2/2025</i> |
| <i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i> | <i>8th Middlesex</i> | <i>8/28/2025</i> |

HOUSE No. 3386

By Representative Markey of Dartmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3386) of Christopher M. Markey and Jacob R. Oliveira relative to financial interest in contracts or agreements made by educational collaboratives. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3085 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to educational collaboratives.

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 20 of Chapter 268A, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:-

3 "This section shall not prohibit an employee of a regional public educational agency such
4 as an educational collaborative as authorized under Section 4E of Chapter 40 of the General
5 Laws, or an educational collaborative' member school districts, from having a direct or indirect
6 financial interest in a contract or agreement made by the educational collaborative to provide
7 educational and related services to such collaborative, or the member school districts of the
8 same, provided that the employee provides a written disclosure of these contracts to both
9 agencies with whom the employee is contracting.

10 The proposed arrangement must be approved by the employee's appointing authority
11 before the employee provides educational services.

12 For purposes of this section, educational services shall mean any service related to the
13 education of students, youth, and families or to the professional development and training of
14 educators, administrators, and paraprofessionals, and community-based personnel working on
15 behalf of public education that is provided by a public agency of a single or multiple
16 municipalities.”

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

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|-------------------------------|---|
| <u>BILL NUMBER</u> | House, No. 3389 |
| <u>TITLE</u> | An Act to waive chargebacks on state grants, federal grant awards, federal subgrants and subsidies for the Regional Emergency Communication Center on Martha's Vineyard |
| <u>SPONSORS</u> | Representative Moakley of Falmouth; Senator Cyr |
| <u>SIMILAR MATTERS</u> | None |

PRIOR HISTORY

(2023-24) S1987: Favorable, referred to Senate Ways and Means

(2021-22) H3141: Favorable, referred to House Ways and Means

CURRENT LAW

Chapter 29, Section 5D, authorizing the comptroller to recover indirect and fringe benefit costs associated with compensation provided by a state agency

SUMMARY

All state grants, federal grants, federal subgrants and subsidies for the Dukes County Sheriff's Regional Emergency Communication Center shall be exempt from:

-Chargebacks of fringe benefits

-Indirect costs and payroll taxes imposed on salary costs as reimbursement from the Dukes County Sheriff's appropriation to the awarding agency's appropriation under any Interdepartmental Service Agreement between Dukes County Sheriff and another state agency

HOUSE No. 3389

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas W. Moakley and Julian Cyr

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to waive chargebacks on state grants, federal grant awards, federal subgrants and subsidies for the Regional Emergency Communication Center on Martha's Vineyard.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
|--------------------------|--|------------------|
| <i>Thomas W. Moakley</i> | <i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i> | <i>1/11/2025</i> |
| <i>Julian Cyr</i> | <i>Cape and Islands</i> | <i>1/13/2025</i> |

HOUSE No. 3389

By Representative Moakley of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3389) of Thomas W. Moakley and Julian Cyr for legislation to waive certain chargebacks for the Dukes County Sheriff’s Regional Emergency Communication Center. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1987 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

—————
**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**
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An Act to waive chargebacks on state grants, federal grant awards, federal subgrants and subsidies for the Regional Emergency Communication Center on Martha's Vineyard.

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

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to the contrary, all state grants,
2 federal grant awards, federal subgrants and subsidies for the Dukes County Sheriff’s Regional
3 Emergency Communication Center shall be exempt from chargebacks of fringe benefits, indirect
4 costs and payroll taxes; imposed on salary costs moved back as reimbursement from the Dukes
5 County Sheriff’s appropriation to the awarding agency’s appropriation under any
6 Interdepartmental Service Agreement between the Dukes County Sheriff and another state
7 agency.

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

BILL NUMBER House, No. 3394

TITLE An Act providing for the observance of election worker appreciation day

SPONSORS Representative Muradian of Grafton

SIMILAR MATTERS None

PRIOR HISTORY

(2023-24) H3093: Study

(2021-22) H3209: Study

CURRENT LAW

Chapter 6: Governor's role, duties, and responsibilities

SUMMARY

Sets apart the Wednesday after the first Monday in November in every even-numbered year as Election Worker Appreciation Day.

HOUSE No. 3394

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David K. Muradian, Jr.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act providing for the observance of election worker appreciation day.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| <i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i> | <i>9th Worcester</i> | <i>1/16/2025</i> |

HOUSE No. 3394

By Representative Muradian of Grafton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3394) of David K. Muradian, Jr., for the annual issuance by the Governor of a proclamation setting apart the Wednesday next after the first Monday in November in every even-numbered year as election worker appreciation day. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3093 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**
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An Act providing for the observance of election worker appreciation day.

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

1 Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 15LLLLLL,
2 inserted by section 1 of chapter 105 of the acts of 2020, the following section:-

3 Section 15MMMMM. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart
4 the Wednesday next after the first Monday in November in every even-numbered year as
5 Election Worker Appreciation Day, in recognition of the significant contributions that election
6 workers have made to the commonwealth and to the United States. The governor shall
7 recommend that said day be observed in an appropriate manner by the people.

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

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| <u>BILL NUMBER</u> | House, No. 3416 |
| <u>TITLE</u> | Resolutions urging Congress to pass legislation establishing a national infrastructure bank |
| <u>SPONSORS</u> | Representatives Sena of Acton and Vaughn of Wrentham; Senator Eldridge |
| <u>SIMILAR MATTERS</u> | None |

PRIOR HISTORY

None

SUMMARY

Resolution urging the United States Congress to pass legislation establishing a national infrastructure bank to facilitate the financing of urgently needed infrastructure projects in the United States.

HOUSE No. 3416

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Danillo A. Sena

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying resolution:

Resolutions urging Congress to pass legislation establishing a national infrastructure bank.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| <i>Danillo A. Sena</i> | <i>37th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/17/2025</i> |
| <i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i> | <i>9th Norfolk</i> | <i>2/18/2025</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> | <i>2/27/2025</i> |

HOUSE No. 3416

By Representative Sena of Acton, a petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 3416) of Danillo A. Sena, Marcus S. Vaughn and James B. Eldridge for the adoption of resolutions urging Congress to pass legislation establishing a national infrastructure bank. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

Resolutions urging Congress to pass legislation establishing a national infrastructure bank.

1 WHEREAS, the development and maintenance of physical infrastructure including roads,
2 bridges, ports, transit, energy, housing, telecommunications, utilities, and broadband contribute
3 significantly to the economy of the United States since an efficient and reliable supply chain and
4 other economic activity are dependent upon that infrastructure; and

5 WHEREAS, in addition to the overall positive impact on the nation’s economy and
6 America’s economic competitiveness and influence, infrastructure modernization also benefits
7 the national security of the United States, and Americans’ quality of life; and

8 WHEREAS, The American Society of Civil Engineers issued a score of C- for the
9 current status of infrastructure in the United States in its 2021 Report Card for America’s
10 Infrastructure, and that more than \$6 trillion is needed for infrastructure improvements and
11 development in order for the United States to meet its infrastructure needs; and

12 WHEREAS, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine assert that
13 a significant portion of American transportation infrastructure is at the end of its useful life and is
14 further strained by the increasing frequency of extreme weather events; and

15 WHEREAS, Massachusetts has numerous infrastructure needs, including bridges that are
16 structurally deficient, miles of roads that are in poor or fair condition, trains and buses that are
17 past their useful life, a shortfall of affordable housing units, drinking water infrastructure and
18 wastewater systems requiring repair and replacement, and areas where there is no broadband
19 access; and

20 WHEREAS, the National Infrastructure Bank legislation would create a bank to help
21 finance infrastructure requirements to bring our public infrastructure system to a state of good
22 repair and build new projects, while creating jobs and growing the economy; and

23 WHEREAS, the National Infrastructure Bank legislation is modeled on previous banks
24 which helped build much of our country’s infrastructure at times of great need under Presidents
25 George Washington, James Madison, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, and with the
26 last such bank helping bring us out of the Great Depression and win World War II;

27 WHEREAS, many organizations are in support of a National Infrastructure Bank,
28 including state legislatures and municipal governments, and national endorsements from the
29 National Black Caucus of State Legislators, the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators,
30 the National Asian-Pacific American Caucus of State Legislators, the Council of State
31 Governments-East, the National Association of Development Organizations, the US High Speed
32 Rail Association, the American Sustainable Business Council, the National Association of

33 Minority Contractors, the National Latino Farmers and Ranchers, and the United Association of
34 Plumbers and Steamfitters International Union; and

35 WHEREAS, the failure to establish a dedicated, regenerative, nonpartisan funding
36 mechanism for grand infrastructure endeavors would stifle economic growth, public safety, and
37 American quality of life and would limit the ability of Massachusetts and other states to move
38 forward on vital infrastructure projects and remain competitive in the global economy; and

39 THEREFORE, be it resolved that the General Court of the Commonwealth of
40 Massachusetts urges the United States Congress to pass legislation establishing a national
41 infrastructure bank to facilitate the financing of urgently needed infrastructure projects in the
42 United States; and be it further

43 RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted forthwith by the clerk of the
44 Senate to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker and Minority Leader
45 of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United
46 States Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from the Commonwealth in the Congress
47 of the United States, and to the Governor of the Commonwealth.

