Tuesday, April 26, 2022 (at 11:00 o’clock A.M.).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Philip of Sharon) congratulating Conor Grew on earning the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petition.

Representative Arciero of Westford and Senator Kennedy presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4704) of James Arciero (by vote of the town) that the town of Westford be authorized to further regulate the issuance of certain licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition of Bruce E. Tarr and Ann-Margaret Ferrante for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Dr. Heidi Tarr Henson, an employee of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2845) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, for committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill regarding spouses as caregivers (House, No. 268). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, for committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, No. 242, a Bill creating a special commission to study the current refugee resettlement infrastructure and ensure the successful integration of refugees in Massachusetts (House, No. 4724). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, for committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill updating terminology and investigative practices related to the protection of persons with disabilities (House, No. 218).
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 186, a Bill relating to background checks for kinship foster care (House, No. 4723).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 272, a Bill relative to supported decision making (House, No. 4725).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Clinton to accept certain streets as public ways (House, No. 4247), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At a quarter past eleven o’clock A.M. (Tuesday, April 26), on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-five minutes before two o’clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Engrossed Bills — Land Takings.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Westport to convey a non-exclusive access easement at the Westport town landing at the head of the Westport River (see Senate, No. 1357, amended) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was put upon its final passage.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 155 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 171 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the conservation commission of the town of Westford to transfer certain easements to the select board of the town of Westford (see House, No. 4432, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was put upon its final passage.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 156 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 172 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.
Engrossed Bills.

Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair,—

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the investment of certain trust funds in the town of Weston (see House, No. 3894);

Changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Norwell (see House, No. 3916); and

Authorizing the town of Amherst to continue the employment of Walter (Tim) Nelson (see House, No. 4593);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted, there being no objection; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2023 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions, and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4700, amended), was considered.

Pending the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House moved to amend it in section 2, in item 4000-0005, in line 18, by inserting after the words “programs” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Awake Youth Violence Prevention”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “12,600,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “12,650,000”;

In item 4000-0009, in line 4, by inserting after the word “office”, the first time it appears, the following: “; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for the Greater Boston Sickle Cell Disease Association”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “350,000”;

In item 4000-0300, in line 20, by inserting after the word “care” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Fishing Partnership Support Services for behavioral and mental health initiatives in coastal communities; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Catholic Charities in the city of Leominster for the purposes of expanding the diaper bank for the region; provided further, that not less than $550,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health, Inc. for the purpose of managing the Network of Care, as the singular place where all mental health, substance use and related social services programs and organizations are curated into a state-wide online, searchable tool; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for the critical care operations of New England Life Flight, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended for the Brookline Community Mental Health Center, Inc. to expand the healthy lives program; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Martha’s Vineyard Community Services for the purpose of increasing access to health and human services on Martha’s Vineyard; provided further, that not less than $90,000 shall be
expended for Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Needham for behavioral health services; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for a voluntary nonemergency ambulance transportation regional pilot program to aggregate and coordinate ambulance service resources to more efficiently meet health facility demand”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “123,444,597” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “124,579,597”;

In item 4000-0500, in line 53, by inserting after the year “2023” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $2,000,000 shall be expended for Community Care Cooperative, a 501(c)(3) MassHealth Accountable Care Organization solely governed by Federally Qualified Health Centers to assist with the start-up of their efforts with shared services that enhance access and quality of care, administrative efficiency, reduce health disparities and promote health care cost containment”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “5,530,060,744” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “5,532,060,744”;

In item 4000-0641, in line 8, by inserting after the word “office” the following: “; provided further, that not later than July 1, 2022, pursuant to the executive office of health and human services’ Administrative Bulletin 22-02 entitled 101 CMR 206.00: Standard Payments to Nursing Facilities and effective January 25, 2022, the executive office shall provide a Medicaid supplemental payment to nursing homes consistent with said bulletin and 101 CMR 206.00 to offset increased costs of providing care not accounted for in the nursing facility’s prospective payment system rates during the COVID-19 pandemic; provided further, that not less than $40,000,000 shall be expended for payments consistent with that the executive office of health and human services’ Administrative Bulletin 22-02 entitled 101 CMR 206.00: Standard Payment to Nursing Facilities and effective January 15, 2022; provided further, that payments shall be distributed to nursing facilities based on their proportion of the total Medicaid Days reported by all nursing facility providers and used to pay for direct-care staffing costs”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “395,400,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “435,400,000”;

In item 4003-0122, in line 24, by inserting after the word “childcare” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Casa Dominicana, Inc. to assist in citizenship education, citizenship application assistance, ESL classes and computer training for low-income adults; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Lawrence Family Development and Education Fund to assist in citizenship education, citizenship application assistance, ESL classes and computer training for low-income adults; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Immigrants’ Assistance Center, Inc. of New Bedford to provide citizenship education, citizenship application assistance, and an English language learners workforce readiness program for low-income adult immigrants in the city of New Bedford”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “1,033,019” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,158,019”;

In item 4120-4000 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than $37,000 shall be expended for the Wernick Adult Day Health Care Center in Longmeadow for repairs and enhancements to the interior and exterior of the facility to ensure the health and safety of elderly participants, including replacing the uneven floor in the greenhouse picnic area, replacing patio furniture, purchase of a medication cart, the building of 2 raised gardening beds so individuals in wheelchairs and walking aids can participate and updating kitchen appliances”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “12,980,158” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “13,017,158”;

In item 4400-1000, in line 34, by inserting after the word “transfer” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for
supporting transition-aged youth through the Friends of Children, Inc.’s FOCUS Program”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “72,461,201” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “72,536,201”;

In item 4400-1004, in line 11, by inserting after the word “program” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Growing Places for the purpose of expanding equitable access to healthy food and environmental sustainability through education, collaboration and advocacy”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “10,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “10,050,000”;

In item 4400-1020, in line 19, by inserting after the word “partnerships” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Main South Community Development Corporation’s efforts to promote the safety and security of University Park”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “5,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “5,025,000”;

