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Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

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

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Tributes.

During the session, the Chair (Ms. Hogan of Stow) declared a brief recess, and at the request of Representative Soter of Bellingham, the members, guests and employees stood for a moment of silent tribute in honor of the memory of Denis C. Fraine, a distinguished United States Air Force Captain veteran and devoted public servant, who faithfully served the town of Bellingham as Town Administrator for more than thirty-seven years until his retirement in August 2025.

Denis
Fraine.

Throughout his long and impactful career, Mr. Fraine was known for his steady leadership, professionalism, and unwavering dedication to the residents of Bellingham. His work helped shape the town's growth and stability, and his legacy of public service will be long remembered by all who had the privilege to work with him and benefit from his commitment. He brought a deep sense of responsibility and pride to his role, serving as a trusted steward of the town's operations for decades. His example stands as a testament to the value of lifelong public service and dedication to one's community.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington) declared a brief recess, and at the request of Representative Rogers of Norwood, the members, guests and employees stood for a moment of silent tribute in memory of Timothy J. McDonough of Norwood, who passed away on March 12, 2026, at the age of 61.

Timothy
McDonough.

A lifelong Norwood resident and proud "townie," Tim dedicated more than four decades to public service, beginning as one of the youngest elected officials in the country on the Norwood School Committee, and continuing as a Selectman and Town Assessor. His commitment to his community was unwavering.

Through his work with the Circle of Hope and the Norwood Scholarship Foundation, Tim quietly and generously supported countless families and students, leaving a lasting impact on the town he loved.

He will be remembered for his kindness, his humor, and his deep devotion to his family, especially his son Patrick. His legacy of service and compassion will not be forgotten.

The House joined in extending its deepest condolences to the McDonough family.

Resignation of Representative Howard of Lowell.

The following communication was read; and spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

March 17, 2026.

Timothy Carroll
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State House – Room 145
Boston, MA 02133

Mr. Clerk:

Please accept this letter as formal notification that I am resigning from my position as State Representative for the 17th Middlesex District, effective at the close of business on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. This decision is made to facilitate my transition to the Senate, effective March 18, 2026, where I look forward to continuing my service to our community.

Resignation of
Representative
Vanna Howard
of Lowell.

Having arrived in this country from Cambodia at the age of 11 after fleeing the Khmer Rouge, I could never have envisioned the profound opportunity I have had to serve in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Over the past five years, I have been deeply honored to vote on legislation that has positively impacted my constituents, secure critical funding for our district, and provide essential assistance to vulnerable residents.

This work would not have been possible without the outstanding support of our leadership and colleagues, who welcomed me to this historic institution on my first day and offered their steadfast assistance throughout my tenure.

My tenure in the House of Representatives has profoundly shaped my professional and personal development. The invaluable lessons, lasting relationships, and collaborative accomplishments we achieved together will remain with me as I transition to the Senate. While my role will change, I look forward to continuing our partnership in our shared mission to serve the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and enhance the lives of every resident.

Sincerely,
VANNA HOWARD
State Representative
17th Middlesex District

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced the family and friends of Colby Lippincott, who were seated in the House Chamber. Colby, who was 14-years-old when he died in a motocross accident in June 2024, will always be remembered with a smile. They were the guests of Mr. Xiarhos of Barnstable.

Family and
friends of
Colby
Lippincott.

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During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced the Medfield High School girls basketball team, who were seated in the House Chamber. The team was the 2026 MIAA Division 2 state champions, securing its third consecutive state title and an undefeated season. The team was joined by their assistant coaches Paul Catino and Ellen Gelina, athletic director Eric Scott, and principal Robert Parga. They were the guests of Mr. Vaughn of Wrentham and Tarsky of Needham.

Medfield High School girls basketball team.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced the Lawrence Hurricanes, who were seated in the House Chamber. The team won the 2025 Northeastern Massachusetts Pop Warner 13U conference championship. They were the guests of Representatives Moran of Lawrence, Paulino of Lawrence and Reyes of Lawrence.

Lawrence Hurricanes Pop Warner football team.

Remote Participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Ferguson of Holden and Lombardo of Billerica had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Remote participation.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Garballey of Arlington, Consalvo of Boston and Williams of Springfield) commending the Admetech Foundation on recognizing the seventeenth annual Prostate Cancer Awareness Day on March 24, 2026, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Prostate Cancer Awareness Day.

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

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Order (filed by Representatives Lawn of Watertown and Kilcoyne of Clinton) relative to extending until Monday, June 15, 2026 the time within which the committee on Health Care Financing is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 5263).

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Kerans of Danvers) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 5257).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Ouellette of Westport, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

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A Bill amending the charter of the town of Tewksbury to modify the residency requirement for the town manager (Senate, No. 1446) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Tewksbury,—
residency
requirements.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3022) of Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation to create the engaging neighborhoods, organizations, unions, governments, and households fund. To the committee on Housing.

Community
funds.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3021) of Brendan P. Crighton for legislation to update Massachusetts student transportation. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Student
transportation.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Brian W. Murray relative to specific medical diagnoses of certain children involved with the Department of Children and Families. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kearney of Scituate, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Medical
diagnoses,—
children.

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on House, No. 4375, a Bill to preserve and advance Massachusetts' competitiveness in discovery, research, and innovation for a vibrant economy (House, No. 5259). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Economic
development.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill supporting family caregivers (House, No. 3159). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Family care
giving.

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on a petition, a Bill relative to supporting veterans organizations (House, No. 480).

Video
games.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4037, a Bill relative to problem gambling (House, No. 5258).

Problem
gambling.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill providing an income tax credit for families caring for relatives at home who are elderly or victims of Alzheimer's disease (House, No. 3018).