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

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| <u>BILL NUMBER</u> | House, No. 3428 |
| <u>TITLE</u> | An Act enhancing the effectiveness of nonprofits' core mission work through full cost funding |
| <u>SPONSORS</u> | Representatives Vargas of Haverhill and Domb of Amherst |
| <u>SIMILAR MATTERS</u> | S.2058 (Sen. Payano, Identical) |

PRIOR HISTORY

(2023-24) H.3122: Favorable, referred to House Ways and Means

(2021-22) H.3241: Favorable, referred to House Ways and Means

CURRENT LAW

Chapter 29, Section 6B: establishes rules for how state agencies apply for, receive, and spend federal grant funds (i.e. requirements for reporting, budget integration, oversight, and proper accounting), while ensuring compliance with federal and state law. It also sets procedures for cost recovery, use of state resources, and exemptions for smaller or emergency-related grants.

SUMMARY

This legislation adds a new section following Chapter 29, Section 6B, establishing that nonprofit organizations receiving state-funded grants or contracts, either directly or via a third party, must be reimbursed for indirect costs, either at their federally negotiated rate (NICRA) if applicable, or at a minimum rate of 15% of modified total direct costs, with the option to negotiate a higher rate with the state's Executive Office of Administration and Finance.

SECTION 6BB(a): Defines key terms, including indirect costs, NICRA, nonprofit organization, and OMB uniform guidance, to clarify which costs and organizations are covered.

SECTION 6BB(b): Establishes reimbursement rules for nonprofits: if a nonprofit has a current NICRA, that rate applies; otherwise, it receives at least 15% of modified total direct costs or may negotiate a different rate with the Executive Office of Administration and Finance.

SECTION 6BB(c): Confirms that these reimbursement rules apply regardless of whether state funds are awarded directly or through a third party.

This framework ensures nonprofits are adequately compensated for administrative and overhead costs associated with delivering state-funded services.

HOUSE No. 3428

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Andres X. Vargas and Mindy Domb

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act enhancing the effectiveness of nonprofits’ core mission work through full cost funding.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| <i>Andres X. Vargas</i> | <i>3rd Essex</i> | <i>1/15/2025</i> |
| <i>Mindy Domb</i> | <i>3rd Hampshire</i> | <i>1/15/2025</i> |

HOUSE No. 3428

By Representatives Vargas of Haverhill and Domb of Amherst, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3428) of Andres X. Vargas and Mindy Domb for legislation to provide that certain grants or contracts allow for reimbursement of indirect costs. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3122 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

—————
**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**
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An Act enhancing the effectiveness of nonprofits’ core mission work through full cost funding.

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

1 Notwithstanding any special or general laws to the contrary, Chapter 29 of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 6B the following section:-

3 Section 6BB. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall have the
4 following definitions, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

5 “Indirect costs” means any costs that would be considered to be indirect costs under 2
6 C.F.R. 200.414 OMB uniform guidance.

7 “NICRA” means a Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement that reflects an indirect cost
8 rate negotiated between the federal government and a grant or contract awardee, which is used to
9 calculate an awardee’s compensation by federal agencies for indirect costs.

10 “Nonprofit organization” means an organization that is tax exempt under § 501(c)(3), (4),
11 or (6) of the internal revenue code.

12 “OMB uniform guidance” means the uniform administrative requirements, cost
13 principles, and audit requirements for federal awards adopted by the office of management and
14 budget in 2 C.F.R. 200 and any related guidance published by the office of management and
15 budget.

16 (b) If a nonprofit organization is a direct recipient or subrecipient of a grant or contract
17 for the provision of services that is funded either wholly with state funds or with a combination
18 of state and other non-federal funds, the terms of the grant or contract shall allow for
19 reimbursement of indirect costs:

20 (1) at the same rate the nonprofit organization has negotiated and received for a NICRA
21 under a direct federal award, providing the current rate is unexpired; and

22 (2) if the nonprofit organization has not negotiated and received an indirect cost rate
23 described in item (a) of this subsection:

24 (i) at a rate of at least 15% of the costs that would be considered modified total direct
25 costs under OMB uniform guidance,

26 (ii) by negotiating a new percentage indirect cost rate with the Executive Office of
27 Administration and Finance per guidelines established by the Secretary of the Executive Office
28 of Administration and Finance.

29 (c) This section applies whether or not the funds awarded through the grant or contract
30 are transferred directly by the state or through a third party to the nonprofit organization.

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

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|-------------------------------|---|
| <u>BILL NUMBER</u> | House, No. 3429 |
| <u>TITLE</u> | An Act establishing a Massachusetts Baby Bonds program |
| <u>SPONSORS</u> | Representatives Vargas of Haverhill, Sabadosa of Northampton, Holmes of Boston, Cruz of Salem, Keefe of Worcester, Owens of Watertown, Higgins of Leominster, and Decker of Cambridge; Senator Eldridge |
| <u>SIMILAR MATTERS</u> | H.48 (Office of the State Treasurer) S.2146 (Sen. Feeney, Identical) |
| <u>PRIOR HISTORY</u> | None |
| <u>CURRENT LAW</u> | Chapter 10, Section 78: establishes a state bonus program for veterans who served in specific U.S. military operations. |

SUMMARY

This legislation adds a new section to the Massachusetts General Laws following Chapter 10, Section 78, creating a state-administered Baby Bonds Trust Fund for children born after July 1, 2024, from low-income or DCF-involved households. It sets up a fund, defines how it's managed, establishes advisory boards, outlines eligible uses, specifies claiming rules, and ensures that funds do not affect public benefits or taxes.

SECTION 79a: Defines key terms, including who qualifies as a designated beneficiary, what counts as eligible expenditures, and the roles of the Board and Committee, clarifying the framework for how the fund operates and clarifies individual entitlements. Defined terms include the following: "Accounting", "Board", "Committee", "Designated Beneficiary", "Eligible expenditure", and "Fund")

SECTION 79b: Establishes the Massachusetts Baby Bonds Trust Fund, assigning the state treasurer as administrator with authority to manage investments, hire experts, accept donations, and report annually. It ensures the fund's money remains available and is protected from reverting to the general fund.

SECTION 79c: Establishes the Baby Bonds Advisory Board to advise the treasurer on policy, program design, fraud prevention, and equity. It specifies board composition, terms, and reporting responsibilities, providing oversight and expert guidance.

SECTION 79d: Creates the Community Advisory Committee to facilitate community engagement, ensuring diverse input on fund administration and outreach. Committee members serve without pay but may be reimbursed for expenses.

SECTION 79e: Sets rules for beneficiaries to access their accounts between ages 18 and 35, requiring funds to be used for eligible expenditures. Unclaimed funds or accounts of deceased beneficiaries revert to the fund, and the treasurer is tasked with providing financial education and resources to support proper use.

SECTION 79f: Ensures that Baby Bonds are excluded from calculations for public benefits eligibility and are not taxable income, protecting beneficiaries from losing aid or incurring extra taxes.

SECTION 79g: Requires state agencies to share necessary information with the treasurer to identify beneficiaries and administer the program effectively, formalized through inter-agency agreements.

SECTION 79h: Empowers the treasurer to create rules and regulations to administer and enforce the program, allowing flexibility in operations and adjustments over time.