In item 4401-1000, in line 31, by inserting after the word “self-sufficiency” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the town of Hudson for the Fresh Start Furniture Bank, Inc.” in line 15 by striking out the figures: “1,250,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,750,000”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “15,569,246” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “16,144,246”;

In item 4800-0038, in line 16, by inserting after the year “2013” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for Project NESST, Fragile Beginnings and related programs addressing complex needs of vulnerable individuals within the Center for Early Relationship Support”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “317,979,977” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “318,054,977”;

In item 9110-1630, in line 8, by inserting after the word “hardship” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Alzheimer’s Association, Massachusetts Chapter, to expand access to an evidence-based program, Dementia Care Coordination (DCC), in order to reduce hospitalizations, emergency department visits and delay long-term care placements”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “200,215,552” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “200,315,552”;

In item 9110-1900, in lines 2 and 3, by striking out the following: “38 of the acts of 2013” and inserting in place thereof the following: “24 of the acts of 2021”, by adding the following: “; provided further, that not less than $750,000 shall be expended for the Meals on Wheels Program for the elderly”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “11,122,852” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “11,872,852”;

In item 9110-9002, in line 7, by inserting after the word “elder” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for an accessible van for the council on aging in the Town of Newbury; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for the Hanson Senior Center for outreach services; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the construction of a new Halifax council on aging building; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the purchase of a van for a senior medical rides program operated by Deja New Leicester, Inc., and the council on aging in the town of Leicester; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Wilbraham Senior Center in the town of Wilbraham; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for repairs to the town of Nahant’s council on aging facilities; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for the Carver
council on aging to install new fencing handrail along the sidewalk entrance at the
council on aging facility; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be
expended for the Wareham council on aging for improving its outreach services;
provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Hubbardston
senior center in the town of Hubbardston; provided further, that not less than
$100,000 shall be expended for the Woodhaven Elderly Housing Complex in
Sherborn for replacement windows; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall
be expended for the Hudson council on aging for general improvements to the Hudson
Senior Center; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the
renovation of the Dartmouth council on aging kitchen; provided further, that not less
than $75,000 shall be expended for the Burlington council on aging to enhance
audio/visual equipment to support programming for seniors; provided further, that not
less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Brookline council on aging for
programming to reduce social isolation; provided further, that not less than $50,000
shall be expended for the Ludlow Senior Center to cover costs and related expenses
in purchasing a new accessible van to provide transportation to seniors in the
community; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for the
Amherst Senior Center to support community outreach and programming to reduce
social isolation; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for
Parkway in Motion, Inc. to provide programming for seniors in the West Roxbury
and Roslindale neighborhoods; provided further, that, subject to a local match by the
town of Marion, not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the renovation of and
utility tie-ins at the council on aging Cushing Community Center in the town of
Marion; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the cost
associated with care and services provided at Whipple Senior Center in the Town of
Weymouth”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “22,366,019” and inserting
in place thereof the figures: “23,526,019”;

By inserting after section 46 the following section:

“SECTION 46A. Section 226 of chapter 139 of the acts of 2012 is hereby
amended by striking out the figure ‘2023’, inserted by section 59 of chapter 227 of
the acts of 2020, and inserting in place thereof the following figure: 2026.”;

By inserting after section 56B (inserted by amendment) the following section:

“SECTION 56C. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary,
the executive office of health and human services shall establish and implement an
Incumbent Health Care Worker CNA Certification Pilot Program. The pilot shall
offer paid training for incumbent health care workers with limited access to state-
approved CNA certification training. The pilot shall provide flexibility to individuals
who may have a difficult time attending day or evening classes while fulfilling their
current work responsibilities.

(b) There is hereby established an Incumbent Health Care Worker CNA
Certification Pilot Program Advisory Committee. The secretary of health and human
services, or a designee, shall appoint such advisory committee to represent significant
constituencies and stakeholders, including, but not limited to, the chairs of the joint
commitee on labor and workforce development, representatives from community-
based organizations and nonprofit service providers, a representative from the
Commonwealth Corporation Foundation, the SEIU 1199 Training and Upgrading
Fund, the Massachusetts Senior Care Association, Inc., the Massachusetts Hospital
and Health Systems Association, and other such stakeholders as the secretary of
health and human services shall deem necessary. The advisory committee shall advise
on matters and policies affecting the Incumbent Health Care Worker CNA
Certification Pilot Program. The advisory committee shall supply constituent-focused
labor market information, review general programmatic parameters and guidelines and assist with the identification of any issues and barriers to the pilot’s efficiency and effectiveness. The advisory committee shall meet from time to time, but not less frequently than bi-monthly.

(c) Not later than 6 months and 1 year, respectively, after implementation of the pilot, the executive office of health and human services shall report on the results of the pilot and offer findings and recommendations for subsequent state action related to the pilot to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on labor and workforce development and the joint committee on health care financing.”; and

By inserting after section 73 the following section:

“SECTION 73A. Section 56C shall take effect on January 1, 2023.”.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 156 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.  

[See Yea and Nay No. 173 in Supplement.]  

Therefore the consolidated amendments (health and human services and elder affairs) were adopted.

At thirteen minutes after two o’clock P.M. (Tuesday, April 26), on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-four minutes before five o’clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan in the Chair.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House moved to amend the bill in section 2, in item 0320-0003, by striking out the figures: “10,821,345” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “11,117,584”;

In item 0321-1600 by striking out the figures: “39,500,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “41,000,000”;

In item 0322-0100 by striking out the figures: “14,702,647” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “15,406,986”;

In item 0330-0101 by striking out the figures: “75,577,826” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “92,852,039”;

In item 0330-0300, in line 30, by inserting after the word “investigators” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Tales of Cape Cod, Inc. to make the Olde Colonial Courthouse compliant with Massachusetts regulations on building access for persons with disabilities; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for pro-bono legal services to low-income residents of the city of Chelsea provided by Chelsea Legal Services, Inc.”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “312,283,080” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “312,408,080”;

