

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 (at 11:00 o'clock A.M.).

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

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Tribute.

During the session, Representative Peisch of Wellesley took the Chair and, at her request, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to honor Ann Carter, who passed away on March 23rd at 69 after battling cancer. A devoted wife, mother, and activist, she was known for her strong faith, character, and work ethic.

Ann Carter.

Born on May 30, 1956, to Paul and Dora Carter, Ann credited her parents with instilling in her a deep faith, strong character, and a strong work ethic. She attended Catholic schools and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Bentley University and an MBA from Babson College.

Ann began her career in corporate communications before co-founding Rasky Baerlein Strategic Communications, where she advised the Archdiocese of Boston during challenging times. She later served as a trusted advisor to Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, helping rebuild trust and promote transparency within the Church.

Her influence extended internationally when Pope Francis appointed her as a consultant to the Vatican's Secretariat, making her the only woman among those selected at the time. She also contributed to the 2019 Vatican summit on the protection of minors.

In addition to her professional work, Ann supported numerous charitable and Church organizations. She is survived by her husband, Philip Jameson; her daughters, Alexandra and Elizabeth; her family; and many loved ones.

Remote Participation.

Under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Ferguson of Holden, Galvin of Canton, Gentile of Sudbury and Kearney of Scituate participated remotely for today's formal session.

Remote
participation.

Guests of the House.

The Speaker being in the Chair,—

During the session, the Speaker declared a brief recess and introduced Chief Hospital Corpsman Vlad Link, a member of the elite U.S. Navy dive medical team supporting NASA's Artemis II mission.

Chief Hospital
Corpsman
Vlad Link.

Originally from Chelsea, Chief Link was among the first people to enter the Orion capsule at sea, helping open the spacecraft, conduct initial medical assessments, and safely assist the astronauts returning from their successful 10-day journey around the moon.

Chief Link then offered brief remarks. He was the guest of Representative Garcia of Chelsea.

During the session, Representative Lawn of Watertown took the Chair and introduced the Bentley University Men's Ice Hockey Team. The team recently won

Bentley
University
Men's Ice

its second straight Atlantic Hockey championship and qualified for the Division 1 hockey tournament for the second year in a row. They were the guests of Representatives Lawn of Watertown and Stanley of Waltham.

Hockey Team.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Sangiolo of Newton and other members of the House) commending the commitment to the long history and strong friendship between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Japan during this May 2026, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Japan.

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

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Berkley to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2553) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Berkley,—
alcoholic
beverages.

Regulating the issuance of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages in the town of Bolton (Senate, No. 2628) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Bolton,—
alcoholic
beverages.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Rodney M. Elliott for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Carla Johnson, an employee of the Department of Unemployment Assistance. To the committee on Public Service.

Carla
Johnson,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Richard M. Haggerty, Kenneth I. Gordon and Michelle L. Ciccolo that the city of Boston be authorized to grant permanent easements over certain land in the city of Woburn and town of Burlington to the Commonwealth for highway purposes. To the committee on Transportation.

Burlington
and Woburn,—
land.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Tarr of Gloucester, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill relative to provider choice (House, No. 2384), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5381) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Vaccine
advisory
council.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to toxic-free medical devices (House, No. 4298), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill relative to toxic-free medical additives reforming your health (House, No. 5382) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Toxic-free
devices.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill providing for the retirement of Walter L. Guertin, a former member of the fire department in the city of Attleboro (see Senate, No. 1859, amended) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill enabling the maintenance of private roads in the city of Gloucester (Senate, No. 2596), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill authorizing the Provincetown year-round market rate rental housing trust to acquire year-round housing occupancy restrictions (House, No. 3909), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Id.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2027 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 5500, amended), was considered.

General Appropriation Bill.

Pending the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, Representatives Xiarhos of Barnstable, and other members of the House moved to amend it by adding the following section:

“SECTION 77. Chapter 262 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 24 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

Section 24. (a) The maximum fee to be charged by a person authorized to take bail or release on personal recognizance in the case of a person arrested for any misdemeanor or felony shall be \$80.