HOUSE No. 3429

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Andres X. Vargas

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing a Massachusetts Baby Bonds program.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Andres X. Vargas</i> | <i>3rd Essex</i> | <i>1/15/2025</i> |
| <i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i> | <i>1st Hampshire</i> | <i>2/12/2025</i> |
| <i>Russell E. Holmes</i> | <i>6th Suffolk</i> | <i>2/24/2025</i> |
| <i>Manny Cruz</i> | <i>7th Essex</i> | <i>3/3/2025</i> |
| <i>Mary S. Keefe</i> | <i>15th Worcester</i> | <i>3/11/2025</i> |
| <i>Steven Owens</i> | <i>29th Middlesex</i> | <i>3/11/2025</i> |
| <i>Natalie M. Higgins</i> | <i>4th Worcester</i> | <i>3/18/2025</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> | <i>6/17/2025</i> |
| <i>Marjorie C. Decker</i> | <i>25th Middlesex</i> | <i>9/23/2025</i> |

HOUSE No. 3429

By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3429) of Andres X. Vargas and others for legislation to direct the State Treasurer to establish a baby bonds trust fund to assist certain designated beneficiaries in pursuing opportunities for education, housing, and entrepreneurship. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1157 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

—————
**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**
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An Act establishing a Massachusetts Baby Bonds program.

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

1 Chapter 10 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding after section 78 the
2 following section:-

3 Section 79. (a) As used in this section the followings words and terms shall have the
4 following meanings:-

5 “Accounting”, a designated beneficiary’s pro rata share of the fund, as determined by the
6 state treasurer.

7 “Board”, means the Massachusetts Baby Bonds Trust Fund Advisory Board.

8 “Committee”, means the Massachusetts Baby Bonds Community Advisory Committee.

9 “Designated beneficiary”, means any individual who: (i) is born on or after July 1, 2024;
10 and (ii) receives cash assistance under transitional aid to families with dependent children or is a
11 child under the care or custody of the Massachusetts department of children and families within
12 the first twelve months of their life.

13 “Eligible expenditure”, means an expenditure associated with any of the following: (i)
14 post-secondary education of a designated beneficiary at a vocational or apprentice program,
15 community college, or university that is located in and licensed, approved, or accredited by the
16 commonwealth; (ii) investment in an entity doing business in the commonwealth by a designated
17 beneficiary; (iii) purchase of a home in the commonwealth by a designated beneficiary; or (iv)
18 any investment in financial assets or personal capital that provides long-term gains to wages or
19 wealth, as defined by regulation promulgated by the state treasurer.

20 “Fund”, means the Massachusetts Baby Bonds Trust Fund.

21 (b)(1) There shall be a Massachusetts Baby Bonds Trust Fund for the exclusive purpose
22 of assisting designated beneficiaries in pursuing opportunities for education, housing, and
23 entrepreneurship, in order to create opportunities for financial independence.

24 (2) The state treasurer shall administer the fund. The state treasurer may contract with
25 practitioners, administrators, investment managers and other entities in order to design,
26 administer and provide investment options for the fund. The provisions of section 38 of chapter
27 29 of the general laws shall not apply to the investment of the fund.

28 (3) The state treasurer may accept moneys from public and private sources, including, but
29 not limited to gifts, grants and donations, but not in lieu of contribution by the General Court.

30 The state treasurer may expend moneys from the fund for all reasonable and necessary direct
31 costs and expenses incurred with the management and investment of the fund.

32 (4) Moneys deposited in the fund shall not be subject to further appropriation and any
33 moneys that are unexpended at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and
34 shall be available for expenditure in the following fiscal year. No expenditure made from the
35 fund shall cause the fund to become deficient at any point.

36 (5) The state treasurer shall report annually on or before December 31 to the governor
37 and house and senate committees on ways and means: (i) the balance of the fund and (ii) the total
38 return generated by the principal of said fund during the prior 12-month period ending on June
39 30.

40 (c)(1) There shall be a Baby Bonds Trust Fund Advisory Board. The board shall meet
41 from time to time to assist the state treasurer in the development of general policy regarding the
42 fund and shall provide technical advice and input to the state treasurer. Matters considered by the
43 board shall include, but not be limited to: (i) identification of eligible expenditures; (ii)
44 development of mitigation measures to prevent fraud, scams, or financial exploitation of
45 designated beneficiaries related to eligible expenditures; and (iii) partnerships with individuals
46 and communities disproportionately impacted by the racial wealth gap in program expansion and
47 development, including, but not limited to, regular collaboration with the Massachusetts Baby
48 Bonds Community Advisory Committee established in subsection (d).

49 (2) The board shall consist of 17 members. There shall be 6 nonvoting members, 2 of
50 whom shall be appointed by the president of the senate, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the
51 minority leader of the senate, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of

52 representatives and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house. There
53 shall be 11 voting members: the state treasurer, or a designee, who shall serve as chair; the
54 secretary for administration and finance, or a designee; the secretary of education, or a designee;
55 the attorney general, or a designee; 2 members of the Baby Bonds Community Advisory
56 Committee established in subsection (d), selected by said committee; and 4 members appointed
57 by the state treasurer 2 of whom shall be experts in economics and socio-economic policy and 2
58 of whom shall be individuals from, or who have experience advocating on behalf of, a census
59 tract where over 20 per cent of the populations fall below the federal poverty line. The appointed
60 members shall each serve for a term of 5 years and shall be eligible for reappointment. The board
61 shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the
62 performance of their duties.

63 (3) The board shall report annually on or before December 31 to the governor and the
64 house and senate committees on ways and means.

65 (d) There shall be in the office of the treasurer and receiver general a Massachusetts Baby
66 Bonds Community Advisory Committee which shall facilitate regular community engagement
67 and outreach concerning the administration and allocation of the Baby Bonds Trust Fund. The
68 committee shall be comprised of individuals and interested stakeholders from geographically
69 diverse regions of the commonwealth. The committee shall serve without compensation but shall
70 be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

71 (e)(1) At any time upon their reaching the age of 18 and prior to their reaching the age of
72 35, a designated beneficiary may submit a claim to distribute, in whole or in part, their
73 accounting; provided, however, that the designated beneficiary shall demonstrate that the

74 distribution will be applied toward an eligible expenditure; provided further, that, at the time of
75 the application, the designated beneficiary is a resident of the commonwealth.

76 (2) A designated beneficiary may not assign, alienate or otherwise dispose of any portion
77 of or interest in such accounting to another individual at any time prior to receiving the full
78 distribution of the amounts in their accounting.

79 (3) If a designated beneficiary fails to submit a valid claim prior to their reaching age 35,
80 their accounting shall be credited back to the assets of the fund.

81 (4) In the case of the death of a designated beneficiary prior to their reaching the age of
82 35, upon receipt of notification of such individual's death, their accounting shall be credited back
83 to the assets of the fund.

84 (5) The state treasurer shall seek to develop and make regularly available relevant
85 resources and supports designed to assist in making financial decisions to designated
86 beneficiaries and their households. The state treasurer shall encourage and incentivize designated
87 beneficiaries to utilize said resources and supports prior to the distribution of funds to support an
88 eligible expenditure.

89 (f) (1) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no moneys invested in
90 the fund shall be considered an asset for purposes of determining an individual's or the
91 individual's household's eligibility for, or amount of, any benefit or service, including, but not
92 limited to: temporary assistance for needy families and need-based, institutional aid grants
93 offered to an individual at the public educational institutions in the commonwealth.

94 (2) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, contributions to an
95 accounting on behalf of a designated beneficiary shall not be included in calculating the gross
96 income of the designated beneficiary under chapter 62.

97 (g) To carry out the purposes of this section, the Massachusetts department of transitional
98 assistance, the Massachusetts department of children and families, the Massachusetts department
99 of elementary and secondary education, and the Massachusetts department of public health shall
100 provide to the office of the state treasurer any information it deems necessary to fund,
101 coordinate, and evaluate activities of the fund. Said agencies shall enter an agreement with the
102 office of the state treasurer to document the data sharing procedures and the information to be
103 shared.

104 (h) The state treasurer may promulgate rules and regulations as necessary or proper for
105 the administration and enforcement of subsections (a) through (g), inclusive.