In item 0337-0002 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for a grant to One Can Help, Inc. for the purpose of providing assistance and resources for families in juvenile courts statewide; provided further, that not less than $330,000 shall be expended for the Worcester County court-appointed special advocates program; provided further, that not less than $136,000 shall be expended for the Franklin and Hampshire County court-appointed special advocates program; provided further, that not less than $180,000 shall be expended for the Hampden County court-appointed special advocates program; provided further, that not less than $167,000 shall be expended for the Essex County court-appointed special advocates program; provided further, that not less than $288,000 shall be expended for the Boston court-appointed special advocates program; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Berkshire
County court-appointed special advocates program; and provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts CASA Association’; and in said item by striking out the figures: “20,070,501” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “21,421,501”;

In item 0339-1001, in line 6, by inserting after the word “Laws” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the expansion of Communities for Restorative Justice, Inc. pursuant to chapter 276B of the General Laws;” and in said item by striking out the figures: “176,749,312” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “176,849,312”;

In item 8000-0313 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the town of North Attleborough for the procurement of cardiac defibrillators; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the town of Sturbridge for the purchase of a K-9 cruiser and related equipment; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in the town of Grafton; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in the town of Northbridge; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in the town of Upton; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for a Stop the Bleed pilot program to fund the procurement of trauma kits and bleeding control training for school faculty and staff in the towns and cities of Bellingham, Dover, Franklin, Medfield, Milford,Millis, Needham, Norfolk, Plainville, Sherborn and Wrentham; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the Westport Police Department for the purchase, installation and training of an emergency vehicle preemption system; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the town of Medfield for Wired AEDs at the 3 sports fields in town; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for capital and equipment for the Billerica police department; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the city of Fitchburg for the expansion of the Fitchburg police department dispatch center; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Dismas House of Massachusetts, Inc. in Worcester; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the purchase of police and fire department equipment in the town of Agawam; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended for the purchase and installation of security cameras around the public safety building in the town of Saugus; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the town of Millville for the outfit of a rural police command center response vehicle; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the purpose of purchasing protective ballistic vests for police officers and firefighters in the town of Whitman; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the purchase of electronic message boards for the fire department in the town of North Reading; provided further that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for ‘Mission Inc.’ violence prevention; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for the Salisbury police department’s body worn camera program; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for upgrades to the female police officers’ restroom and locker room facility at the Newburyport police department; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Northeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council, Inc. to provide mental health, wellness and suicide prevention services to emergency service providers in northeastern Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than $47,000 shall be expended for the town of Plymouth to replace police patrol and rescue boat motors to ensure public safety response; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Shedd Park
Baseball & Softball Organization for the construction of a concession stand, equipment storage and ADA-compliant bathrooms at Shedd park in the city of Lowell; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the town of Tewksbury for a police radio system to replace old equipment that cannot be fixed and requires a full replacement; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the town of Charlton for roof replacement at the Charlton police station; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the town of Tewksbury for services provided by the police department to the Tewksbury State Hospital; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for local public safety projects and grant programs to assist in constructing a new public safety emergency communications tower in the town of Ipswich; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for a public safety grant to the Millbury police department in the town of Millbury for public safety equipment and technological devices; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the town of Lexington to create and implement a 2-year pilot for a community-based unarm ed 911 mental health emergency response team; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Braintree police department’s family services unit in the city of Braintree; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the construction of durable long-term storage shed unit(s) at the Wilmington public safety building for use by Wilmington police and fire to store seasonal equipment; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no funds shall be transferred from this item to any other item of appropriation; and provided further, that funds shall be expended fully and on a schedule consistent with the provisions of section 9B of chapter 29 of the General Laws”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,447,000”;

In item 8100-1001, in line 24, by inserting after the word “services” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for directed patrols at Constitution beach in the East Boston section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $1,050,000 shall be expended for the payroll costs of the state police directed patrols; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Troop A to conduct mounted, directed patrols throughout Revere beach, the Lynn Fells and the Middlesex Fells Reservation park among other identified areas; provided further, that subject to appropriation communities receiving funds for directed patrols in fiscal year 2008 shall receive an equal disbursement of funds in proportion to the current appropriation in fiscal year 2023; provided further, that not less than $95,000 shall be expended for designated seasonal State Police patrols in the Wollaston beach and Quincy Shore drive area and Furnace Brook parkway of Quincy from May 31 to September 1; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the directed patrols in the South Boston section of the city of Boston including, but not limited to, Day boulevard, Carson beach, M street beach, Marine park and Castle Island”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “316,515,385” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “317,735,385”;

In item 8200-0200 by adding the following: “; and provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the town of Boylston as compensation for hosting a municipal police training academy”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “11,646,745” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “11,696,745”;

In item 8324-0050 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Duxbury fire department for helicopter aquatic rescue training; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended for the city of Melrose for a fire breathing apparatus (SCBA) for the purposes of safety and
equipment improvements within the Melrose fire department; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for new rescue equipment for the fire department in the city of Malden; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the town of Tyngsborough fire department; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Taunton fire department for roof repairs at three historic fire stations in the city of Taunton; provided further, that not less than $40,400 shall be expended for the Westborough fire department for an equipment washer and commercial washer/dryers; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for replacement of the Rehoboth fire department’s radio system in the town of Rehoboth; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the purchasing of thermal imaging cameras for the fire department in the town of Wellesley; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the town of Saugus’ fire department for the purposes of procuring a street legal all-terrain vehicle; provided further, that not less than $65,000 shall be expended for the purchase of an EMS stretcher power local system with a 6-year service agreement, for the town of Hopedale; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the Holbrook Regional Emergency Communications Center; provided further, that not less than $27,850 shall be expended for technology upgrades in all fire vehicles in the city of Newburyport; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Reading fire department for the purchase of a ladder truck and related equipment; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended for the Dedham fire department’s restoration of their 1953 fire engine; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the Fall River fire department for a breathing air cascade system and additional safety equipment; provided further, that the fire department training academies listed in item 8324-0000 of section 2 of chapter 182 of the acts of 2008 shall be allocated to each program in fiscal year 2023; provided further, that the amount allocated for hazardous material response teams in said item 8324-0000 of said section 2 of said chapter 182 shall be allocated to each program in fiscal year 2023; provided further, that in addition to the allocation listed in said item 8324-0000 of said section 2 of said chapter 182, the Boston Fire Department Training Academy shall be allocated an additional $500,000; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended for the Framingham police department for the conversion to hybrid vehicles; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for a municipal grant program administered by the fire marshal for firefighter cancer screenings including advance blood testing and imaging; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the town of Winchester for the purchase of modernized emergency medical response equipment; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for equipment for the city of Braintree’s fire department; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no funds shall be transferred from this item to any other item of appropriation; and provided further, that funds shall be expended fully and on a schedule consistent with the provisions of section 9B of chapter 29 of the General Laws”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “2,763,250”.