(b) A person authorized to take bail may administer through wire or electronic means any oath or affirmation required in the course of taking bail or releasing on personal recognizance. No person authorized to take bail shall delegate: (i) the setting or taking of bail; or (ii) the setting or taking of release on personal recognizance to any other person.

(c) A person authorized to take bail shall receive the fee under subsection (a) after determining the terms of release and the prisoner ultimately recognizes out-of-court.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 26 members voted in the affirmative and 129 in the negative.

Amendment rejected,—yea and nay No. 169.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 169](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved, under the provisions of the last sentence of the penultimate paragraph of Rule 20A, to amend the bill in section 2, in item 0321-1600, in line 13, by inserting after the word “representation” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Association of Mental Health for an awareness campaign focused on the screening, early diagnosis, and evidence-based treatment and medication for sleep and wakefulness disorders, and their behavioral health and medical comorbidities; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the University of Massachusetts School of Law for the South Coast Bridge Program for Legal Professionals to provide mentorship and professional development”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “52,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “52,200,000”;

Consolidated
amendments
(public safety
and judiciary).

In item 0330-0300, in line 15, by inserting after the year: “2014” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Cambridge Somerville Legal Services within Greater Boston Legal Services, Inc.”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “387,099,302” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “387,124,302”;

In item 0337-0002 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$407,602 shall be expended to CASA Project Worcester county for its court appointed special advocate program in Worcester county; provided further, that not less than \$137,877 shall be expended to Friends of Children, Inc. for its court appointed special advocate program in Franklin and Hampshire counties; provided further, that not less than \$178,244 shall be expended to Center for Human Development, Incorporated for its court appointed special advocate program in Hampden county; provided further, that not less than \$166,317 shall be expended to Family Services of Merrimack Valley for its court appointed special advocate program in Essex county; provided further, that not less than \$277,326 shall be expended to Boston CASA for its court appointed special advocate program in Suffolk and Middlesex counties; provided further, that not less than \$104,849 shall be expended to 18 Degrees, Inc. for its court appointed special advocate program in Berkshire county; provided further, that not less than \$127,785 shall be expended to The Advocacy Bridge, Inc for its CARE advocate program in Bristol county; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to One Can Help, Inc. for the purpose of providing assistance and resources for families in juvenile courts statewide”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “25,519,194” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “25,569,194”;

In item 0339-1011, in line 17, by inserting after the word “design” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to PAACA, Inc. in the city of New Bedford for costs related to their PAACA housing support fund”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “16,110,703” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “16,135,703”;

In item 0340-2100, in line 33, by inserting after the word “Laws” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$330,000 shall be expended for a one-year PILOT program for an automated crime victim and witness notification and survey platform for each of the 11 district attorneys, including assistant district attorneys and crime advocates”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “2,872,595” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “3,202,595”;

In item 8000-0313 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the Uxbridge police department for the purpose of purchasing uniforms and equipment; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall

be expended to the city of Leominster for the purpose of upgrading the IT servers at Leominster City Hall; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the city of Leominster for the purpose of acquiring a camera system for the monitoring of Doyle Field in the city of Leominster; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Norton police department for the purpose of acquiring conducted energy weapons for the police department in the town of Norton; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Seekonk police department for body worn cameras; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Swansea police department for a digital training simulator; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended to Recidiviz, Inc. for technology and data integration with the Massachusetts parole board; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the East Bridgewater police department for equipment and vehicles purchases; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Nahant fire department for public safety equipment upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Mattapoisett for the replacement of end-of-life automated external defibrillators; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Chicopee police department for public safety upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended to the Dismas House of Massachusetts, Inc. in Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Saugus police department for gear and equipment purchases; provided further, that not less than \$13,500 shall be expended to the town of Spencer police department for body cameras; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Boston Human Exploitation Advocacy Team for a mobile triage van for service delivery; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Bedford for the replacement of aging vehicles within the Bedford police department; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Manchester-by-the-Sea for purchasing a police motorcycle; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Rockport for the purpose of purchasing body worn cameras for the Rockport police department; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Portal to Hope Corp. for services related to domestic violence, at-risk youth and school-based violence prevention education; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Raynham for computer and technological equipment at the new public safety building; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Walpole for a community policing vehicle; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Medfield police department for the implementation of the Blue Voice application; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the town of Southborough police department for aerial drones; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the town of Holliston for the reimbursement of local non-profits for police details at town events; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Harvard for police station and equipment upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Recidiviz Inc. for reentry support in the department of correction; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Braintree police department for the family services unit; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Braintree fire department for equipment purchases; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of Grafton for public safety improvements; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Northbridge for public safety improvements; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended

to the town of Upton for public safety improvements; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Northeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 be expended to the city of Everett police department for a drone unit; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Tyngsborough for the marine patrol unit for use on Lake Mascuppic; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended to the town of Tyngsborough for replacement fire alarm panels; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 be expended to the town of Freetown for the procurement of a rescue boat; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Dover police department for technological improvements; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston for the payroll costs of the Boston police department for dedicated patrols of the Fairmount housing development in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Dunstable police department for bullet-proof vests; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Groton for new automated external defibrillators for the police and fire departments; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Auburn police department for public safety equipment and programs; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Wilmington for traffic mitigation planning, surveying and construction of pedestrian and road safety infrastructure on the property of and roads adjacent to public schools in the town of Wilmington; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 be expended to the town of Stoneham police department for gear and facility upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the city of Fitchburg police department for report, roll call and training room upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Randolph police department for portable radios and emergency communications upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city of Revere for Revere fire department fleet maintenance and acquisition; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Westford police department for a wellness center; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston for the payroll costs of the Boston police department for dedicated patrols of the Foley apartments, Monsignor Powers apartments and West 9th Street apartments in the South Boston section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Pembroke police department for law enforcement equipment upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Easton fire department; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city of Waltham police department for public safety initiatives”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figure: “2,498,500”;

In item 8100-1001, in line 12, by inserting after the word “parkways” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$1,200,000 shall be expended for the payroll costs of the department of state police directed patrols; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 of said funds shall be expended for Troop A of the department of state police to conduct mounted, directed patrols throughout Revere beach, the Lynn Fells and the Middlesex Fells Reservation park among other identified areas; provided further, that subject to appropriation communities receiving funds for directed patrols in fiscal year 2008 shall receive an equal disbursement of funds in proportion to the current appropriation in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that funds shall be expended for directed patrols at Constitution beach in the East Boston section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$95,000 of said funds

shall be expended for additional patrols for the summer season at Wollaston beach and Furnace Brook parkway in the city of Quincy; provided further, that not less than \$95,000 shall be expended for department of state police patrols in the Wollaston beach and Quincy Shore drive area and Furnace Brook parkway of the city of Quincy from May 31 to September 1; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for department of state police patrols and traffic enforcement functions on the Harry Truman parkway, Neponset Valley parkway and Dedham parkway in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for directed patrols in the South Boston section of the city of Boston including, but not limited to, Day boulevard, Carson beach, M Street beach, Marine park and Castle Island”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “406,348,479” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “407,718,479”;

In item 8324-0000, in line 40, by inserting after the word “program” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Holbrook for the Holbrook Regional Emergency Communication Center; provided further, that not less than \$1,700,000 shall be expended for the Boston fire department training academy to provide training and instruction for public safety agencies in the city of Boston and municipal and political subdivisions across the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for a municipal grant program administered by the fire marshal for firefighter cancer screenings including advanced blood testing and imaging”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “42,050,031” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “44,000,031”;

In item 8324-0050 by adding the following: ; provided, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the town of Webster for firefighter turnout gear or other related expenses for the Webster fire department; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of North Andover for a fire life safety training trailer replacement; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Boxford for the replacement of Boxford fire department hydraulic rescue tools used for vehicle extrication; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended to the city of Framingham for the Framingham fire department to establish a senior home safety initiative to provide free home safety assessments for seniors; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Rehoboth fire department for the purchase of turnout gear; provided further, that not less than \$12,000 shall be expended to the East Bridgewater fire department for maintenance and infrastructure improvements; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Plymouth fire department to support the modernization of its radio communications system and transition to a platform that is aligned with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Interoperable Radio System (CoMIRS); provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Mendon fire department for the purchase of an electric pickup truck; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Topsfield fire department for the procurement of a new fire compression and oxygen cylinder fill station; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the Marblehead fire department for a replacement boiler; provided further, that not less than \$45,000 shall be expended to the Dudley fire department for security and access system repairs and upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Charlton fire department to establish community fire safety and fire extinguisher training programs; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the West Brookfield fire department for turnout gear; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Saugus fire department for the replacement of safety