Families,—
tax credits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to long-term care insurance tax credit (House, No. 3025).

Insurance,—
tax credits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill updating and expanding the renter's income tax deduction (House, No. 3063).

Income tax,—
renters.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to increasing economic development and business opportunity in the design and manufacture of video games through the use of tax credits (House, No. 3084).

Video
games,—
tax credits.

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By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish the micro business employee training and workforce development program (House, No. 3108).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a sewage line tax credit (House, No. 3133).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to rolling stock (House, No. 3148).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill protecting the interests of housing cooperative shareholders (House, No. 3165).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill recognizing film production in Massachusetts (House, No. 3187).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill making the fair share tax more equitable (House, No. 3210).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to sales tax exemption (House, No. 3225).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to medical and dental expense deductions (House, No. 3237).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote adoption (House, No. 3246).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish an employer-provided childcare tax credit pilot program (House, No. 3265).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a refundable Title 5 septic tax credit (House, No. 4082).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill promoting fair tax treatment for zero-emission vehicles (House, No. 4722).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3279, a Bill allowing for fiscal resilience through authorization of strategic investment in stable digital financial assets (House, No. 5255).

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

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on a petition, a Bill relative to fraternal organizations conducting bazaars (House, No. 4238).

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill reducing tax liability for grandparents raising grandchildren (House, No. 3204).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sally Desrosiers, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 4962, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 6 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Tax
incentive
programs.

Sewage,—
tax credit.

Rolling
stock.

Housing
shareholders.

Motion
pictures.

Taxable
income.

Sales tax
exemption.

Deductions.

Adoption,—
tax exemption.

Childcare,—
tax credit.

Tax credit,—
Title 5.

Zero-emission
vehicles.

Digital
financial
assets.

Bazaars.

Grandparents,—
taxes.

Sally
Desrosiers,—
sick leave.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Luis Cabral (see House, No. 4349); and

Bills enacted.

Making the charter of the county of Nantucket gender neutral (see House, No. 4504);

(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; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Motions to Discharge Certain Matters in the Orders of the Day.

The House Bill enhancing public safety in the town of Stoneham (House, No. 2800), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day and read a third time forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Stoneham,—
public
safety.

The House Bill regarding the appointment of special police officers in the city of Malden (House, No. 4584), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day and read a third time forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody.

Malden,—
police.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding section 1 of chapter 31 of the General Laws; chapter 17 of the acts of 2018; or any other general or special law to the contrary, the maximum age of eligibility for a retired police officer of the city of Malden to be appointed to the position of special police officers in the city of Malden shall be 70 years of age.

(b) A special police officer appointed pursuant to this act or chapter 17 of the acts of 2018 shall comply with all requirements of chapter 6E of the General Laws, including: (i) maintaining certification and good standing with the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission; and (ii) complying with all annual in-service and other training requirements mandated by the municipal police training committee.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4584, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recesses.

At seventeen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Pease of Westfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and three minutes after one o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Recesses.

The House thereupon took a further recess, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, subject to the call of the Chair; and at ten minutes before four o'clock the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Reports of Committees.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 5033, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 5264) [Total appropriation: \$1,804,046,066.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Supplemental appropriations.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn), was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, at twenty-three minutes after four o'clock P.M., 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 four minutes before nine o'clock the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Recess.

Mr. Boldyga of Southwick then moved to amend the bill in section 2F by inserting after item 1596-2703 the following item:

“7061-9813 For rural school aid to eligible towns and regional school districts, excluding vocational schools, independent agricultural, technical schools and charter schools; provided, that a school district shall be eligible for rural school aid if a school district has a student density of not more than 35 students per square mile and an average annual per capita income of not more than the average annual per capita income for the commonwealth for the same period; provided further, that rural school aid shall be allocated equitably in the following priority order: (i) school districts serving less than 11 students per square mile; (ii) school districts serving not more than 21 students per square mile; and (iii) school districts serving not more than 35 students per square mile..... \$48,000,000”.

The amendment was rejected.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 2F, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$45,984 shall be expended to support the Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School District to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the creation of a CTE Teacher Access & Equity Fund to provide financial assistance to beginning vocational-technical instructors for fees associated with competency-based vocational-technical teacher training performance and written examinations; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Shrewsbury

Consolidated amendments.

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Public Schools to support students in the town of Shrewsbury; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to support the Wachusett Regional School District to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Shrewsbury to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$875,000 shall be expended for a statewide college and career readiness program implemented by JFYNetworks, a nonprofit corporation to: (i) provide online instructional curricula to help students meet the Massachusetts state standards at each grade level and reduce learning loss and achievement gaps; and (ii) prepare students for required assessments and college placement tests in middle and high schools; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended to Kids In Tech, Inc. for the purposes of supporting their after school, hands-on, science, technology, engineering, art and math education programs across the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended to Italian Home for Children, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to redesign and modernize the Franklin Middle School library/STEM space into a student-centered Library and Innovation Commons to support interdisciplinary learning, collaboration, hands-on problem-solving, and an accessible gathering space; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for statewide access to a K-12 digital toolkit that provides state standards-aligned, multimodal instructional materials across all content areas, including access to career and technical educational materials and local Massachusetts industry partners to support workforce development, especially in high-growth areas identified by the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the North End Music and Performing Arts Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Leominster schools for the purpose of launching new adult and after hours educational vocational programming; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for telephone upgrades and installation at school facilities in the town of Wrentham for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for lunch table replacements at school facilities in the town of Wrentham for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for Triangle, Inc.'s School to Career Program that connects special education students with disabilities in Greater Boston to professional careers and their local communities; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for AED and Blue Light upgrades and installation at school facilities in the town of Norfolk for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for adult English language classes at The Welcome Project in the city of Somerville; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the repair and replacement of the garden fence at Stoklosa Middle School in the city of Lowell to ensure safe and continued access to the school garden for students; provided further, that such funds shall support hands-on educational programming related to food systems, nutrition and food justice; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Women's Money Matters to provide support for financial wellness programs; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to support the Sudbury school district to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the Josiah Quincy School Association in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Mill City Grows in the city of Lowell to support the expansion and maintenance of community gardens and urban agriculture programming; provided further, that such funds shall be used to increase access to fresh, healthy food, provide educational opportunities related to food systems and nutrition and support efforts to address food insecurity in