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

| | |
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| <u>BILL NUMBER</u> | House, No. 4625 |
| <u>TITLE</u> | An Act establishing Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day |
| <u>SPONSORS</u> | Representative Badger of Plymouth; Senator Rausch |
| <u>SIMILAR MATTERS</u> | S2666 (Sen Rausch, Identical) |

PRIOR HISTORY

None

CURRENT LAW

Chapter 6: Governor's role, duties, and responsibilities

SUMMARY

Sets apart October 15 as Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day.

HOUSE No. 4625

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michelle L. Badger and Sean Garballey

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
|---------------------------|---|------------------|
| <i>Michelle L. Badger</i> | <i>1st Plymouth</i> | <i>7/15/2025</i> |
| <i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i> | <i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i> | <i>7/31/2025</i> |

HOUSE No. 4625

By Representatives Badger of Plymouth and Garballey of Arlington, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michelle L. Badger for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate October 15th as lobular breast cancer awareness day. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act establishing Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day.

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

1 Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 15ZZZZZZ the following section:-

3 Section 15AAAAAAA. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart
4 October 15th as Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day to promote awareness about the disease
5 and stimulate related research efforts and recommending that the day be observed in an
6 appropriate manner by the people.

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

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| <u>BILL NUMBER</u> | House, No. 4648 |
| <u>TITLE</u> | An Act relative to the purchase or lease of certain property known as Fenn Farm in the town of Stockbridge |
| <u>SPONSORS</u> | Representative Davis of Great Barrington |
| <u>SIMILAR MATTERS</u> | None |

PRIOR HISTORY

None

CURRENT LAW

Chapter 21N, Section 11: establishes the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant Program, which provides financial and technical support to municipalities for assessing climate risks and integrating resilience strategies into local planning. It funds efforts to adapt land use, infrastructure, and policies to reduce vulnerability to climate change, and requires outreach to low-income, environmental justice, and urban communities to ensure equitable participation.

SUMMARY

This legislation creates an exemption from existing state law, specifically section 11 of chapter 21N of the General Laws and any other conflicting laws or regulations, by allowing the Stockbridge-Munsee Community of the Mohican Nation to receive state funding for the purchase or lease of 372.550 acres of undeveloped land known as Fenn Farm in Stockbridge without requiring conservation restrictions. It overrides the usual condition that conservation restrictions must be placed on land acquired with state funds.

HOUSE No. 4648

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Leigh Davis and Paul W. Mark

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the purchase or lease of certain property known as Fenn Farm in the town of Stockbridge.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| <i>Leigh Davis</i> | <i>3rd Berkshire</i> | <i>7/29/2025</i> |

HOUSE No. 4648

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington and Senator Mark, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Leigh Davis relative to the purchase or lease of a certain property known as Fenn Farm. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the purchase or lease of certain property known as Fenn Farm in the town of Stockbridge.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to purchase or lease certain property known as Fenn Farm in the town of Stockbridge, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

1 Notwithstanding section 11 of chapter 21N of the General Laws or any other general or
2 special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, no conservation restrictions are required as a
3 condition for receiving state money for the purchase or lease of any interest in land by the
4 Stockbridge-Munsee Community of the Mohican Nation of 372.550 acres of undeveloped land
5 known as Fenn Farm located at the northern tip of Monument Mountain in the town of
6 Stockbridge.

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

BILL NUMBER Senate, No. 2103

TITLE An Act clarifying lobbying law violations

SPONSORS Senator Brady

PRIOR HISTORY

2023-24 (S1966): Sent to study

CURRENT LAW

Section 45 of Chapter 3: Inquiry and adjudicatory proceedings relating to alleged violations of Secs. 39 to 50

SUMMARY

This legislation would disqualify an individual who has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor from registering as an executive or legislative agent for a period of 10 years.

SENATE No. 2103

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael D. Brady

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act clarifying lobbying law violations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Michael D. Brady

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Plymouth and Norfolk

SENATE No. 2103

By Mr. Brady, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2103) of Michael D. Brady for legislation to clarify lobbying law violations. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1966 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act clarifying lobbying law violations.

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 45 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by striking clause(m) and inserting in place thereof the following:

3 “(m) The state secretary shall automatically disqualify a person convicted of a felony or
4 misdemeanor in violation of chapter 3, chapter 55 or chapter 268A or comparable offense under
5 federal law or the law of another state from registering as an executive or legislative agent for a
6 period of 10 years from the date of conviction”.

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

BILL NUMBER

Senate, No. 2109

TITLE

An Act to close travel loophole in the state conflict of interest law, and to provide for greater transparency and accountability regarding travel gifts

SPONSORS

Senator Collins; Representatives Uytterhoeven of Somerville and Connolly of Cambridge

CURRENT LAW

Section 3(f) of Chapter 268A: Gifts, offers or promises for acts performed or to be performed; corruption of witnesses; solicitation of gifts; witness fees; regulations

SUMMARY

This legislation prohibits exemptions for travel expenses paid or reimbursed by organizations registered as clients under the state's lobbying laws. It also requires the State Ethics Commission to maintain a public, electronic database of all travel disclosure forms filed by public officials, including a section indicating whether the sponsoring entity has engaged in legislative lobbying on any pending legislation involving the official within the past year.

SENATE No. 2109

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Nick Collins

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to close travel loophole in the state conflict of interest law, and to provide for greater transparency and accountability regarding travel gifts.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| <i>Nick Collins</i> | <i>First Suffolk</i> | |
| <i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i> | <i>27th Middlesex</i> | <i>3/26/2025</i> |
| <i>Mike Connolly</i> | <i>26th Middlesex</i> | <i>4/9/2025</i> |

SENATE No. 2109

By Mr. Collins, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2109) of Nick Collins for legislation to close a travel loophole in the state conflict of interest law, and to provide for greater transparency and accountability regarding travel gifts. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to close travel loophole in the state conflict of interest law, and to provide for greater transparency and accountability regarding travel gifts.

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. Section 3(f) of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A is hereby
2 amended by inserting immediately before the end of subsection (iv) the following: "; provided,
3 however, that no exclusion shall be established for travel expenses paid or reimbursed by an
4 organization that, for the year in which the travel commences, is registered with the State
5 Secretary as a Client under the Massachusetts Lobbying Law, Massachusetts General Laws
6 Chapter 3 Sections 39 and 41."

7 SECTION 2. The State Ethics Commission shall maintain, and make available to any
8 member of the public upon request, a remotely accessible electronic data base of all travel
9 expense disclosure forms filed by elected public officials as required by the Commission's
10 regulations at 930 CMR 5.00. The electronic data base shall be searchable by name of the elected
11 public official filing the disclosure.

12 SECTION 3. The State Ethics Commission shall revise the travel expense disclosure
13 form filed by elected public officials to include whether the official has, within the 12 months
14 prior to the commencement of travel, been the subject of legislative lobbying by the organization
15 paying his or her travel expenses with respect to legislation filed with the General Court. For the
16 purposes of this Section 3, the terms "legislative lobbying" and "legislation" shall have the
17 meanings given them by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 3 Section 39.

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

BILL NUMBER Senate, No. 2136

TITLE An Act relative to convicted lobbyists and legislative agents

SPONSORS Senators Fattman and Tarr

PRIOR HISTORY

2023-23 (SD2646): No action taken

CURRENT LAW

Section 39 of chapter 3: Definitions applicable to Secs. 39 to 50

SUMMARY

This legislation prohibits any individuals who have been convicted of federal or state corruption charges from lobbying members of the Massachusetts General Court.

SENATE No. 2136

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ryan C. Fattman

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to convicted lobbyists and legislative agents.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| <i>Ryan C. Fattman</i> | <i>Worcester and Hampden</i> | |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i> | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i> | <i>2/27/2025</i> |

SENATE No. 2136

By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2136) of Ryan C. Fattman and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to convicted lobbyists and legislative agents. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE DOCKET, NO. 2646 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to convicted lobbyists and legislative agents.

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 39 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting, after line 148, the following:-

3 No legislative agent previously convicted of federal or state corruption charges shall be
4 permitted to lobby elected officials of the general court or their staff.

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

BILL NUMBER Senate, No. 2139

TITLE An Act relative to unpaid student loans

SPONSORS Senators Fattman and Tarr

PRIOR HISTORY

2023-24 (S1997): Sent to study

CURRENT LAW

Section 13 of chapter 30A: Licenses; revocation, etc.; hearings; exceptions; educational loan defaulters

SUMMARY

This legislation prohibits any professional licensing board or agency from denying, revoking, or refusing to renew any professional or occupational license to any applicant who has educational loans.