gear and equipment; provided further, that not less than \$45,000 shall be expended to the Lunenburg fire department for the replacement of aging portable radios; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Lynn fire department for the purchase of a self-contained breathing air system trailer; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Wakefield for the acquisition of a high speed washer-extractor and dryer-extractor for the fire department; provided further, that not less than \$24,000 shall be expended to the town of Wakefield for a new lighting grid for use by Wakefield Community Access Television; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Amherst fire department to support the purchase of equipment, including, but not limited to, a station alerting system; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended to the Granby fire department to support the purchase of equipment, including, but not limited to, portable communication radios; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Bridgewater fire department for battery-powered extrication tools; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the South Hadley fire department (district 2) to upgrade personal radios to P25-compliant equipment; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Easthampton fire department to upgrade vehicle extrication equipment; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of North Attleborough for firefighter gear, equipment or other related expenses; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Westwood fire department for the Westwood fire station 1 project; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the Milton fire department for a replacement pump for the department's brush truck; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Bourne fire department for equipment purchases, maintenance and personnel training; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Everett fire department for active shooter training; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended to the town of Dracut for the design of a rescue boat ramp for the Merrimack river in the town of Dracut; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the Ashby fire department for extracting equipment; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Stoneham fire department for gear and equipment purchases and maintenance; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 be expended to the town of Winchester for first responder and dispatch communication upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Weston for updates and modifications to a fire vehicle; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Weston for design funds for the fire department project; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the town of Stow for new firefighting water cisterns; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Winthrop for thermal imaging cameras and related equipment for the Winthrop fire department; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Winthrop for required evidence room upgrades at the Winthrop police department; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Norton fire department for safety gear and equipment replacements; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for rescue and water rescue training for the Hanson fire department and members of the Massachusetts Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Andover fire rescue department for any costs related to a replacement vehicle and outfitting materials to support emergency response and firefighter safety"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "1,916,000";

In item 9110-9002 by striking out the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$5,000 shall be expended to the town of East Brookfield for improvements to its senior center” (inserted by amendment), by striking out the following: “provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the town of Millis for senior center bathroom renovations” (inserted by amendment), by striking out the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the Hanson council on aging for food programming and services; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the Hanover council on aging for food programming and services; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the Wareham council on aging’s out-of-town medical transportation programming” (inserted by amendment); and in said item by striking out the figures: “30,345,092” (inserted by amendment) and inserting in place thereof the figures: “30,295,092”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendments (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call (156 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 170](#) in Supplement.]

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

At eight minutes before one o’clock P.M. (Tuesday, April 29), on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-nine minutes after two o’clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan in the Chair.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved, under the provisions of the last sentence of the penultimate paragraph of Rule 20A, to amend the bill in section 2, in item 4510-0110, in line 5, by inserting after the following: “254c(f)(1)” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Harbor Health Services Inc. to support expanded access at the Plymouth Community Health Center; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Public Health Institute of Western Massachusetts to support the 413Cares centralized database of community services in western Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to Fenway Health Center for the purpose of supporting a Medical Education and Health Research Fellowship Program; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to NEW Health - Charlestown for the purpose of operating and maintaining treatment of substance use disorder; provided further, that not less than \$400,000 shall be expended to the North End Waterfront neighborhood health center; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended to infrastructure and operational upgrades related to expanding access to dental care and primary care services at Geiger Gibson Community Health Center in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the continuation of a comprehensive substance abuse and narcotic use reduction program at a federally qualified health center located in South Boston”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “10,118,222” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “11,443,222”;

By inserting after item 4510-0600 the following item:
“4510-0601 For the department of public health to fund implementation and ongoing administration of the Parkinson’s Disease Registry as established in section 243 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as amended by section 225 of chapter 238 of the acts of 2024.....\$100,000”;

Consolidated amendments adopted,— yea and nay No. 170.