the community; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Brave Behind Bars for the TUPIT women's education program; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for grants to implement section 1P ½ of chapter 69 of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for The United States of Readers program, administered by Impact Reading, to bridge the literacy gap through increased book access in Title I elementary schools; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Big Brother Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to support the Dudley Charlton Regional School District to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the Ellis memorial early education center in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the Mass Mentoring Partnership, Inc. to support a statewide mentoring summit, to create a report on the current landscape of mentoring, and to implement a college and career readiness mentoring pilot program across the state; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to support the Spencer East Brookfield Regional School District to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to support the Quabbin Regional School District to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to support Southbridge Public Schools to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Waltham Boys and Girls Club, Inc. for capital expenditures to support educational opportunities for public school students in partnership with public schools; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to Quincy college to provide student supports and services; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended as a grant to the Northeast Arc, Inc. for its Pathways to Opportunities program for education, mentorship, skill-building and job training of eligible high school students who are not immediately college bound; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of consolidating the following school districts: Northern Berkshire school union, North Adams school district and Hoosac Valley regional school district; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Canton public schools for the purchase of updated science curriculum materials; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Friends of the Hernández for fostering bilingual and bicultural leaders while providing essential enrichment, after-school programming, and family engagement opportunities; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for Bottom Line to assist in operations and programming providing students with individual support, and ensuring they have the guidance needed to affordably access higher education, and be graduate career-ready; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended as a grant to Breaktime United Inc. to support educational programming by Breaktime United Inc. and its allied organizations, including, but not limited to programming to assist young adults in earning their high school equivalency; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to the city of Quincy for special education transportation costs at Quincy public schools; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Northeastern University for a district-wide dual enrollment pilot partnership with the Boston Public Schools; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Neighborhood Partners for the Hurley School (NPHS) to support renovations to the Hurley School playground, including improvements to the outdoor classroom and nature walk areas, to support outdoor educational use and create a safe, inclusive,

accessible, and welcoming space for students and the diverse surrounding community; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the classroom expansion project at the United South End Settlements in Boston; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to The BASE to provide the operational resources needed to scale The BASE's educational programming, including college readiness initiatives and rapidly growing STEM offerings; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Alma Wright Garden in the City of Boston to support the expansion and maintenance of Alma Wright Garden at The Trotter Elementary School and urban agriculture programming; provided further, that such funds shall be used to increase access to fresh, healthy food, provide educational opportunities related to food systems, nutrition and support efforts to address food insecurity in the City of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for The Literacy Lab for the purposes of providing evidence-based literacy intervention services, and to provide program participants with professional development skills to enhance the educator pipeline in Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to support renovations at the Summer Street School playground in the town of Lynnfield, including the installation of developmentally appropriate structures for special needs students enrolled in the school's Differentiated Learning Program; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to the city of Quincy for summer education programs at Quincy public schools; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the Boys and Girls Club of Lynn for the construction and equipping of new and expanded early education facilities; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Wondermore, to bridge the literacy gap through increased book access in Boston Public Schools; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended to Old Rochester Regional High School for the replacement of unsafe gymnasium bleachers that are beyond their useful life and no longer serviceable; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to support the Wayland School District to offset school facilities costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Tewksbury Public Schools to support students in the Town of Tewksbury; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Wilmington public schools to support students in the town of Wilmington; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the city of Lynn for the procurement and installation of a LED scoreboard at Manning field in the city of Lynn; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Framingham public schools for the purchase of a wheelchair accessible van; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Ashland Public schools for the purchase of a wheelchair accessible van; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of North Attleborough for development of a sensory, occupational, and physical therapy space at the amvet boulevard school; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of Mansfield for creation of a multi-media lab space at Mansfield high school and acquisition of associated studio production equipment; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Plymouth public schools for the purchase and installation of security cameras and related equipment; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Spark Media Foundation Inc, for the purposes of supporting their after school, hands-on, radio engineering, broadcast content, engineering, and art education programs across the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the West Springfield Boys and Girls Club for building infrastructure and classroom expansion improvements in the town

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of West Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Chelsea public schools; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for 826 Boston to administer writing enrichment, tutoring and college prep services for public school students; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Attleboro public schools for interactive display panels with stands for middle school classrooms; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Tri-County regional vocational technical high school for the construction of a community greenhouse and garden for use in the culinary arts and engineering and sustainability programs; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of North Attleborough for resources and tools for special education services; provided further, that not less than \$23,500 shall be expended for a grant to Atlantic Resiliency Innovation, Inc. to support K-12 STEM enhancement programming, including hands-on learning opportunities, curriculum development and partnerships with local school districts; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of North Attleborough for 3-dimensional printers for use in STEM education at elementary and middle school; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Ukrainian research institute at Harvard for the 2027 TCUP conference, in collaboration with the UMASS system and state university system; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Bellingham public school district to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Blackstone-Millville regional public school district to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Uxbridge public school district to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be allocated to the town of Lunenburg to design and plan replacement of the school playground at the Lunenburg primary school; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended to support operations and hygiene product acquisition for Hope and Comfort; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción (IBA) for La CASA, the center for arts, self-determination, and activism, to support individuals and families in breaking the cycle of poverty and achieving socio-economic mobility through high-quality youth programming, evidence-based education, and financial empowerment programming for residents; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Worcester public library and Worcester public schools to expand their library access partnership focused on improving student literacy and academic outcomes; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for capital improvements of the boys and girls club of greater Westfield that will expand and enhance the education program for area teens; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to support the Leicester school district to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$5,000 shall be expended for smarter HEPA air filters for classrooms at the Benjamin Franklin classical charter public school in the city known as the town of Franklin; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Westfield public school district to replace and upgrade technology and enhance the learning experience of students; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Plymouth public schools for the purchase and installation of safety bollards; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Norris elementary school in Southampton for student and teacher laptop replacement; provided further, that funds shall be expended for tutoring, curriculum-based enrichment, digital access to devices and learning tools and transportation to support consistent participation in after-school programming;