SENATE No. 2139

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ryan C. Fattman

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to unpaid student loans.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| <i>Ryan C. Fattman</i> | <i>Worcester and Hampden</i> | |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i> | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i> | <i>2/26/2025</i> |

SENATE No. 2139

By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2139) of Ryan C. Fattman and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to unpaid student loans. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1997 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to unpaid student loans.

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 13 of chapter 30A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by striking out the last paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following
3 paragraph:-

4 No board of registration operating pursuant to chapter 112 or agency shall deny issuance
5 of, revoke or refuse to renew any professional or occupational certificate, registration, license or
6 authority of an individual based on an individual’s default on an educational loan. This
7 paragraph shall not apply to the division of banks.

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

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|-------------------------------|---|
| <u>BILL NUMBER</u> | Senate, No. 2146 |
| <u>TITLE</u> | An Act establishing a Massachusetts Baby Bonds program |
| <u>SPONSORS</u> | Senators Feeney, Comerford, DiDomenico, Rausch, and Eldridge; Representative Cruz of Salem |
| <u>SIMILAR MATTERS</u> | H3429 (Representative Andres Vargas) H48 (Office of the State Treasurer) |

CURRENT LAW

Chapter 10: Department of the State Treasurer

SUMMARY

This legislation establishes the Baby Bonds Trust Fund to provide long-term financial security to children born after July 1, 2024, who receive Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children or are in the care of the Department of Children and Families. The Fund will be administered by the State Treasurer with the support of a Baby Bond Trust Fund Advisory Board. The program allows beneficiaries to access funds between the ages of 18 and 35 to support education, housing, or entrepreneurship. The legislation includes measures to prevent misuse, designate unclaimed funds, preserve eligibility for public benefits, require data sharing to ensure effective administration, and provide financial literacy education to families. Funds distributed through the program will not be considered taxable income.

SENATE No. 2146

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul R. Feeney

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing a Massachusetts Baby Bonds program.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
|----------------------------|--|------------------|
| <i>Paul R. Feeney</i> | <i>Bristol and Norfolk</i> | |
| <i>Joanne M. Comerford</i> | <i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i> | <i>2/10/2025</i> |
| <i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i> | <i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i> | <i>2/20/2025</i> |
| <i>Manny Cruz</i> | <i>7th Essex</i> | <i>2/27/2025</i> |
| <i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i> | <i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i> | <i>4/8/2025</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> | <i>6/13/2025</i> |

SENATE No. 2146

By Mr. Feeney, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2146) of Paul R. Feeney, Joanne M. Comerford, Sal N. DiDomenico and Manny Cruz for legislation to address the racial wealth gap. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1999 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act establishing a Massachusetts Baby Bonds program.

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. Chapter 10 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding after section
2 78 the following section:-

3 Section 79. (a) As used in this section the followings words and terms shall have the
4 following meanings:-

5 “Accounting”, a designated beneficiary’s pro rata share of the fund, as determined by the
6 state treasurer.

7 “Board”, means the Massachusetts Baby Bonds Trust Fund Advisory Board.

8 “Committee”, means the Massachusetts Baby Bonds Community Advisory Committee.

9 “Designated beneficiary”, means any individual who: (i) is born on or after July 1, 2024;
10 and (ii) receives cash assistance under transitional aid to families with dependent children or is a
11 child under the care or custody of the Massachusetts department of children and families within
12 the first twelve months of their life.

13 “Eligible expenditure”, means an expenditure associated with any of the following: (i)
14 post-secondary education of a designated beneficiary at a vocational or apprentice program,
15 community college, or university that is located in and licensed, approved, or accredited by the
16 commonwealth; (ii) investment in an entity doing business in the commonwealth by a designated
17 beneficiary; (iii) purchase of a home in the commonwealth by a designated beneficiary; or (iv)
18 any investment in financial assets or personal capital that provides long-term gains to wages or
19 wealth, as defined by regulation promulgated by the state treasurer.

20 “Fund”, means the Massachusetts Baby Bonds Trust Fund.

21 (b)(1) There shall be a Massachusetts Baby Bonds Trust Fund for the exclusive purpose
22 of assisting designated beneficiaries in pursuing opportunities for education, housing, and
23 entrepreneurship, in order to create opportunities for financial independence.

24 (2) The state treasurer shall administer the fund. The state treasurer may contract with
25 practitioners, administrators, investment managers and other entities in order to design,
26 administer and provide investment options for the fund. The provisions of section 38 of chapter
27 29 of the general laws shall not apply to the investment of the fund.

28 (3) The state treasurer may accept moneys from public and private sources, including, but
29 not limited to gifts, grants and donations, but not in lieu of contribution by the General Court.

30 The state treasurer may expend moneys from the fund for all reasonable and necessary direct
31 costs and expenses incurred with the management and investment of the fund.

32 (4) Moneys deposited in the fund shall not be subject to further appropriation and any
33 moneys that are unexpended at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and
34 shall be available for expenditure in the following fiscal year. No expenditure made from the
35 fund shall cause the fund to become deficient at any point.

36 (5) The state treasurer shall report annually on or before December 31 to the governor
37 and house and senate committees on ways and means: (i) the balance of the fund and (ii) the total
38 return generated by the principal of said fund during the prior 12-month period ending on June
39 30.

40 (c)(1) There shall be a Baby Bonds Trust Fund Advisory Board. The board shall meet
41 from time to time to assist the state treasurer in the development of general policy regarding the
42 fund and shall provide technical advice and input to the state treasurer. Matters considered by the
43 board shall include, but not be limited to: (i) identification of eligible expenditures; (ii)
44 development of mitigation measures to prevent fraud, scams, or financial exploitation of
45 designated beneficiaries related to eligible expenditures; and (iii) partnerships with individuals
46 and communities disproportionately impacted by the racial wealth gap in program expansion and
47 development, including, but not limited to, regular collaboration with the Massachusetts Baby
48 Bonds Community Advisory Committee established in subsection (d).

49 (2) The board shall consist of 17 members. There shall be 6 nonvoting members, 2 of
50 whom shall be appointed by the president of the senate, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the
51 minority leader of the senate, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of

52 representatives and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house. There
53 shall be 11 voting members: the state treasurer, or a designee, who shall serve as chair; the
54 secretary for administration and finance, or a designee; the secretary of education, or a designee;
55 the attorney general, or a designee; 2 members of the Baby Bonds Community Advisory
56 Committee established in subsection (d), selected by said committee; and 4 members appointed
57 by the state treasurer 2 of whom shall be experts in economics and socio-economic policy and 2
58 of whom shall be individuals from, or who have experience advocating on behalf of, a census
59 tract where over 20 per cent of the populations fall below the federal poverty line. The appointed
60 members shall each serve for a term of 5 years and shall be eligible for reappointment. The board
61 shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the
62 performance of their duties.

63 (3) The board shall report annually on or before December 31 to the governor and the
64 house and senate committees on ways and means.

65 (d) There shall be in the office of the treasurer and receiver general a Massachusetts Baby
66 Bonds Community Advisory Committee which shall facilitate regular community engagement
67 and outreach concerning the administration and allocation of the Baby Bonds Trust Fund. The
68 committee shall be comprised of individuals and interested stakeholders from geographically
69 diverse regions of the commonwealth. The committee shall serve without compensation but shall
70 be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

71 (e)(1) At any time upon their reaching the age of 18 and prior to their reaching the age of
72 35, a designated beneficiary may submit a claim to distribute, in whole or in part, their
73 accounting; provided, however, that the designated beneficiary shall demonstrate that the

74 distribution will be applied toward an eligible expenditure; provided further, that, at the time of
75 the application, the designated beneficiary is a resident of the commonwealth.

76 (2) A designated beneficiary may not assign, alienate or otherwise dispose of any portion
77 of or interest in such accounting to another individual at any time prior to receiving the full
78 distribution of the amounts in their accounting.

79 (3) If a designated beneficiary fails to submit a valid claim prior to their reaching age 35,
80 their accounting shall be credited back to the assets of the fund.