In item 8900-0001, in line 18, by inserting after the word “level” the following: “; provided, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for municipalities hosting department of correction facilities; provided however, no municipality hosting a department of correction facility shall receive more than $800,000; and provided further, that no municipality hosting a department of correction facility shall receive less than the amount allocated in item 8900-0001 of section 2 of chapter 68 of the acts of 2011 and any such allocation shall be the final allocation relating to MCI-Cedar
Junction”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “726,672,175” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “727,172,175”;

In item 8900-1100, in line 9, by inserting after the word “programs” the following: “; provided, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Boston Housing Authority for the Stable Housing and Reintegration Pilot Program (SHARPP) partnership to provide reentry housing and support services for formerly incarcerated individuals and their families; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the department of correction to cover costs associated with coordinating and supporting partnerships with higher education institutions that provide post-secondary education programs in state prisons”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “5,692,757” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “5,817,757”;

By inserting after section 39 the following fifteen sections:

“SECTION 39A. Chapter 207 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 7, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:

Section 7. A magistrate or minister shall not solemnize a marriage if a party to the intended marriage is under the age of 18.

SECTION 39B. Said chapter 207 is hereby further amended by striking out section 24, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 24. The clerk or registrar shall not receive a notice of the intention of marriage of a person under the age of 18.

SECTION 39C. Said chapter 207 is hereby further amended by striking out section 25, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 25. Notwithstanding sections 7, 24 and 33A or any other general or special law to the contrary, any minor who is married may avail themself of all legal remedies and relief that would otherwise be available if they were not a minor, including, but not limited to, initiating proceedings for divorce, annulment and protective order.

SECTION 39D. Section 27 of said chapter 207, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the second and third sentences.

SECTION 39E. Said chapter 207 is hereby further amended by striking out section 33A, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 33A. The clerk or registrar shall not issue a certificate under section 28 before receiving proof of age of the parties and verifying that both parties are not less than 18 years of age. Such proof shall be contained in any of the following documents, graded and taking precedence in the following order: (i) an original or certified copy of a record of birth; (ii) an original or certified copy of a baptismal record; (iii) a passport; (iv) a life insurance policy; (v) an employment certificate; (vi) a school record; (vii) an immigration record; (viii) a naturalization record; or (ix) a court record. The clerk or registrar shall not accept documentary evidence of a lower grade unless the clerk or registrar is satisfied that evidence of a higher grade is not readily procurable.

SECTION 39F. Section 34 of said chapter 207 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 39G. Section 51 of said chapter 207, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 1 and 2, the words ‘section seven, twenty-six or thirty-four’ and inserting in place thereof the following words:— section 7 or 26.

SECTION 39H. Section 53 of said chapter 207, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the words ‘section thirty-three’ and inserting in place thereof the following words:— sections 24 and 33A.
SECTION 39I. Section 22 of chapter 211 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the figure, ‘$206,239’ and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— $232,101.

SECTION 39J. Said section 22 of said chapter 211, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 2, the figure ‘$200,984’ and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— $226,187.

SECTION 39K. Section 2 of chapter 211A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the figure ‘$195,358’ and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— $219,856.

SECTION 39L. Said section 2 of said chapter 211A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 2, the figure ‘$190,087’ and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— $213,924.

SECTION 39M. Section 4 of chapter 211B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the figure ‘$184,694’ and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— $207,855.

SECTION 39N. Said section 4 of said chapter 211B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 5, the figure ‘$190,124’ and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— $213,966.

SECTION 39O. Said section 4 of said chapter 211B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 7, the figure ‘$195,628’ and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— $220,160.”;

By inserting after section 44 the following section:

“SECTION 44A. The second paragraph of section 94 of chapter 221 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting in place thereof the following 2 sentences: The salary of the second assistant clerk of the supreme judicial court for Suffolk county shall be 85.88 per cent of the salary of said clerk and shall be paid, subject to appropriation, by the commonwealth. The salary of the third assistant clerk of the supreme judicial court for Suffolk county shall be 82.50 per cent of the salary of said clerk and shall be paid, subject to appropriation, by the commonwealth.”; and

By inserting after section 51 the following two sections:

“SECTION 51A. The special legislative commission to study and examine the civil service law, established in section 107 of chapter 253 of the acts of 2020, is hereby revived and continued to May 31, 2024. Upon the start of a new legislative session, the appointed members of the commission shall be reappointed by their appointing authorities. The commission shall submit a report of its study and any recommendations, together with any draft legislation necessary to carry those recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate and the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate not later than May 31, 2024.

SECTION 51B. The law library of the Lowell judicial center in the city of Lowell shall be designated and known as the Daniel P. Leahy Law Library, in memory of the late honorable Daniel P. Leahy. The division of capital asset management and maintenance shall erect and maintain suitable markers bearing this designation in compliance with the standards of the division.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the consolidated amendments, Mr. Boldyga of Southwick then moved to amend the consolidated amendments by striking out the following:

“SECTION 39I. Section 22 of chapter 211 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the figure, ‘$206,239’ and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— $232,101.
SECTION 39J. Said section 22 of said chapter 211, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 2, the figure ‘$200,984’ and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— $226,187.

SECTION 39K. Section 2 of chapter 211A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the figure ‘$195,358’ and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— $219,856.

SECTION 39L. Said section 2 of said chapter 211A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 2, the figure ‘$190,087’ and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— $213,924.

SECTION 39M. Section 4 of chapter 211B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the figure ‘$184,694’ and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— $207,855.