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provided further, that the program shall prioritize low- and moderate-income students; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of Gardner to support the operations of a teen center; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Worcester Public schools to make playground improvements at Grafton Street School; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the Boston Debate League for their after-school debate league program; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for friends of the children Boston for the expansion of the professional K-12 youth mentorship program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Natick Public schools to support targeted academic initiatives and family engagement efforts necessary to accommodate for the growth in the number of multilingual learners at Natick public schools, as well as to support programs designed to aid those students who can benefit from additional academic support as they work toward graduation; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Clinton for communication and security upgrades at Clinton elementary, including replacement of the telephone system and improvements to building access controls; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Boylston for the replacement of the roof at Boylston elementary school; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the renovation and improvement of the playground at Tucker; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of Lynn for upgrades to outdoor grounds abutting secondary education institutions in the city of Lynn; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be allocated to the North Middlesex Regional School District for fire safety upgrades to Spaulding Memorial School in the Town of Townsend; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended to the Haverhill for the Haverhill Promise initiative to expand early literacy; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to support full-day kindergarten in the town of North Reading; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for technology improvements in the North Reading public schools; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended to Piers Park Sailing Center for sailing and maritime education and operations in East Boston; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the USS Constitution Museum, Inc. for civics education programs within the Charlestown Navy shipyard park; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for Casserly House's adult ESOL education program for immigrants who speak, read, and write little or no English to receive help and support in the Archdale area of Roslindale; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation's Green Team, focusing on educational opportunities, career readiness, leadership development, and life skills for students, youth and young adults; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for Campus Without Walls to provide live, virtual, credit-bearing educational courses and career pathways to high school students and school districts across the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Boston Partners for Education to support school programming needs; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for traffic calming and pedestrian safety improvements in proximity of the Wildwood Elementary School Project in the town of Wilmington; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to One Bead Project to fund entrepreneurship and career readiness programming for school age children in the City of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for pedestrian and traffic safety improvements in the town of Tewksbury along the Route 38 corridor; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Boston Public Schools

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for Vietnamese and Cape Verdean dual language programs; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended to the Martha's Vineyard Boys and Girls Club for the purchase of a new vehicle; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 be expended to the Marine Biological Laboratory in the town of Falmouth for research and education; provided further, that not less than \$875,000 shall be expended for the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Mobile Museum of Tolerance Bus to serve middle and high school students, teachers, law enforcement agencies, faith leaders, government leaders and others by bringing an inventive approach to community outreach through bringing the museum field trip directly to the communities and designed to prevent bullying, racism, antisemitism, hate and intolerance and to encourage respect for human dignity; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Town of Burlington for an elementary school generator that failed prematurely; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the East Boston Social Centers for community-based initiatives for kindergarten; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the City of Worcester for accessibility and playground improvements for Quinsigamond Elementary School; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for otherwise unreimbursed costs to municipalities for out of district special education costs of students living at Hanscom Air Force Base; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for a reserve to assist the Town of Bedford for the education of children in families employed by the federal government on military reservations who attend Shawsheen Valley Technical High School; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the Newton Public Schools for the Pre-School Reading Early Intervention Program; ; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the Newton Public Schools for the Math Pathways Summer Program; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Newton Public Schools for the Digital Writing Portfolio Program; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Thrive Scholars to support college to career services; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the young parents program at More Than Words, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the USS Massachusetts Commissioning Committee for the commissioning of the USS Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Haverhill Community Playground in partnership with Haverhill Public Schools for the Golden Hill Elementary Playground project; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the town of Rockland to support bilingual education and English language learner programs, including instructional services, curriculum development and family engagement; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 be allocated for the student resource and support center for mental health services in memory of Jason Bernard at the Higgins Middle School in the City of Peabody; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Boston Public Schools for experiential STEM and innovation programming for public education institutions serving grades K-6 in the East Boston section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Augmented Communication Devices for the Sharon Public Schools; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for equipment and materials for a STEM Lab in the Sharon Public Schools; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Biotechnology Education Foundation, Inc. to increase career pathways for the life sciences sector; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Auburn Public Schools to support students in the town of Auburn; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Millbury Public Schools to support students in the town of