81 (4) In the case of the death of a designated beneficiary prior to their reaching the age of
82 35, upon receipt of notification of such individual's death, their accounting shall be credited back
83 to the assets of the fund.

84 (5) The state treasurer shall seek to develop and make regularly available relevant
85 resources and supports designed to assist in making financial decisions to designated
86 beneficiaries and their households. The state treasurer shall encourage and incentivize designated
87 beneficiaries to utilize said resources and supports prior to the distribution of funds to support an
88 eligible expenditure.

89 (f) (1) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no moneys invested in
90 the fund shall be considered an asset for purposes of determining an individual's or the
91 individual's household's eligibility for, or amount of, any benefit or service, including, but not
92 limited to: temporary assistance for needy families and need-based, institutional aid grants
93 offered to an individual at the public educational institutions in the commonwealth.

94 (2) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, contributions to an
95 accounting on behalf of a designated beneficiary shall not be included in calculating the gross
96 income of the designated beneficiary under chapter 62.

97 (g) To carry out the purposes of this section, the Massachusetts department of transitional
98 assistance, the Massachusetts department of children and families, the Massachusetts department
99 of elementary and secondary education, and the Massachusetts department of public health shall
100 provide to the office of the state treasurer any information it deems necessary to fund,
101 coordinate, and evaluate activities of the fund. Said agencies shall enter an agreement with the
102 office of the state treasurer to document the data sharing procedures and the information to be
103 shared.

104 (h) The state treasurer may promulgate rules and regulations as necessary or proper for
105 the administration and enforcement of subsections (a) through (g), inclusive.

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

BILL NUMBER Senate, No. 2154

TITLE An Act relative to drowsy driving awareness

SPONSORS Senator Jehlen

PRIOR HISTORY

2023-24 (S2013): Sent to study

CURRENT LAW

Chapter 6: The Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Council, Certain Officers Under the Governor and Council, and State Library

SUMMARY

This legislation designates the second week of November as Massachusetts Drowsy Driving Prevention Week to raise awareness of the dangers of driver fatigue.

SENATE No. 2154

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia D. Jehlen

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to drowsy driving awareness.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Patricia D. Jehlen

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Middlesex

SENATE No. 2154

By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2154) of Patricia D. Jehlen for legislation relative to sleep deprivation avoidance and promotion of good sleeping practices. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2013 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to drowsy driving awareness.

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

1 Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting at the end thereof, the following new section:-

3 Section 15 CCCCCC. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the
4 second week of November as Massachusetts Drowsy Driving Prevention Week and
5 recommending that such week be properly observed as a period of special attention to the need
6 for public awareness and action relative to the problems of drowsy driving and driver fatigue.
7 For purposes of this section “drowsy driving” or “driver fatigue” shall mean driving while being
8 sleepy, tired, drowsy, or exhausted.

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

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| <u>BILL NUMBER</u> | Senate, No. 2166 |
| <u>TITLE</u> | An Act relative to the 401(k) CORE plan |
| <u>SPONSORS</u> | Senator Lovely |
| <u>SIMILAR MATTERS</u> | H40 (Office of the State Treasurer) |

PRIOR HISTORY

2023-24 (S2025): Reported favorably; referred to Senate Ways and Means

CURRENT LAW

Section 64E of chapter 29: Qualified defined contribution plan for employees of not-for-profit employer

SUMMARY

This legislation removes language that establishes a 20-person limit for the 401(k) CORE retirement saving plan for non-profit organizations.

Additionally, it authorizes the state treasurer to find ways to reduce the plan's operating expenses through private donations or grants.

SENATE No. 2166

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan B. Lovely

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the 401(k) CORE plan.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Joan B. Lovely

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Essex

SENATE No. 2166

By Ms. Lovely, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2166) of Joan B. Lovely for legislation relative to the 401(k) CORE plan. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2025 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the 401(k) CORE plan.

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. Section 64E of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking, in lines 5 and 6, the following:- “and employing
3 not more than 20 persons,”

4 SECTION 2. Said section 64E of said chapter 29 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
5 hereby further amended by inserting at the end thereof the following subsection:-

6 (g) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the state treasurer, or
7 designee, may seek to reduce operating expenses for the plan through private donations or grants,
8 which may include direct and indirect fundraising.

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

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| <u>BILL NUMBER</u> | Senate, No. 2193 |
| <u>TITLE</u> | An Act relative to educational collaboratives |
| <u>SPONSORS</u> | Senators Oliveira, Cyr, Fernandes, and Eldridge; Representative Badger of Plymouth |
| <u>SIMILAR MATTERS</u> | H3386 (Rep. Christopher Markey) |

PRIOR HISTORY

2023-24 (S2042): Reported favorably; referred to Senate Rules

CURRENT LAW

Section 20 of Chapter 268A: Municipal employees; financial interest in contracts; holding one or more elected positions

SUMMARY

This legislation would prohibit an employee of a regional educational agency from having a direct or indirect financial interest in a contract agreement made by the educational collaborative. Employees are allowed to engage in said financial interest if they provide written disclosure of these interests to the relevant agencies and receive approval from their appointing authority. The agreement must be either noticed to the public or established through an open competitive bidding process to ensure transparency.

Educational services are defined as services related to student education, professional development, or training of educators and administrators.

SENATE No. 2193

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jacob R. Oliveira

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to educational collaboratives.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
|---------------------------|---|------------------|
| <i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i> | <i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i> | |
| <i>Julian Cyr</i> | <i>Cape and Islands</i> | <i>2/14/2025</i> |
| <i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i> | <i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i> | <i>3/12/2025</i> |
| <i>Michelle L. Badger</i> | <i>1st Plymouth</i> | <i>4/21/2025</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> | <i>6/12/2025</i> |

SENATE No. 2193

By Mr. Oliveira, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2193) of Jacob R. Oliveira and Julian Cyr for legislation relative to educational collaboratives. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2042 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to educational collaboratives.

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 20 of Chapter 268A, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:

3 This section shall not prohibit an employee of a regional public educational agency such
4 as an educational collaborative as authorized under Section 4E of Chapter 40 of the General
5 Laws, or an educational collaborative’ member school districts, from having a direct or indirect
6 financial interest in a contract or agreement made by the educational collaborative to provide
7 educational and related services to such collaborative, or the member school districts of the
8 same, provided that the employee provides a written disclosure of these contracts to both
9 agencies with whom the employee is contracting.

10 The proposed arrangement must be approved by the employee's appointing authority
11 before the employee provides educational services.

12 For purposes of this section, educational services shall mean any service related to the
13 education of students, youth, and families or to the professional development and training of
14 educators, administrators, and paraprofessionals, and community-based personnel working on
15 behalf of public education that is provided by a public agency of a single or multiple
16 municipalities.

17 This section shall not prohibit:

18 (a) a municipal employee of an educational collaborative established pursuant to Section
19 4E of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, from having a direct or indirect financial interest

20 (i) in a contract or agreement made by the educational collaborative to provide
21 educational, professional development, and/or related services to such educational collaborative,
22 provided that the employee files with the educational collaborative a written disclosure of the
23 contract or agreement and the head of the educational collaborative approves, or

24 (ii) in a contract or agreement made by a member school district of an educational
25 collaborative to provide educational, professional development, and/or related services to the
26 member school district, provided that the employee files with the educational collaborative and
27 the member school district a written disclosure of the contract or agreement and the head of the
28 educational collaborative and the appointing authority at the member school district approve; or

29 (b) a municipal employee of a member school district of an educational collaborative
30 from having a direct or indirect financial interest in a contract or agreement made by the

31 educational collaborative to provide educational, professional development, and/or related
32 services to the educational collaborative, provided that the employee files with the member
33 school district and the educational collaborative a written disclosure of the contract or agreement
34 and the appointing authority of the member school district and the head of the educational
35 collaborative approve; and provided further that, for each such contract or agreement referenced
36 above, there has been public notice of the contract or agreement, or the contract or agreement
37 was created by means of an open competitive process.

38 For purposes of this section, related services shall be those services defined by 603
39 CMRsect.28.02(18).

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

BILL NUMBER Senate, No. 2200

TITLE An Act limiting the impact of student loans to help staff succeed

SPONSORS Senator Oliveira

CURRENT LAW

Chapter 3: The General Court

SUMMARY

This legislation authorized a student loan repayment program that allows for the Senate, House of Representatives, or General Court to repay student loans previously taken out by an employee.