Recess.

Consolidated amendments (public health, mental health and disability).

In item 4512-0200, in line 69, by inserting after the word “payer” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Community Servings for the purposes of providing medically tailored meals to persons battling chronic illnesses and workforce training programs to those recovering from addiction; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Merrimack Valley Prevention and Substance Abuse Project, Inc., for resources, community outreach and programs in the Merrimack Valley; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the operation of The Dimock Center’s Behavioral Health continuum of care to provide comprehensive treatment for individuals suffering from substance use disorder and other behavioral health challenges, address workforce challenges and reduce barriers to care; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the operation of the Gavin Foundation’s behavioral health continuum of substance use care to provide comprehensive treatment for individuals suffering from substance use disorder and other behavioral health challenges; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the Joseph Nee Collaborative Center for substance use disorder programming”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “184,095,689” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “184,670,689”;

In item 4512-0205 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to for Office-Based Addiction/Opioid Treatment, a program of the Greater New Bedford Community Health Center; provided further, that not less than \$175,000 shall be expended to Self Esteem Boston for direct service and provider training programs; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to One Life at a Time, Inc., located in the city known as the town of Braintree, for the facilitation of access to sober living programs and job training services for people in recovery and associated operational costs; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Braintree for the Braintree Community Partnership on Substance Use; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to Harbor Health Services, Inc. for a grant program to prevent and treat addiction to opioid and related substances; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended to RIZE Massachusetts Foundation, Inc. to assist in their work to end the opioid epidemic in the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the purposes of the operation of Resources for Recovery Inc. located in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to continued capital improvements to the Cambridge Community Center and for the expansion of their community-based behavioral health program”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “3,150,000”;

In item 4512-2022, in line 8, by inserting after the word “health” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Plymouth’s office of health and human services for the planning and implementation of an equity survey, and to develop and implement trainings”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “12,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “12,050,000”;

In item 4513-1001 by striking out the figures “1,960,200” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “2,460,200”;

In item 4513-1005, in lines 27 and 28, by striking out the words “and provided further, that the department shall collaborate with the department of children and families on said programming” and inserting in place thereof the following: “provided further, that the department shall collaborate with the department of children and

families on said programming; and provided further, that not less than \$1,700,000 shall be expended to Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. to continue services previously funded by Title X funding”;

In item 4513-1026, in line 6, by inserting after the word “independence” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to Sharing Kindness, Inc. to support implementation of the Hope Squad peer-to-peer suicide prevention program in schools”; in said item by striking out the figures: “14,393,198” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “14,423,198”;

In item 4513-1098, in line 6, by inserting after the word “violence” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Survivors Say, Inc. for direct support services to survivors and victims of both high-profile tragedies and other traumas and crimes; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the Darrell Lee Jenkins Jr. Resource Center, Inc. in the city of Springfield”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “500,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “610,000”;

In item 4513-1112, in line 28, by inserting after the word “Inc.” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$6,752,977 shall be expended for smoking prevention and cessation programs, including youth tobacco use prevention and cessation programs at the Massachusetts Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Program; provided further, that not less than \$475,000 shall be expended to the Forsyth Institute’s Center for Children’s Oral Health to expand its Forsyth Kids programming focused on children and adolescents and to explore the emerging association between oral health status and academic performance; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the operation of the Cranberry Health Research Center at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association, Massachusetts Chapter, Inc. to provide care services for individuals suffering with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the purposes of the operation of VITfriends LLC located in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Winthrop for a resource navigation and coordinator position in the Winthrop department of public health and clinical services; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the Duchenne Program at the University of Massachusetts medical school to advance clinical care, research and innovation for patients with complex disorders affecting the human nervous system”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “12,195,532” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “13,220,532”;

In item 4513-1136, in line 51, by inserting after the words “less” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Center for Women and Community at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst to support community services; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Cape Verdean Association, Inc. for domestic violence outreach in the city of Brockton”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “83,907,342” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “83,982,342”;

In item 4513-2020, in line 44, by inserting after the word “commonwealth” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Greater Lowell Community Foundation, Inc. to fund local non-profit organizations and social services agencies in the 16th Middlesex district”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “11,424,681” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “11,474,681”;