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Millbury; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Oxford Public Schools to support students in the town of Oxford; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 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 \$25,000 shall be expended to Berkley Public Schools for the purchase of a high-quality reading curriculum resource; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the expansion of Mission Grammar School Expansion; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Science Club for Girls for STEM education programming; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the University of Massachusetts Stone Living Lab to research salt marsh restoration techniques in East Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Town of Halifax to offset special education costs for FY26; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Town of Pembroke for HVAC repairs and replacements at Pembroke Public School buildings; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the Town of Plympton for roof repairs at the Dennett Elementary School; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the city of Waltham to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to South Shore Vocational Technical High School to support paramedic training for students, including programming developed in coordination with local fire departments and emergency medical service providers; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Northbridge to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Upton to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Grafton to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the New England Culinary Arts Training expansion and relocation to Nubian Square; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Town of Georgetown to undertake necessary repairs and upgrades to Georgetown Middle Highschool; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for updated computer lab equipment at Woburn Memorial High School in the City of Woburn; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for educational programming at the Immigrants Assistance Center, Inc. in New Bedford; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Acton-Boxborough Resource Center for connecting residents to community resources at Acton-Boxborough schools; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for materials, equipment and capital improvements for public schools in the town of Reading; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Lawrence Partnership, Inc. for the purpose of advancing inclusive economic opportunity, workforce development and small business support initiatives in the city of Lawrence; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Boston Public Schools for their early homelessness intervention and prevention programming; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for educational programming at Dennison Memorial Community Center in New Bedford; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the city of Newton to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Town of Newbury to undertake necessary infrastructure system repairs in Newbury Elementary School; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Boston Harbor Now to provide free ferry service for educational programming for Massachusetts public

school students and youth groups on the Boston Harbor Islands; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Just A Start to support the solar photovoltaic installer training program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to support renovations at the Teaticket Elementary School playground in the town of Falmouth, including the installation of developmentally appropriate structures for special needs students; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for improvements to the Saugus public schools; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to support full time kindergarten in the city known as the Town of Braintree; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for student technology devices for the Swift River Elementary School in New Salem; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for facility enhancements for a preschool classroom at Greenwood Elementary School in the Town of Wakefield; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of Watertown to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for an audiovisual system for the all-purpose room at the Horace Mann Elementary School in the City of Melrose; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the renovations of the all-purpose room at the Hoover Elementary School in the City of Melrose; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for security, technology and lighting improvements for the Bridgewater Raynham Regional School District; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for installation of a new building water filtration system at Bridgewater Middle School in Bridgewater; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Salem Academy Charter for equipping the school with new security and emergency communication devices; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to support the 21st Century Afterschool and summer programs at the Arthur T. Cummings Elementary School within the City of Winthrop known as the Town of Winthrop; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Cape Cod in the town of Mashpee for various after-school education programs; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to support financial gaps at the Revere Community school, initiates relative to education for workforce preparation with ESL, Technical Preparedness, computer literacy, and classroom supplies in the City of Revere; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for updated curriculum materials for Shutesbury Elementary School in Shutesbury; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Middleborough Public Schools to support students in the town of Middleborough; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Haverhill YMCA for the construction and enhancement of a new early education facility; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Springfield public schools to obtain and disperse, to all schools, multilingual dictionaries for multilingual learner students; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Springfield public schools to obtain translation devices to support communication for multilingual learner students and their parents; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Springfield public schools to expand the arts program by acquiring art supplies, theater essentials and pottery supplies to increase student engagement; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Latino Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) to provide access for Springfield youth to attend Springfield Code Ninjas ‘where kids write the Code’ to obtain and disperse vouchers to Springfield families with multilingual children; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Financial Literacy Youth Leadership Program through the Legacy Latino Economic

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Development Corporation; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the HOPE Center for the Arts to provide college planning, application, test prep, financial aid, scholarships, and career alternative pathways for students; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for facility and safety improvements for Belchertown Public Schools; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Amherst Early Education Center for its pre-kindergarten program; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the city of Beverly for initial start-up costs to expand afterschool educational and enrichment programs for youth aged 11-18 at the recently renovated Myles McPherson Youth Center; 6; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to Cambridge Community Center to establish one of the first carbon-neutral resilience hubs in the United States; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Duxbury Public School District in order to assist with a feasibility study or renovations for Alden Elementary School; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Freetown Lakeville Regional School District to support students in the towns of Freetown and Lakeville; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Empower Yourself youth drone/robotics program operated through Brockton Public Schools in collaboration with MIT; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Brockton Public Schools to enable BPS to advance much needed improvements to the Davis school outdoor recreation area; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for statewide expansion of the real-time climate monitoring project led by the Stone Living Lab at the University of Massachusetts Boston; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to Special Olympics Massachusetts, Inc. for early motor skills development and inclusive pre-K and elementary education; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) for the purposes of expanding programming and educational resources on the opportunities for individuals and families to adopt children from the Massachusetts foster care system specifically educational programming focusing on trauma-informed skills and competencies to support the children and teens who wait the longest for permanency, including children of color, LGBTQ+ youth, and those with disabilities; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Arlington for technology upgrades in the Arlington Public schools; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended as a grant to the Southcoast Health At Home Angel Wings Retreat Bereavement Program to educate children and teens and provide them with coping skills while grieving the loss of a loved one; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to The Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts in the Jamaica Plain neighborhood of the city of Boston for arts education and youth programming; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to Weymouth public schools Career Technical Education for the purchase and costs associated for updated curriculum and materials including but not limited to Allied Health, Automotive Technology, Construction Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Drafting and Design Technology, Early Childhood Education, Graphic Communication, Information Technology, and Metal Fabrication programs; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Boston Public Schools for their homeless education resource network; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Southwest Boston Senior Services to provide educational services to seniors in Southwest Boston; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for playground sitework and installation at Taylor