SECTION 39N. Said section 4 of said chapter 211B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 5, the figure ‘$190,124’ and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— $220,160.

And further amend the bill by inserting, after section 44, the following section:—

SECTION 44A. The second paragraph of section 94 of chapter 221 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting in place thereof the following 2 sentences:— The salary of the second assistant clerk of the supreme judicial court for Suffolk county shall be 85.88 per cent of the salary of said clerk and shall be paid, subject to appropriation, by the commonwealth. The salary of the third assistant clerk of the supreme judicial court for Suffolk county shall be 82.50 per cent of the salary of said clerk and shall be paid, subject to appropriation, by the commonwealth.”.

The further amendment then was rejected.

After further debate on the question on adoption of the consolidated amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 155 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 174 in Supplement.]

[Mr. Boldyga of Southwick answered “Present” in response to his name.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments (public safety and judiciary) were adopted.

At twenty-five minutes after five o’clock P.M. (Tuesday, April 27), the Chair (Ms. Hogan of Stow) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at nine minutes after eight o’clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan in the Chair.

Ms. Peisch of Wellesley then moved to amend the bill by inserting after section 20 the following section:

“SECTION 20A. Section 23 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 201 and 202, the words ‘representative of a public safety union who shall be appointed by the governor’ and inserting in place thereof the following words:— public safety union member who shall be appointed by the governor from a list of 3 such nominees submitted by the executive board of the Massachusetts Association of Contributory Retirement Systems, Inc.”.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 2, in item 4510-0100, in line 8, by inserting after the word “Laws”
the following: “; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for Volunteers in Medicine Berkshires to provide increased access to care for income-eligible residents; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the medical On-Site Academy to address the many behavioral health needs of those employees working in the medical field, including but not limited to: (a) critical incident stress management; (b) substance abuse; (c) post-traumatic stress disorder; (d) issues resulting from increased stress due to the novel coronavirus 2019 pandemic; (e) staffing shortages; and (f) workplace violence in the medical field; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the purpose of the commissioner implementing section 220A of chapter 111 of the General Laws to provide information about the health risks and emotional trauma inflicted by the practice of female genital mutilation, as well as the criminal penalties for committing female genital mutilation; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for Community Servings, Inc. for the purpose of providing medically tailored meals to persons battling chronic illnesses, workforce training programs to those recovering from addiction and opportunities for expanded services and locations; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for the Matt Brown Foundation, Inc. in Norwood to support individuals and families living with or recovering from illness or injury, with a particular emphasis on those living with or recovering from spinal cord injuries”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “23,038,252” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “23,418,252”;

In item 4510-0110 by adding the following: “; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for NEW Health – Charlestown for the purpose of operating and maintaining treatment of substance use disorder; and provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Public Health Institute of Western Massachusetts to support 413Cares regional response to the 2019 novel coronavirus”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “3,010,599” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “3,410,599”;

In item 4510-0600, in line 9, by inserting after the word “Laws” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the city of Beverly for testing, monitoring and analysis of the environmental cleanup efforts for the Varian site located at and near 150 Sohier road, Beverly”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “5,998,591” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “6,098,591”;

In item 4510-0710, in line 22, by inserting after the word “program” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for South Shore Health to support its efforts to advance health equity and improve access for underserved communities”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “14,129,190” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “14,229,190”;

In item 4512-0200, in line 15, by inserting after the word “program” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $3,000,000 shall be expended for the bureau to provide technical assistance and training to increase the number of providers delivering culturally, ethnically and linguistically diverse services in communities of color”; in lines 48 to 52, inclusive, by striking out the words “additional family supportive housing programs, formerly called family sober living programs, across the state, and for the purpose of providing technical assistance and training to the services systems of medication management, medication-assisted treatment and treatment of co-occurring disorders” and inserting in place thereof the following: “recovery centers first funded in fiscal year 2021, for the purpose of outpatient and mobile services for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or blind with substance use disorders”;

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In item 4512-0205 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Baystate Health Eastern Region for a grant program to prevent and treat addiction to opioids and related substances; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for DuxburyFACTs Corp for substance misuse and behavioral health education efforts; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended for Crossroads Family Shelter in East Boston to provide mental health, substance use and clinical recovery services for those impacted by family homelessness; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for the police department of the city of Lynn for its behavioral health unit; provided further, that not less than $175,000 shall be expended for Self Esteem Boston’s direct service and provider training programs; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for expanding substance use counseling in the Everett health department and Everett police department in the city of Everett; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the purposes of the operation of Resources for Recovery Inc., formerly known as the Dennis Messing Memorial Foundation, Inc. located in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Greater New Bedford Community Health Center, Inc. office-based addiction and opioid treatment program; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for RICKY, Inc. in Norwood for the delivery of substance use recovery care materials to homeless individuals with substance abuse and mental health disorders within the Greater Boston region; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for Project R.I.G.H.T., Inc.’s substance use and trauma prevention initiative in the Grove Hall area of Boston; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the operation of the Dimock Center’s behavioral health continuum of substance use care to provide comprehensive treatment for individuals suffering from substance use disorder and other behavioral health challenges; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the operation of the Gavin Foundation, Inc.’s behavioral health continuum of substance use care to provide comprehensive treatment for individuals suffering from substance use disorder and other behavioral health challenges; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for continued capital improvements to the Cambridge Community Center and for the expansion of their community-based behavioral health program; provided further, that not less than $2,000,000 shall be expended for the RIZE Massachusetts Foundation, Inc. to assist in their work to end the opioid epidemic in the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Joseph Nee Collaborative Center for substance abuse programming; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for Harbor Health Services, Inc. for a grant program to prevent and treat addiction to opioid and related substances; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the city known as the town of Braintree for Braintree Community Partnership on Substance Use; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for One Life at a Time, Inc., located in the city known as the town of Braintree, for the facilitation of access to sober living programs and job training services for people in recovery and associated operational costs; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the continuation of a comprehensive substance abuse and narcotic use reduction program at a federally qualified health center located in South Boston; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Weymouth veterans services department for substance abuse and recovery for veterans; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for Roxbury Main Streets for health and safety initiatives in Nubian Square; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or specific law
to the contrary, no funds shall be transferred from this item to any other item of appropriation; and provided further, that funds shall be expended fully and on a schedule consistent with section 9B of chapter 29 of the General Laws”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “4,035,000”;