The General Court must establish guidelines to carry out the program and review employee compensation biannually to ensure base pay aligns with the median household income.

SENATE No. 2200

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jacob R. Oliveira

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act limiting the impact of student loans to help staff succeed.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Jacob R. Oliveira

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester

SENATE No. 2200

By Mr. Oliveira, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2200) of Jacob R. Oliveira for legislation to limit the impact of student loans to help staff succeed. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2015 OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act limiting the impact of student loans to help staff succeed.

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

1 Chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 75, the following sections:-

3 Section 76. (a) The general court shall establish, with the approval of the presiding
4 officers of the 2 branches of the general court, a program under which the senate, house of
5 representatives, or general court may agree to repay, by direct payment on behalf of an
6 employee, student loans previously taken out by an employee. For purposes of this section, a
7 Member of the general court shall not be considered to be an employee of the Senate or House of
8 Representatives.

9 (b) The general court or an administrative authority thereof shall promulgate such
10 guidelines as may be necessary to carry out the program under this section, and may include
11 limitations on the type of student loans covered and on the maximum payment that may be
12 available to any one individual.

13 (c) The administration of the program authorized in this section shall be funded by
14 appropriations directed to the general court, or a branch thereof, subject to appropriation.

15 Section 73. (a) The general court shall establish, with the approval of the presiding
16 officers of the 2 branches of the general court, biannual review of employee compensation. Such
17 base compensation shall be re-evaluated to ensure employee pay keeps pace with the median
18 household income for the commonwealth for the preceding two-year period.

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

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| <u>BILL NUMBER</u> | Senate, No. 2203 |
| <u>TITLE</u> | An Act enhancing the effectiveness of nonprofits' core mission work through full cost funding |
| <u>SPONSORS</u> | Senator Payano |
| <u>SIMILAR MATTERS</u> | H3428 (Rep. Andres Vargas) |

PRIOR HISTORY

2023-24 (S2058): Reported favorably; referred to Senate Ways and Means

CURRENT LAW

Chapter 29: State Finance

SUMMARY

This legislation requires that nonprofits that are recipients of state grants or contracts must be entitled to reimbursement for their indirect costs. If an organization has a Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA), the state must grant the same rate. If an organization does not have NICRA, it must receive a reimbursement at a minimum rate of 15% of modified total direct costs or may negotiate a new rate with the Executive Office of Administration and Finance. These requirements apply regardless of whether the funds are provided directly by the state or through an intermediary agency.

SENATE No. 2203

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Pavel M. Payano

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act enhancing the effectiveness of nonprofits’ core mission work through full cost funding.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Pavel M. Payano

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex

SENATE No. 2203

By Mr. Payano, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2203) of Pavel M. Payano for legislation to enhance the effectiveness of nonprofits’ core mission work through full cost funding. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act enhancing the effectiveness of nonprofits’ core mission work through full cost funding.

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

1 Notwithstanding any special or general laws to the contrary, Chapter 29 of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 6B the following section:-

3 Section 6BB. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall have the
4 following definitions, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

5 “Indirect costs” means any costs that would be considered to be indirect costs under 2
6 C.F.R. 200.414 OMB uniform guidance.

7 “NICRA” means a Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement that reflects an indirect cost
8 rate negotiated between the federal government and a grant or contract awardee, which is used to
9 calculate an awardee’s compensation by federal agencies for indirect costs.

10 “Nonprofit organization” means an organization that is tax exempt under § 501(c)(3), (4),
11 or (6) of the internal revenue code.

12 “OMB uniform guidance” means the uniform administrative requirements, cost
13 principles, and audit requirements for federal awards adopted by the office of management and
14 budget in 2 C.F.R. 200 and any related guidance published by the office of management and
15 budget.

16 (b) If a nonprofit organization is a direct recipient or subrecipient of a grant or contract
17 for the provision of services that is funded either wholly with state funds or with a combination
18 of state and other non-federal funds, the terms of the grant or contract shall allow for
19 reimbursement of indirect costs:

20 (1) at the same rate the nonprofit organization has negotiated and received for a NICRA
21 under a direct federal award, providing the current rate is unexpired; and

22 (2) if the nonprofit organization has not negotiated and received an indirect cost rate
23 described in item (a) of this subsection:

24 (i) at a rate of at least 15% of the costs that would be considered modified total direct
25 costs under OMB uniform guidance,

26 (ii) by negotiating a new percentage indirect cost rate with the Executive Office of
27 Administration and Finance per guidelines established by the Secretary of the Executive Office
28 of Administration and Finance.

29 (c) This section applies whether or not the funds awarded through the grant or contract
30 are transferred directly by the state or through a third party to the nonprofit organization.

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

BILL NUMBER Senate, No. 2209

TITLE An Act protecting against discrimination in lobbying

SPONSORS Senator Rausch

CURRENT LAW

Section 45 of Chapter 3: Inquiry and adjudicatory proceedings relating to alleged violations of Secs. 39 to 50

SUMMARY

This legislation prohibits any person or organization found to have engaged in discrimination against a protected class from registering as an executive or legislative agent for a period of four years. It also requires the Secretary of the State to establish an adjudicatory process to review and resolve complaints of such discrimination.

SENATE No. 2209

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Rebecca L. Rausch

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act protecting against discrimination in lobbying.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Rebecca L. Rausch

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex

SENATE No. 2209

By Ms. Rausch, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2209) of Rebecca L. Rausch for legislation to automatically disqualify any person or organization to have engaged in an unlawful practice from acting or registering as an executive or legislative agent for a period of 4 years from the date of final determination. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act protecting against discrimination in lobbying.

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 45 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting the following new subsection:-

3 (n) The state secretary shall automatically disqualify any person, organization or other
4 entity adjudicated to have engaged in an unlawful practice under section 4 of chapter 151B from
5 acting or registering as an executive or legislative agent for a period of 4 years from the date of
6 final determination.

7 An organization or other entity that discriminates against its members on the basis of a
8 protected class set forth in said chapter 151B, notwithstanding the absence of an employment
9 relationship, shall be similarly disqualified from acting or registering as an executive or
10 legislative agent for a period of 4 years from the date of final determination. The secretary shall
11 establish an adjudicatory process to receive and review complaints of such discrimination.

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

BILL NUMBER Senate, No. 2211

TITLE An Act closing a loophole in lobbying law

SPONSORS Senator Rausch

PRIOR HISTORY

2023-24 (S2062): Sent to study

CURRENT LAW

Section 45 of Chapter 3: Inquiry and adjudicatory proceedings relating to alleged violations of Secs. 39 to 50

SUMMARY

This legislation disqualifies individuals with felony convictions involving political corruption from serving as executive or legislative agents for a period of 10 years.

SENATE No. 2211

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Rebecca L. Rausch

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act closing a loophole in lobbying law.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Rebecca L. Rausch

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex

SENATE No. 2211

By Ms. Rausch, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2211) of Rebecca L. Rausch for legislation relative to close a loophole in lobbying law. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2062 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act closing a loophole in lobbying law.

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 45 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by striking out paragraph (m) and inserting in place thereof the following
3 paragraph:-

4 (m) The state secretary shall automatically disqualify any person convicted of a felony in
5 violation of chapter 3, chapter 55, or chapter 268A, or any person convicted of any other state or
6 federal felony crime of political corruption, including but not limited to violations of sections
7 1341, 1343, 1346, or 1951 of title 18 of the United States Code, from acting or registering as an
8 executive or legislative agent for a period of 10 years from the date of conviction.

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

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| <u>BILL NUMBER</u> | Senate, No. 2221 |
| <u>TITLE</u> | An Act relative to zero-based budgeting and budget transparency |
| <u>SPONSORS</u> | Senators Tarr and Durant |

PRIOR HISTORY

2023-24 (S2068): Sent to study

CURRENT LAW

Chapter 29: State Finance

SUMMARY

This legislation would require the Secretary of Administration and Finance to submit a budget report for each state agency and department, with appropriations developed based on the most cost-effective achievement of each agency's goals, rather than on prior funding levels. The report shall be adjusted for inflation and submitted to the legislature every four years.

The legislature must hold public hearings, receive testimony, and develop its own zero-based budget recommendations to serve as a guide for annual budgets over the following four years.