In item 4590-0250, in line 18, by inserting after the word “schools” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the North Quabbin Community Coalition, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to assist in programming efforts for the Southcoast LGBTQ Network, Inc. in the city of New Bedford”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “21,975,011” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “22,075,011”;

In item 4590-0915, in line 7, by inserting after the following: “section 2B” the following: “; provided further, that Tewksbury hospital shall maintain in fiscal year 2026 no less than the number of beds maintained in in fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to municipalities hosting a department of public health facility that also acts as a department of mental health continuing care facility; provided further, that said funds shall not be expended to a municipality if the department of public health facility also operates as a department of correction facility”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “251,288,736” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “251,363,736”;

In item 4590-0930 by adding the following: “; provided, that when sourcing intranasal naloxone products, the department of public health shall apply evaluation criteria intended to expand access to lifesaving naloxone, strengthen supply reliability for statewide distribution and reduce product expiration waste, and shall give preference to drug manufacturers that meet the following criteria: at least 2 continuous years of experience manufacturing and assembling intranasal naloxone products in the United States; demonstrated capacity to ship intranasal naloxone products to dispersed sites across the state; a consistent history of maintaining publicly accessible financial, governance and operational information, with independent verification as required under applicable federal and state laws or regulations; an established operational presence in the state; demonstrated ability to provide distribution data insights and educational and training materials; and ability to provide the maximum available shelf life from date of manufacturing”;

In item 4590-1503, in line 15, by inserting after the word “program” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Seven Sisters Midwifery LLC; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Worcester Community Midwifery to provide midwifery care and birth center services to families across the state; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the development and implementation of a pilot program for MassHealth to partner with a mobile pregnancy application to promote awareness of the commonwealth’s maternal and infant health programs to prenatal, pregnant and postpartum individuals who are enrolled in Medicaid or are eligible for Medicaid; provided further, that such application shall have the capability to deliver education, resources and support to prenatal, pregnant and postpartum individuals and their families, including, but not limited to, information specific to the commonwealth, links to programs administered by the department and other state agencies and culturally and linguistically appropriate content; provided further, that not later than January 30, 2028, the department shall evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot program and report on utilization, outcomes and recommendations for expansion”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “14,585,830” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “14,885,830”;

In item 4590-1504, in line 40, by inserting after the word “program” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the Nubian Square Safety Initiative”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “11,107,331” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “11,307,331”;

In item 4590-1507 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Mildred C. Hailey youth center for staffing and operations, resources and events that support the residents of the Mildred C. Hailey development; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the Big Brother Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$1,500,000 shall be expended to the Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs, Inc., which shall be distributed between the alliance’s member organizations to support educational programming for youth; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Moving Mountains; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Awake Youth Violence Prevention; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to The Black Springfield Covid-19 Coalition; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to College Bound Dorchester, Inc. for the administration of Uncornered and other services for at-risk youth; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to LTS Grow with Success Academy to support professional development in the cosmetology field and to provide job training for low-income residents in the Merrimack Valley; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Change the Play to support professional development and mentorship efforts for at-risk youth in the Merrimack Valley; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Day Dreaming Organization Inc to support baseball programming and youth mentoring in the city of Lawrence; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Sueños Basketball, Inc. to support the recreational, social and health benefits the league provides to low-income youth in the city of Lawrence; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Methuen Youth Basketball Association, Inc. to enhance youth mentorship initiatives, develop robust sports programming and strengthen violence prevention efforts aimed at promoting teamwork, personal development and community engagement among Methuen youth, and programming shall prioritize underserved youth and promote life skills that support academic success and leadership; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Hoop and Handles in the city of Methuen to provide targeted youth mentorship, individualized basketball training and skill development programming for underserved and at-risk youth; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Randolph for purposes of continued funding for the town’s Enhanced Social Services Program; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Friends and Mentors, Inc. for costs associated with their at-risk youth mentoring programming in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to The Possible Zone for Career and Technical Education (CTE) initiatives in the cities of Lawrence, Lowell and Brockton; and provided further, that not less than \$600,000 shall be expended to the YWCA organizations, which shall be distributed equally between the Alliance of YWCAs member organizations”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “7,200,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “12,270,000”;