In item 4513-1005, in lines 10, 11 and 12, by striking out the words “for comprehensive family planning services previously funded by Title X Family Planning funding due to restrictions applied federally” and inserting in place thereof the following: “for enhancing comprehensive family planning services funded by Title X Family Planning funding; provided further, that of said amount, not less than $1,660,000 shall be allocated to Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. to continue services previously funded by Title X funding”, in line 15, by inserting after the word “program” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Martin Luther King Jr. Family Services, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Neighborhood Birth Center in the city of Boston to provide perinatal health care and prenatal and postpartum support to birthing people; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for the purpose of improving reproductive health care access, infrastructure and security, including grants to the Jane Fund of Central Massachusetts, the Abortion Rights Fund of Western Massachusetts and the Eastern Massachusetts Abortion Fund”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “18,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “20,310,000”;

In item 4513-1112, in line 5, by inserting after the word “disabilities” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $475,000 shall be expended for the Forsyth Institute’s Center for Children’s Oral Health to expand its ForsythKids programming focused on children and adolescents and to explore the emerging association between oral health status and academic performance”, in line 29, by inserting after the words “Disorders, Inc[sic]” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the operation of the Cranberry Health Research Center at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Cancer House of Hope in West Springfield; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the operation of VITFriends Vitiligo Support Group, Inc. in Hyde Park”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “11,994,932” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “12,169,932”;

In item 4513-1136, in line 18, by inserting after the words “Alliance, Inc.” the following: “; provided further, that the department of public health shall make a payment of not less than the amount appropriated in fiscal year 2013 for children’s advocacy centers”, in line 65, by inserting after the year “2023” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended for Portal to Hope to develop programs combatting domestic violence in Medford, Malden, Everett and Winthrop; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Baystate Family Advocacy Center in Hampden county to serve children and families traumatized by child abuse, sexual assault or exploitation; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Katie Brown Educational Program for a pilot instructional initiative, the Train the Trainer program, to train educators and increase the number of Southeastern Massachusetts students who acquire invaluable knowledge about the prevention of relationship violence”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “72,485,333” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “72,910,333”;

In item 4590-0250, in line 18, by inserting after the word “programs” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the
North Quabbin Community Coalition; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the Amherst Regional Public Schools to support mental health services for students; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended for school-based health centers”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “19,066,196” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “20,191,196”; [A]

In item 4590-0915, in line 7, by inserting after the following: “section 2B” the following: “; provided further, that the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children shall maintain not less than 120 beds for clients in its inpatient setting to the extent feasible within the appropriation; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children summer programs; provided further, that Tewksbury hospital shall maintain the same number of beds in fiscal year 2023 as was maintained in fiscal year 2022”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “190,394,958” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “190,544,958”;

In item 4590-1507 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than $2,000,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $1,300,000 shall be expended for the Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs, Inc. which shall be distributed between the alliance’s member organizations; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the operation of the city of Revere’s Robert J. Haas Jr. Health and Wellness Center; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the YMCA youth programming in the city of Lynn; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Lawrence Sueños Basketball summer league to support the recreational, social and health benefits the league provides to low-income youth in the city of Lawrence; provided further, that not less than $600,000 shall be expended for the YWCA organizations, which shall be distributed equally between the Alliance of YWCA member organizations; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the YMCA of the North Shore, Inc. for the Haverhill YMCA for a capital feasibility study; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Haverhill, Inc. for capital needs; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for the Martha’s Vineyard Boys & Girls Club, Inc. for facility infrastructure improvements; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for the Watertown Boys & Girls Club, Inc. for capital improvements; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the Center for Teen Empowerment, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Tobin Community Center for summer and fall events to reduce violence and to build unity and civic leadership among street-involved youth in partnership with Metro Boston and other public housing-based youth programs; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Massachusetts Bay Mentor 2.0 program; and provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Randolph community programs department in the town of Randolph for the hiring of a full-time community social worker”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “2,550,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “7,250,000”;

In item 5042-5000, in line 39, by inserting after the words “psychiatry” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for YouthConnect to provide community-based mental health services to high-risk youth and their families residing in the East Boston community; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services, Inc. for the organization’s continued implementation across the commonwealth of the National Council for Behavioral Health’s Youth Mental Health First Aid program;
provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Franklin County Children’s Advocacy Center to provide mental health services; provided further, that not less than $90,000 shall be expended for the Northwestern Juvenile Fire Intervention, Response, Education and Safety Partnership, Inc. for a juvenile fire setter intervention and prevention program; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health, Inc. and the BIRCh Center to continue collaborating on the establishment of a school based behavioral health technical assistance center; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for the NAN Project to increase mental health awareness and suicide prevention”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “111,823,937” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “112,363,937”;

In item 5046-0000, in line 24, by inserting after the word “measured” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for a grant to the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, Inc. for the purposes of providing assistance in connecting consumers to licensed clinical social workers through the Therapy Matcher program; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the International Institute of New England, Inc. for culturally and linguistically appropriate mental health services for immigrants and refugees who have experienced torture and trauma”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “514,301,841” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “514,376,841”;

In item 5095-0015, in line 20, by inserting after the word “facilities” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the development of Family Health Center of Worcester, Inc.’s facility at 192 Chandler street in Worcester, in collaboration with UMass Memorial Medical Center, to serve the healthcare needs of people experiencing homelessness”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “274,828,823” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “274,928,823”;

In item 5911-1003, in line 11, by inserting after the word “department” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for Community Access to the Arts, Inc. in the town of Great Barrington; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Charles River Center to provide grants for individuals to meaningfully participate in their community”, in line 13, by striking out the figures: “175,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “200,000”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “88,067,555” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “88,192,555”;

In item 5920-2000, in line 20, by inserting after the words “transfer” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Center of Hope Foundation for parking improvements at the Center of Hope facility located at 54 Foster street in the town of Southbridge”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “1,442,359,037” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,442,384,037”;

By inserting after section 22 the following section:

“SECTION 22A. Chapter 38 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 2A the following new section:—

Section 2B. In the case of the death of a child under the age of 2, the chief medical examiner shall review and approve: (i) the findings and report of the medical examiner performing the autopsy to determine the cause of death; and (ii) any change to the autopsy report.”;

By inserting after section 27A (inserted by amendment) the following ten sections:
“SECTION 27B. Section 117 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word ‘providing’, in line 1, and the first time it appears in line 12, the following words:— prevention of HIV or.