SENATE No. 2221

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to zero-based budgeting and budget transparency.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i> | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Peter J. Durant</i> | <i>Worcester and Hampshire</i> | <i>3/17/2025</i> |

SENATE No. 2221

By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2221) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to zero-based budgeting and budget transparency. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2068 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to zero-based budgeting and budget transparency.

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

1 Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting, after section 5H, the
2 following new section:-

3 Section 5I: Development and Adoption of Zero-Based Budget Estimates

4 The Secretary of Administration and Finance, with the approval of the Governor, shall on
5 a quadrennial basis develop and submit to the Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives
6 a zero-based budget, so-called, for each agency and department of state government. Said zero-
7 based budget shall reflect the amount of funding deemed necessary to achieve the most cost-
8 effective performance of each agency or department pursuant to an accompanying narrative
9 delineating the tasks to be performed by that agency or department, together with goals and

10 objectives for each agency or department for a period not to exceed four years. Said budget shall
11 have a zero dollar amount as its basis, and shall not reflect any prior appropriation amount,
12 adjusted or otherwise. Said zero-based budget shall be referred by the Senate and House of
13 Representatives to the committees of subject matter jurisdiction relevant to each component of
14 said budget. Such committees shall evaluate each such component, taking into account all
15 available information, including that provided by public testimony in oral and written form. The
16 evaluations of the committee shall then be reported to the Senate and House Committees on
17 Ways and Means.

18 The Ways and Means Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives shall,
19 jointly or individually, conduct at least one public hearing on the zero-based budget and shall
20 also receive written and electronic testimony for a period of not less than 30 days on said budget.
21 Said ways and means committees shall jointly develop and submit to the Clerks of the Senate
22 and House of Representatives a zero-based budget estimate not later than 60 days following the
23 receipt of the zero-based budget estimate filed by the Secretary pursuant to this section. Said
24 zero-based budget estimate shall be included in a joint resolution and placed before the members
25 of the General Court for their consideration. Such joint resolution, if adopted, shall be employed
26 in evaluating each annual budget considered by the General Court for the four years following its
27 adoption.

28 Zero-based budgeting shall mean, for the purposes of this section, a means of developing
29 appropriations based on the cost-effective achievement of the tasks and goals of a particular
30 agency or department without regard to prior appropriations, adjusted for inflation or otherwise.
31 Any appropriation so developed shall to the extent possible, be accompanied by a brief

- 32 description of said tasks and goals together with the performance measure of the achievement of
- 33 those tasks and goals.

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

BILL NUMBER

Senate, No. 2657

TITLE

An Act authorizing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through its Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, to grant permanent easements over certain land in the town of Milton for highway purposes

SPONSORS

Senator Driscoll; Representative Wells of Milton

SUMMARY

This legislation would authorize the transfer of specific parcels of land in Milton from the Department of Conservation and Recreation to the Department of Transportation for the purpose of the reconstruction of Randolph Avenue at Chickatawbut Road. MassDOT must pay DCR at least 110% of the fair market or use value of the transferred land. The funds must be deposited into the Conservation Trust and used within three years to acquire land of equal or greater conservation and recreation value. MassDOT will cover all costs associated with the appraisal, engineering, surveys, and deed preparations necessary for said land transfer.

SENATE No. 2657

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William J. Driscoll, Jr.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act authorizing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through its Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, to grant permanent easements over certain land in the town of Milton for highway purposes.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>William J. Driscoll, Jr.</i> | <i>Norfolk, Plymouth and Bristol</i> | |
| <i>Richard G. Wells, Jr.</i> | <i>7th Norfolk</i> | <i>10/21/2025</i> |

SENATE No. 2657

By Mr. Driscoll, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2657) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William J. Driscoll, Jr. for legislation to authorize the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through its Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, to grant permanent easements over certain land in the town of Milton for highway purposes. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act authorizing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through its Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, to grant permanent easements over certain land in the town of Milton for highway purposes.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to authorize forthwith the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the commissioner of conservation and recreation, to grant certain easements to the Massachusetts department of transportation for highway purposes to support the intersection improvement project being undertaken by the commonwealth at the intersection of Randolph Avenue (state highway 28) and Chickatawbut Road, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and convenience.

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

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding sections 32 to 38, inclusive, of chapter 7C of the General
2 Laws or any general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner of the division of capital
3 asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the commissioner of the department of
4 conservation and recreation, may transfer to the department of transportation for highway
5 purposes certain portions of land under the care and control of the department of conservation
6 and recreation and located in the town of Milton and identified as permanent easement parcel

7 numbers 8-E-3, 8-E-4, 8-HL-1, 8-HL-2, 8-HL-3, 8-HL-PUE-4, 8-HS-1, 8-W-4, 8-D-1, and 8-
8 PUE-W-5 on a plan of land entitled, "Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway
9 Division Plan and Profile of Reconstruction of Randolph Avenue (Route 28) at Chickatawbut
10 Road in the town of Milton, Norfolk County, Preliminary Right of Way Plans," which plan is on
11 file with the department of transportation.

12 SECTION 2. As mitigation for the transfers authorized in section 1, the department of
13 transportation shall compensate the department of conservation and recreation in an amount not
14 less than 110 percent of the fair market value or value in use of the impacted lands, whichever is
15 greater, as determined by an independent appraisal, completed pursuant to section 3 of this act.
16 The department of conservation and recreation shall deposit such funds into the Conservation
17 Trust established in section 1 of chapter 132A of the General Laws and shall expend such funds
18 within 3 years to acquire land or interests in land which it shall permanently hold and manage for
19 conservation and recreation purposes, which shall be in a comparable location to, of equal or
20 greater natural resource value as determined by the secretary of energy and environmental
21 affairs.

22 SECTION 3. The value of the property described in section 1 shall be as determined by
23 an independent professional appraisal prepared in accordance with the usual and customary
24 professional appraisal practice by a qualified appraiser commissioned by the commissioner of
25 capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the commissioner of
26 conservation and recreation. The department of transportation shall compensate the
27 commonwealth in an amount not less than 110 percent of the full and fair market value, or the
28 value in use of the parcels to be transferred, whichever is greater, as determined by the
29 independent appraisals.

30 The commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance shall submit the
31 appraisal and a report thereon to the inspector general for review and comment. The inspector
32 general shall review and approve the appraisal, and the review shall include an examination of
33 the methodology utilized for the appraisal. The inspector general shall prepare a report of the
34 review and file the report with the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance,
35 and the commissioner shall submit copies of the appraisal, the report thereon and the inspector
36 general's review and approval and comments, if any, to the house and senate committees on
37 ways and means and the senate and house chairs of the joint committee on state administration at
38 least 15 days prior to the execution of the conveyance authorized in section 1 of this act.

39 SECTION 4. The department of transportation shall assume all costs associated with
40 engineering, surveys, appraisals, deed preparation and other expenses necessary to execute the
41 conveyances authorized by this act.

42 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

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| <u>BILL NUMBER</u> | Senate, No. 2666 |
| <u>TITLE</u> | An Act establishing Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day |
| <u>SPONSORS</u> | Senators Rausch, Fernandes, Jehlen, Collins, and DiDomenico |
| <u>SIMILAR MATTERS</u> | H4625 (Representative Michelle Badger) |

CURRENT LAW

Chapter 6: The Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Council, Certain Officers Under the Governor and Council, and State Library

SUMMARY

This legislation designates October 15th as Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day.

SENATE No. 2666

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Rebecca L. Rausch

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
|---------------------------|---|------------------|
| <i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i> | <i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i> | <i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i> | <i>8/13/2025</i> |
| <i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i> | <i>Second Middlesex</i> | <i>10/9/2025</i> |
| <i>Nick Collins</i> | <i>First Suffolk</i> | <i>10/9/2025</i> |
| <i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i> | <i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i> | <i>10/9/2025</i> |

SENATE No. 2666

By Ms. Rausch, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2666) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rebecca L. Rausch, Dylan A. Fernandes, Patricia D. Jehlen, Nick Collins and others for legislation to establish Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act establishing Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day.

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

1 Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 15ZZZZZZ the following section:-

3 Section 15AAAAAAA. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart
4 October 15th as Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day to promote awareness about the disease
5 and stimulate related research efforts and recommending that the day be observed in an
6 appropriate manner by the people.