Elementary School in New Bedford; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the MassYouthInnoLab for K-12 career-connected learning resources; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Anchor and Teaching Program at the South Boston Community Health Center, a teaching community health center, to support nurse practitioner students and create pipelines to providing quality healthcare for underserved populations; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Boston Scores for the operations of the East Boston FC and Festival 2026 programming to celebrate housing the World Cup in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Brockton Public Schools for the study of rebuilding Brockton High School; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Taunton Public Schools to support students in the City of Taunton; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for psychosocial educational programming at the Teen Torch Foundation; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Julie's Family Learning Program to upgrade aging infrastructure for its adult and early childhood education programs; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Community Art Center Inc. School Age Child Care (SACC) Program in the city of Cambridge; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 be expended to the Town of Winchester for assistance in the acquisition of not more than 15 acres of land in Winchester, commonly known as Forest Ridge, to be utilized for conservation and nature based education; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Fort Point Arts Community to provide educational instruction and engagement through arts and culture and provided further, that funds may be used as part of a matching grant program; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Junior Achievement of Greater Boston to enhance middle school to career pathways, featuring the following significant programs: 1. Interactive career exploration events designed to connect 1,200 8th graders with local businesses and industries to provide education pathways for career enhancement; 2. Direct youth entrepreneurship by giving high school students the space, mentorship, materials and educational support necessary to launch and operate businesses in conjunction with coursework; 3. Providing financial literacy courses, materials and educator training to students enrolled in financial literacy courses through designated district public schools; and 4. Providing all levels of placement services and support for paid internships for program alumni; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the National Inventors Hall of Fame to expand STEM summer learning opportunities for economically disadvantaged students across the Commonwealth in grades kindergarten through six at Camp Invention sites; provided further, that not less than \$120,000 shall be expended to support the special education and after school program transportation for students in the City of Fall River; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Boston Public Schools for evidence-informed school-based mental health intervention programming; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for skill-building workshops at the Margaret Fuller House in the city of Cambridge; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the South Boston Neighborhood House to offset deficits in its early childhood education and care program; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for the Acton Discovery Museum to expand its Traveling Science Workshops (TSW) Fellowship to allow the museum to hire and train an early-career Fellow to deliver hands-on STEM programs directly in classrooms; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Laboure Center to offset costs associated with placing English language learners through its Nursing Assistant &

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Home Health Aide Program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for educational enrichment field trips for the City of Fall River public school students; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for safety improvements at Old Post Road Elementary School in Walpole; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for a feasibility study for electrification and HVAC improvements at the Hardy Elementary School in the town of Arlington; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be allocated to the City of Watertown for renovations to the Phillips School Gymnasium; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to support the Abington School District to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for alternative programming relating to career readiness for students in the Belmont Public Schools; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to GBH's educational public media resources for the Commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$84,000 shall be expended for the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Library and Museum to expand civics education programs, including redesign and technological investments; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Robbins House to update exhibitions and technology, and enhance educational programming to serve its growing audience of over 10,000 annual visitors; provided further that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Boston Public Schools for afterschool programming; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to the Pittsfield Public Schools in the City of Pittsfield for unreimbursed out of district special education transportation costs; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Methuen Literacy Partnership initiative to expand early literacy in the city of Methuen; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Boys and Girls Club of Metro North for the continued operation of the INspire Cafe program; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended to Framingham State University to provide ADA Compliant Close Captioning at the Framingham State University auditorium and gymnasium to comply with accessibility mandates; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the town of West Boylston to offset extraordinary out-of-district special education tuition costs, including reimbursement for prior year losses in contingency funding that resulted in staff reductions; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Andover Public Schools to support students in the town of Andover; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Boxford Public Schools to support students in the town of Boxford; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to North Andover Public Schools to support students in the town of North Andover; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for No Limits Academy Massachusetts, Inc. to support youth development, mentoring, academic support and violence prevention programming for at-risk youth in the cities of Lawrence and Methuen; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the installation of a wheelchair-accessible elevator to the athletic field press box at Monomoy Regional High School; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to The Valedictorian Project, Inc., to provide supplemental educational support to public high school graduates from Boston, Brockton, Chelsea, Lawrence, Holyoke and Worcester, and to enable The Valedictorian Project to expand its operations in the Commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for wi-fi and technological enhancements for Carlisle Public Schools; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended for the Stoughton Public Schools; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 be expended to Neighborhood Ninjas for the construction of a

NinjaFit Playground in the town of Lee; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for building improvements at the Rindge Avenue Upper and Peabody Elementary School campus in the city of Cambridge; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the New Bedford Public Schools for replacing bleachers at the New Bedford High School gymnasium; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for an educational pilot program for the Boston Lyric Opera to provide tours and educational programming in music and performance arts to public school students and youth groups; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Community Investors, Inc.’s PowerPlay Initiative in the town of Wellesley in support of the expansion of an inclusive after-school and out-of-school-time recreational program at urban and suburban Massachusetts schools; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for a project to connect organic gardening, outdoor exercise, healthy food, food preparation and elementary school aged children in the greater Northampton area, operated by Grow Food Northampton; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to support the East Bridgewater School District to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to support the Whitman Hanson Regional School District to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; and provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for technology and security upgrades at Nauset Regional Middle School”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “29,453,484”;

In item 1596-2604 by striking out the figures: “150,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “152,000,000”;

In item 1596-2703 by striking out the figures: “500,000”, the first times it appears, and inserting in place thereof the figures: “750,000”, by striking out the figures: “500,000”, the second time it appears, and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,000,000”, by adding the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Welcome and Exhibition Center expansion of the New Bedford Whaling Museum; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Museum of African American History for the purpose of civic education about the historic and on-going impact of efforts by Massachusetts Black communities on expanding equality and civil rights for all Commonwealth residents”; and by striking out the figures: “1,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “2,050,000”;

By inserting after item 1596-2703 the following 2 items:

- “1596-2704 For a reserve to support regional school transportation costs; provided, that the commissioner of elementary and secondary education may transfer funds from this item to item 7035-0007 and expend said funds subject to the conditions specified in said item in the general appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.....\$3,000,000
- 1596-9813 For rural school aid to eligible towns and regional school districts, excluding vocational schools, independent agricultural, technical schools and charter schools; provided, that a school district shall be eligible for rural school aid if a school district has a student density of not more than 35 students per square mile and an average annual per capita income of not more than the average annual per capita income for the commonwealth for the same period; provided further, that rural school aid shall be allocated equitably in the following priority order: (i) school districts

serving less than 11 students per square mile; (ii) school districts serving not more than 21 students per square mile; and (iii) school districts serving not more than 35 students per square mile.....\$2,000,000”; and

In section 32, in lines 771 to 774, inclusive, by striking out the following: “and (8) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the American Federation of Teachers Educational Services Unit (ESU) Professional Local 1895, Dartmouth Campus, Unit D85” and inserting in place thereof the following: “(8) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the American Federation of Teachers Educational Services Unit (ESU) Professional Local 1895, Dartmouth Campus, Unit D85; and (9) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the American Federation of Teachers Faculty Federation Local 1895, Dartmouth Campus, Unit D80 & Unit D81.”.