SECTION 27C. Said section 117 of said chapter 111, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word ‘provide’, in line 7, the following words:— prevention of HIV or.

SECTION 27D. Said section 117 of said chapter 111, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the last paragraph and inserting in thereof the following paragraph:—

For the purposes of this section, physical examination, prevention of HIV and treatment provided by a health care provider, as defined in section 1, upon the person of a minor who voluntarily appears therefor shall not constitute an assault and battery upon said minor.

SECTION 27E. Chapter 111D of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 1, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:

Section 1. As used in this chapter, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

1. ‘CLIA-waived test’, a test that the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has determined qualifies for a Certificate of Waiver under the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988, 42 U.S.C. § 263a.

2. ‘Clinical laboratory’, a facility or place, however named, the purpose of which is to make biological, serological, chemical, immuno-hematological, cytological, pathological or other examinations of materials derived from a human body.

3. ‘Commissioner’, the commissioner of public health.

4. ‘Company’, a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, an association, a trust or an organized group of persons, whether incorporated or not.

5. ‘Complex laboratory test’, a test which requires sophisticated technique, interpretation of multiple signals or proven technical skill. Such test shall require, but not be limited to, 1 or more of the following steps: (a) highly skilled physical manipulation; (b) technique-dependent steps in the testing, sampling or reading of results; (c) user programming of the device or devices; (d) detailed calculation of the results; (e) dilution of samples with chemically reactive substances; or (f) preparation of reagents.

6. ‘Department’, the department of public health in the executive office of health and human services.

7. ‘Exempt test’, a test which is generally noninstrumental in nature and the results of which are determined by observation of a visual signal.

8. ‘Ownership interest’, interests, including, but not limited to, any membership, proprietary interest, shares of stock in a corporation, units or other interest in a partnership, bonds, debentures, notes or other equity interest or debt instrument or co-ownership in any form.

9. ‘Person’, corporations, societies, associations, partnerships, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, trusts, organized group of persons, whether incorporated or not, an individual or the individual’s estate upon death, any other entity, including, but not limited to, medical practice, medical office, clinic, counseling center, substance use disorder treatment program or sober house or a political subdivision of the commonwealth.
(10) ‘Simple laboratory test’, a test which may require a series of steps, reagent additions or instrumentation and the results of which are generally determined by a visual signal, but which is not a complex laboratory test.

SECTION 27F. Said chapter 111D is hereby further amended by striking out section 4, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 4. No person shall maintain a clinical laboratory in the commonwealth apart from a hospital or clinic licensed under section 51 of chapter 111, unless the person holds, and there is in effect, a license issued under section 5; provided, however, that the licensing requirement of this section shall not apply to: (a) a clinical laboratory maintained by not more than 2 licensed physicians exclusively in connection with the diagnosis and treatment of the physician’s own patients; provided, that: (i) the physician or the physician’s assistant under the direct supervision of such physician performs all testing; and (ii) the clinical laboratory performs only laboratory tests which the commissioner, with the advice of the advisory committee on clinical laboratories, has determined to be exempt from licensure; (b) a clinical laboratory maintained by 3 or more licensed physicians exclusively in connection with the diagnosis and treatment of the physician’s own patients; provided, that: (i) the physician or the physician’s assistant under the direct supervision of such physician performs all testing; and (ii) the clinical laboratory performs only laboratory tests which the commissioner, with the advice of the advisory committee on clinical laboratories, has determined to be exempt from licensure; (c) a clinical laboratory performing only CLIA-waived tests; provided, that clinical laboratories performing non-CLIA waived tests in addition to CLIA-waived tests must obtain a clinical laboratory license; (d) a clinical laboratory maintained exclusively for research and teaching purposes and not providing reports for diagnosis and treatment of patients or for a public health purpose; (e) any laboratory with respect to tests or other procedures made by it for any person engaged in the business of insurance if made for purposes of determining whether to write an insurance contract or determining eligibility or continued eligibility thereunder, or for the examination of its employees or officers; or (f) any laboratory maintained exclusively for a health promotion screening program, as defined in regulations of the department, which does not provide reports for diagnosis or treatment of patients and which meets standards for such program established by the department. No provision of this chapter other than section 6 shall apply to any agency of the commonwealth, nor shall any provision of this chapter relative to licensing apply to any hospital or clinic licensed under section 51 of chapter 111.

SECTION 27G. Section 12F of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the words ‘physician, dentist’ and inserting in place thereof the following words:— health care provider, as defined in section 1 of chapter 111.

SECTION 27H. Said section 12F of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word ‘patient’, in line 6, the following words:— , or for the prevention of HIV.

SECTION 27I. Said section 12F of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word ‘be’, in line 14, the following words:— at risk of exposure to,

SECTION 27J. Said section 12F of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word ‘disease’, in line 18, the following words:— , or prevention of HIV.

SECTION 27K. Said section 12F of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 28, the words ‘physician or dentist’ and
inserting in place thereof the following words:— health care provider, as defined in section 1 of chapter 111.”;

By inserting after section 37 the following section:

“SECTION 37A. Said chapter 118E is hereby amended by adding the following section:

Section 80. (a) Every 2 years, not later than November 15, the executive office shall review data and report on findings from the review based on data collected for the prior 2 years. The review shall consist of: (i) the available covered medications; (ii) treatments; and (iii) whether health care services were adequate to meet the needs of enrollees collected, including, but not limited to, input received pursuant to subsection (c). Each report shall include, but not be limited to: (i) detailed results of the review; (ii) recommendations, if any, for improvements in the delivery of health care services to enrollees with a diagnosis of sickle cell disease; and (iii) recommendations, if any, on whether the division shall seek to add or facilitate access to additional medications, treatments or services.

