

**Massachusetts House of Representatives  
Bill Summary**

- Bill #:** H.5416
- Title:** An Act authorizing the town of Lynnfield to appropriate funds from the Golf Enterprise Fund to the Recreation Capital Trust Stabilization Fund
- Sponsor:** Rep. Bradley Jones and Sen. Brendan Crighton
- Committee:** Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government
- Hearing Date:** May 13, 2026
- Current Law:** Section 53F ½ of MGL Chapter 44 governs Enterprise Funds. Cities and towns that accept the provisions of the law may create a separate account to pay for a utility, school transportation service, cable television public access, health care, recreational or transportation facility, and its operation. Each account is maintained by the treasurer, and all receipts, revenues and funds from any source derived from all activities of the enterprise shall be deposited in such separate account. The treasurer may invest the funds in the manner authorized by Chapter 44. Any interest earned becomes part of the fund.
- If an enterprise fund produces a surplus, that money is kept in a separate reserve fund to be used for the purposes authorized in the law. If the estimated income of the enterprise is less than the total appropriation, then the difference is added to the tax levy. If the income is more than the total appropriation, the excess is appropriated to a separate reserve fund and used for capital expenditures of the enterprise or to reduce user charges. There is no mechanism in the Enterprise Fund law to transfer the money into a different type of special fund.
- Summary:** Section 1 of this special legislation would authorize the town of Lynnfield to appropriate up to \$100,000 from the Golf Enterprise Fund to the Recreation Capital Trust Stabilization Fund to pay for large or long-term capital projects, improvements, specifically synthetic turf replacement. The amount would be appropriated only after the annual costs of operating and maintaining two town golf courses, including payment of any debt service, have been paid.
- Section 2 provides for the act to take effect upon its passage.
- Notes:** Approved as Article 12.at the April 28, 2026 Annual Town Meeting; passed by majority voice vote.
- According to the Annual Town Meeting handout, for FY27 the Golf Enterprise fund will have a beginning balance of \$986,468. The Recreation Capital Trust Fund is projected to have a balance of \$201,128 as of July 1, 2027.