In item 5042-5000, in line 58, by inserting after the word “psychiatry” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services, Inc. in the town of Shrewsbury to provide mental health services in the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Boston Community Pediatrics, Inc. to support the Integrated Behavioral Health program; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Children’s Room Center for Grieving Children & Teenagers,

Inc. in the town of Arlington for student mental health support; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to The NAN Project to increase mental health awareness and suicide prevention”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “136,668,638” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “137,063,638”;

In item 5046-0000, in line 21, by inserting after the word “measured” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for a grant to the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, Inc. to provide assistance in connecting consumers to licensed clinical social workers through the Therapy Matcher program”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “679,676,424” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “679,701,424”;

In item 5911-1003, in line 18, by inserting after the words “Congress, Inc.” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Operation House Call at Arc Massachusetts, Inc. to maintain and expand training to medical students and other graduate level health care professionals to work with individuals with autism and other developmental and intellectual disabilities”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “107,462,218” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “107,612,218”;

In item 5920-2000, in line 19, by inserting after the word “transfer” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Cape Abilities, Inc. to create energy-efficient exterior transformation of their primary service hub for individuals with disabilities”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “2,067,501,853” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “2,067,601,853”;

In item 5920-2010 by adding the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Berkshire Family and Individual Resources, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Harbor Health Services, Inc. to be used for equipment and technology improvements at their Harbor Community Health Center in the village of Hyannis in the city known as the town of Barnstable”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “372,259,320” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “372,359,320”;

In section 35, in line 358, by striking out the word “section” and inserting in place thereof the following: “2 sections”; and in line 387, by adding the following:

“Section 251. (a) As used in this section, the term ‘provider immunization brand choice’ shall mean that healthcare providers shall select specific manufacturer brands for their patients.

(b) Notwithstanding section 24N and any other general or special law to the contrary, the department shall implement a provider immunization brand choice requirement as part of: (i) the commonwealth’s universal immunization program under section 24I; (ii) routine childhood immunizations under section 24N; (iii) the Vaccines for Children Program operated by the department under the authority of 42 U.S.C. §1396s; and (iv) in any other existing or future immunization program for children or adults administered by the commonwealth using local, state or federal funds.

(c) For all categories of immunizations included in subsection (a), all participating health care providers shall be able to select any brand or type of immunization, including any combination immunization and dosage form, as long as the immunization is licensed or authorized for emergency use by the federal Food and Drug Administration and recommended by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. The department shall not limit the ability of such health care providers to provide an immunization by limiting the supply of immunizations purchased by the department. This section shall not apply in the event of a shortage or delay in vaccine availability, disaster or public

health emergency, terrorist attack, hostile military or paramilitary action or extraordinary law enforcement emergency.

(d) The department shall, for the purposes of the purchase, delivery and administration of vaccines, use the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention vaccine list established, and periodically reviewed and revised, by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.”;

By inserting after section 49 the following section:

“SECTION 49A. Subsection (d) of section 112 of chapter 9 of the acts of 2025 is hereby amended by striking out the figures ‘2026’ and inserting in place thereof the following figures: 2027.”;

In section 50, in line 706, by striking out the following: “Chapter 9 of the acts of 2025 is hereby” and inserting in place thereof the following: “Said chapter 9 is hereby further”; and

By inserting after section 73 the following section:

“SECTION 73A. The department of public health shall implement all or part of the provider immunization brand choice requirement pursuant to section 251 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, inserted by section 35, as soon as practicable; provided, however, that the department shall complete full implementation of the system not later than October 1, 2026.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 158 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 171](#) in Supplement.]

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

At sixteen minutes before five o’clock P.M. (Tuesday, April 29), on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at sixteen minutes after seven o’clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan in the Chair.

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

Mr. Boldyga of Southwick and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 2, in item 7061-9813, by striking out the figures: “10,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “60,000,000”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 15 members voted in the affirmative and 143 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 172](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mrs. Sullivan-Almeida of Abington and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

“SECTION 77. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

‘COVID-19 essential employee retirement credit bonus’ or ‘COVID-19 credit’, an amount of credit equivalent to the duration of the governor’s COVID-19 state of emergency from March 10, 2020 to June 15, 2021, inclusive, to be added to an employee’s age or years of service or a combination thereof, for the purpose of calculating a retirement benefit pursuant to chapter 32 of the General Laws.