(b) Each review pursuant to subsection (a) shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) the extent to which healthcare transitional programs or services for enrollees that are covered by the division prepare, transfer and integrate emerging adults with sickle cell disease into the adult care setting;

(2) the extent to which providers of emergency medical services to enrollees are adequately trained and otherwise prepared to treat and manage sickle cell patients presenting with vaso-occlusive crises, including, but not limited to, the extent to which such providers follow clinically validated algorithms and protocols regarding such treatment and management; and

(3) the number of people with sickle cell disease who had 2 or more hospitalizations or emergency department visits with a vaso-occlusive episode or pain crisis, including the average length of stay for such visits.

(c) When conducting a review pursuant to subsection (a), the executive office shall solicit and consider input from the public, with specific emphasis on receiving input from patients with a sickle cell disease diagnosis as well as persons or groups with knowledge, experience or specialized expertise in the area of sickle cell disease treatment. Not later than April 30 of each year that the review is conducted, the executive office shall hold not less than 1 public hearing to solicit input.

(d) Each report required under this section shall be filed with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the joint committee on health care financing and the house and senate committees on ways and means. The division shall post the report on the division’s website in a manner accessible by the public.”; and

By striking out section 54 and inserting in place thereof the following two sections:

“SECTION 54. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the health policy commission established in chapter 6D of the General Laws, shall conduct an analysis and issue a report on the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on behavioral health-related boarding in acute care hospital settings, including, but not limited to, boarding in emergency departments, medical surgical units or observation units, in the commonwealth. The study shall consider emergency department visits in the commonwealth classified as mental health, behavioral health, substance use disorder or other alcohol-related diagnosis and shall review: (i) length of stay for boarding; (ii) primary reason for wait; (iii) level of care required; (iv) type of insurance coverage; (v) payer reimbursement to care for boarders in emergency departments, medical surgical units, or observation units; (vi) available data on patient age, race, ethnicity, preferred spoken language, gender and homelessness; (vii)
the ability to facilitate care coordination among health care providers; (viii) effects of COVID-19 on length of stay; (ix) effects of COVID-19 on workforce and any workforce shortages; and (x) other factors related to COVID-19 affecting the: (a) increased burden on acute care hospitals as a result of behavioral health-related boarding; (b) outcomes and quality of care for patients boarded in acute care hospitals; (c) resources provided by health plans to care for boarders. The health policy commission shall also review behavioral health-related boarding in other states and actions taken and any best practices to address the pressure on acute care hospitals as a result of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on behavioral health-related boarding. Not later than July 1, 2023 the health policy commission shall submit to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery and the joint committee on healthcare financing the report, including recommendations on how to address: (i) the burden on acute care hospitals; (ii) outcomes for patients with behavioral diagnoses; (iii) quality of care for patients boarded in acute care hospitals; and (iv) payer reimbursement to care for boarders in acute care hospitals.

SECTION 54A. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary of health and human services, in collaboration with the commissioner of public health, shall conduct or provide for an examination of the prescribing and treatment history, including court-ordered treatment or treatment within the criminal legal system, of persons in the commonwealth who suffered fatal overdoses in calendar years 2019 to 2021, inclusive, and annually thereafter, and shall report in an aggregate and de-identified form on trends discovered through the examination. The secretary of health and human services may contract with a non-profit or educational entity to conduct data analytics on the data set generated in the examination; provided, that the executive office shall implement appropriate privacy safeguards consistent with state and federal law.

(b) To facilitate the examination pursuant to subsection (a), the department of public health shall request, and the relevant offices and agencies shall provide, information necessary to complete the examination from the division of medical assistance, the executive office of public safety and security, the center for health information and analysis, the office of patient protection, the department of revenue and the chief justice of the trial court, which may include, but shall not be limited to, data from the: (i) prescription drug monitoring program, established in section 24A of chapter 94C of the General Laws; (ii) all-payer claims database, established in section 12 of chapter 12C; (iii) criminal offender record information database, established in section 172 of chapter 6; and (iv) court activity record information system, established in section 9 of chapter 258E. To the extent feasible, the department of public health shall request data from the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. relating to treatment within houses of correction.

(c) Not later than July 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, the secretary of health and human services shall publish a report on the findings of the examination, including, but not limited to: (i) the overall prescription history of the individuals, including both agonist and antagonist medications for opioid use disorder; (ii) the mental and behavioral health and substance use treatment history of the individuals, including an outcomes comparison of voluntary versus involuntary treatment, controlling for other factors; (iii) structural factors that contribute to heightened risk of overdose, including, but not limited to, employment status, housing status, criminal legal involvement, income, medical comorbidities, including, but not limited to, bacterial or viral infections and substance use sequalae and other demographic
markers, including, but not limited to, race, ethnicity, age, gender identity, sexual orientation and immigration status; (iv) trends in the substances observed in overdose events; (v) whether the individuals had attempted to enter but were denied access to mental or behavioral health or substance use treatment; (vi) whether the individuals had received past treatment for a substance overdose; and (vii) whether any individuals had been previously detained, committed or incarcerated and, if so, whether they had received treatment and treatment type during the detention, commitment or incarceration.

The reports shall be filed with the clerks of the house of representatives and senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the chairs of the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery, the chairs of the joint committee on public health and the chairs of the joint committee on health care financing.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the consolidated amendments, Ms. Gouveia of Acton moved to amend the consolidated amendments [at “A”] by inserting after the figures: “20,191,196” the following: “that the bill be amended in section 2 by inserting after item 4590-0250 the following item:

‘4590-0251 For the establishment of a fund that would increase access to gender affirming clothing and supplies, as well as gender affirming procedures, including the offsetting of copays for such procedures………………………………….250,000’.”.

After remarks the further amendment was rejected.

On the question on adoption of the consolidated amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair) 155 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 175 in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments (public health, mental health and disability services) were adopted.

Recess.

At nine o’clock P.M. (Tuesday, April 26), on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until the following day at eleven o’clock A.M.; and at that time, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.