On the question on adoption of the consolidated amendments, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call (Mr. Garballey of Arlington having taken the Chair) 151 members voted in the affirmative and 2 in the negative.

Consolidated amendments adopted,—yea and nay No. 142.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 142](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments were adopted.

The Speaker being in the Chair,—

Mr. Thurber of Somerset and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following 2 sections:

“SECTION 40. Section2DDDDDD of Chapter 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:

(c) Annually, not later than October 31, the comptroller shall transfer from the Education and Transportation Innovation and Capital Fund to the Municipal Roads and Schools Capital Distribution Fund established in section 2EEEEEE an amount equal to not less than \$100,000,000 or 50 per cent of the balance credited to the fund during the preceding fiscal year pursuant to subsection (c) of section 2BBBBBB, whichever is greater; provided, however, that such transfer shall occur prior to any appropriation of amounts credited to the fund under subsection (a).

SECTION 41. Chapter 29 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following new section:

Section 2IIIII.

Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after Section 2HHHHHH the following new section:

Section 2IIIII. (a) There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate fund known as the Municipal Roads and Schools Capital Distribution Fund. The fund shall be credited with: (i) funds transferred pursuant to subsection (c) of section 2DDDDDD; (ii) appropriations or other money authorized or transferred by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (iii) funds from public and private sources, including, but not limited to, gifts, grants and donations; and (iv) any interest earned on the assets of the fund. The fund shall not be subject to section 5C.

(b) Annually, not later than December 31, the comptroller shall distribute all amounts credited to the fund during the preceding fiscal year to municipalities as follows: each city and town shall receive a proportional share based on its population as a percentage of the total population of the commonwealth as determined by the most recent federal decennial census or the most recent annual municipal census certified by the secretary of the commonwealth, whichever is more recent.

(c) Each municipality shall apply amounts received under this section as follows: (i) not less than 50 per cent for capital expenditures for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of roads and bridges within the municipality; and (ii) not less than 50 per cent for capital expenditures for public school facilities and equipment within the municipality. No amounts distributed under this section shall be expended for recurring operational expenses, including but not limited to employee compensation and benefits.

(d) Amounts distributed under this section may be applied to retire existing capital debt obligations of the municipality or reserved for future capital expenditures consistent with the purposes set forth in subsection (c). Unexpended balances retained by a municipality shall remain available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years consistent with said subsection (c).

(e) Annually, not later than March 31, each municipality receiving a distribution under this section shall submit a report to the comptroller certifying the use of amounts received, delineated by category under subsection (c). The comptroller shall compile and publish a summary of all municipal reports on a publicly accessible website not later than 90 days after the municipal reporting deadline.

(f) The comptroller shall certify the balance of the fund at the end of each fiscal year.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Smola of Warren; and on the roll call 25 members voted in the affirmative and 128 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 143](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 2A by inserting after item 1599-8910 the following item:

“1599-8999 For a reserve to support transition age youth services; provided, that funds shall be expended for increasing access to transition-aged youth to high-quality, evidence and community based services that have undergone rigorous evaluation and have been rated by a third-party clearinghouse; provided further, that funds expended from this reserve shall be matched by private investment..... \$1,000,000”;

In section 2F, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following:

“; provided, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for parking lot safety improvements at Medway Burke Memorial School; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for road repair projects in the town of Shrewsbury; provided further, that not less than \$275,000 shall be expended to BAGLY, Inc., to support transportation costs for AGLY Network and allied organization youth to increase access to services, meetings and community events; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to improve pedestrian safety and access to local businesses on state highway route 38 at Billings Avenue in the city of Medford; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for solar powered lighting for the West Revere section of the Northern Strand Walking Path; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to support capital and operating needs of the daily Brookline Senior Center-Brookline Teen Center shuttle service; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Royalston for the engineering of the King Street Bridge; provided further that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Orange to support the East Main Street culvert repair project; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the city of Greenfield to support the reconstruction and repair of Abercrombie

Amendment rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 143.

Consolidated amendments.

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Drive; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Erving to support the expansion of Care Drive; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Scituate for repair, resurfacing and other improvements to Jericho road; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Westborough for public roadway and sidewalk improvements; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Southborough for public roadway and sidewalk improvements; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for public safety and beautification efforts on the Causeway street base side of the Bill Russell Bridge; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Northborough for public roadway and sidewalk improvements; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for road and curb improvements in the city of Fitchburg to accommodate a Massachusetts Department of Transportation detour; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the city of Worcester to repair the Belmont Street pedestrian bridge; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for redesign and reconstruction initiatives at Everett Square in the city of Everett; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Lunenburg to replace Bridge No. L-17-003 on Flat Hill road; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the city of Attleboro for resurfacing route 152 from Dodgeville ridge to the town of Seekonk town line; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the city of Worcester for reconfiguration and safety improvements at the intersection of Richards street and Cambridge street; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of Malden for traffic signal repairs and improvements; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Lancaster for sidewalk installation along Narrow Lane; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Berlin to repair and rehabilitate the culvert on Randall Road and for structural repairs to the Linden Street bridge; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Sterling for the rehabilitation of Greenland road; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the city of Malden for streetscape and intersection safety improvements; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements at the bridge on Norfolk Street in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for NeighborHealth Corporation for medically necessary patient transportation and home meal delivery services to seniors participating in Neighborhood PACE; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Groton to install rapid flashing beacons to improve pedestrian safety on Main Street; provided further, that not less than \$750,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston for street operations; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Leicester to administer the senior medical rides program in partnership with the Worcester Regional Transit Authority; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority to continue and expand microtransit services; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the city of Worcester for the Webster Square corridor renovation; provided further, that not less than \$80,000 shall be expended to the city of Haverhill for the installation of rapid flashing beacons to address pedestrian safety; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the city of Peabody for a traffic study of Margin Street from the border of the town of Danvers to the border of the city of Salem; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of Peabody for sidewalk repairs and improvements; provided

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further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston for replacement public safety lighting in the Brighton neighborhood in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the town of Marlborough non-profit Employment Options Clubhouse to replace vans aging out of service in order to transport clients in mental health recovery to and from appointments and employment-related activities; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Merrimack Valley Transit (MeVa) to support an optimization study for demand response paratransit service; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for transportation safety improvements in the city of Brockton and to upgrade Brockton Public Works Department's snow equipment; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Kingston for the final design and planning of the traffic project at Route 3 and Route 3A; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Hamilton to complete a missing sidewalk project along Highland Street; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for roadway and sidewalk improvements in the New Boston Street Bridge area in the city of Woburn; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the town of Reading for the procurement of a passenger van or bus to provide shuttle transportation services; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the transportation improvements in the city known as the town of Braintree; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the pavement resurfacing of North Avenue in the town of Wakefield; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for a traffic study of the Lincoln Elementary School area in the city of Melrose; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for the city of Melrose for the procurement of traffic safety equipment and signage; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for transportation improvements in the town of Holbrook; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the repairs on Lynnfield Street in the city of Lynn; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for traffic safety measures with speed calming resources to create more safe and accessible pedestrian paths along the Beachmont and Wonderland corridor; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for UMass Dartmouth to expand the intercampus and off campus shuttle service including, but not limited to, transportation to and from the UMass Dartmouth campus to the New Bedford and Fall River commuter rail stations; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Bourne for public roadway and sidewalk improvements; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Ipswich for pedestrian improvements along bridges and roads; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Arlington for pedestrian safety improvements; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for bulkhead and berth upgrades at Foss Marine Terminal in New Bedford to support multi-purpose marine transportation and cargo uses; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the town of Andover to support improvements to the Essex Street Corridor; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the city of Lawrence for construction and rehabilitation initiatives for the Daisy Street Bridge; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Duxbury for repairs and maintenance for Powder Point Bridge; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to facilitate the design for the Main Street and North Main Street road project; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Rowley for pedestrian improvements along roads; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for FAA-compliant safety improvements at Norwood

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Regional Airport; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the senior taxi program in the city of Somerville; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Chelmsford for design improvements to Chelmsford center traffic signalization; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the town of Stoneham for town wide pedestrian improvements and sidewalk construction and repairs; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended to Westmass Area Development Corporation to support multimodal transportation and access improvements, including pedestrian and bicycle access, internal circulation, connectivity and supporting infrastructure, to advance transit-oriented and walkable redevelopment at Ludlow Mills; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for safety improvements at the Pendergast Circle on route 1 in Norwood; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for the purchase and installation of roadway safety signage in the town of West Boylston; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Topsfield for roadway and directional signage; provided further, that not less than \$165,000 shall be expended to the Dismas House for the Dismas Family Farm program and the purchase of a new EV van; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the sidewalk improvement in the town of Belmont; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Community Path in the town of Belmont; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended as a grant to Southcoast Health for a community wellness program vehicle to provide more robust services to community members who face barriers to transportation and other social drivers of healthcare access in Bristol County; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the dog park on 348 Main Street in the town of Acton; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority for sound mitigation at Wellesley Square Station in the town of Wellesley; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the city of Salem to maintain the Salem Skipper micro transit program's expanded regional service areas in Beverly and Danvers; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for culturally informed transportation infrastructure along Adams Street in Nonantum in the city of Newton; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to the town of Wellesley for redesign of the Weston Road corridor, including the Linden street and Central street bottleneck and the state highway route 9 interchange; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the city of Chelsea to purchase a van or bus to provide shuttle service; and provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Flerra Meadows ADA costs related to its playground in the town of Boxborough"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "9,090,000";

In item 1596-2521 by adding the following: "; provided, that not less than \$1,650,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to operate ferry service between Lewis Wharf Mall in East Boston and Long Wharf in the North End; provided further, that the authority shall report on the number of passengers who utilize said service to the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than March 31, 2027"; and

By inserting after section 23 the following 2 sections:

"SECTION 23A. Item 1599-6088 of section 2A of chapter 268 of the acts of 2022 is hereby amended by striking out the words 'for the airfield redevelopment' and inserting in place thereof the following words: for redevelopment and infrastructure improvements along Merrimack Street.

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SECTION 23B. Section 86 of chapter 14 of the acts of 2025 is hereby amended by striking out the words ‘December 31, 2025’, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- July 31, 2026.’’.

On the question on adoption of the consolidated amendments, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 149 members voted in the affirmative and 4 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 144](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments were adopted.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston; and on the roll call 150 members voted in the affirmative and 3 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 145](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 5280, published as amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Ms. Hogan of Stow,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o’clock A.M.

Consolidated amendments adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 144.

Bill passed to be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 145.

Next sitting.

At seven minutes after ten o’clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington (The Speaker being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.