‘Essential employee’, all state, county and municipal public health and safety officials, including, but not limited to, police officers, firefighters, emergency medical services personnel, emergency dispatchers, court officers, corrections officers and

Consolidated amendments adopted,— yea and nay No. 171.

Recess.

Amendment rejected,— yea and nay No. 172.

public health officials who provided direct patient care, emergency response, or supervision and were required to work in person during the COVID-19 state of emergency.

(b) The secretary of administration and finance shall identify all essential employees of the commonwealth who, during the period covered by the governor's state of emergency declared on March 10, 2020 until June 15, 2021, inclusive, were: (i) required to work at their respective worksite or any other worksite outside of their personal residence; and (ii) public-facing.

(c) The secretary shall work with the appropriate heads of departments of the commonwealth to identify and provide a list of essential employees and their home mailing addresses to the state retirement board documenting the employees' eligibility for the COVID-19 essential employee retirement credit bonus. Upon identification of eligible essential employees, such employees shall be credited with a COVID-19 credit as defined in subsection (a). The state retirement board shall notify each eligible essential employee in writing of their receipt of the credit.

(d) A municipality, district or authority may elect to adopt the COVID-19 essential employee retirement credit established in this section. This section shall take effect in a municipality upon its acceptance in the following manner: in a city, by vote of the city council in accordance with its charter; in a town, whether it maintains its own contributory retirement system or participates in a county or regional retirement system, by vote of town meeting; in a district, by vote of the district meeting; and, in the case of an authority, by vote of its governing body. For the purposes of this section, the state employees' retirement system shall be deemed to have accepted the provisions of this section.

(e) Upon local acceptance of this section, the chief executive officer of a municipality shall identify all essential employees eligible for the COVID-19 credit pursuant to subsection (a). Upon identification of eligible essential employees, such employees shall be credited with a COVID-19 credit as defined in subsection (a). The retirement board of which the municipality's employees are members shall notify each eligible employee in writing of their receipt of the credit.

(f) The chief executive officer for a quasi-public agency whose retirement board established under chapter 32 has accepted the COVID-19 credit pursuant to subsection (d) shall work with the agency's director of human resources to identify employees eligible for the COVID-19 credit pursuant to subsection (a). Upon identification of eligible employees, such employees shall be credited with a COVID-19 credit as defined in subsection (a). The retirement board of which the agency's employees are members shall notify each eligible employee in writing of their receipt of the credit."

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 34 members voted in the affirmative and 119 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 173](#) in Supplement.]

[Representatives Fiola of Fall River, LaNatra of Kingston, Plouffe of Brockton and Wells of Milton answer "Present" in response to their names.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Lombardo of Billerica and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 77. Section 76 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the section in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 173.

(a) Each voter desiring to vote at a polling place shall give his name and, if requested, his residence to one of the officers at the entrance to the space within the guard rail, who shall thereupon distinctly announce the same. If such name is found on the voting list, the election officer shall check and repeat the name valid State or Federal photo identification prior to receiving a ballot. The officer shall verify the voter's identification matches the name and residence with the voting list. If verified, the officer and shall admit the voter to the space enclosed by the guard rail and, in case official ballots, other than those marked 'Challenged Ballots' as provided by section thirty-five A, are used, such voter shall be given one ballot. The use of electronic means such as tape recording equipment or radio broadcasting equipment for the recording or broadcasting of the names of voters not yet checked as having voted shall be prohibited.

(b) A valid government-issued photo identification shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) A Massachusetts driver's license or state identification card issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles;

(ii) A United States passport;

(iii) A United States military identification card;

(iv) A Massachusetts-issued firearm identification card;

(v) Any other federal or state government-issued identification card that includes a photograph of the voter.

(c) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall implement a program to provide, at no cost, a Massachusetts photo identification card for voting purposes to any registered voter who does not possess a valid form of photo identification and who signs an affidavit affirming such.

(d) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall develop and distribute information to the public regarding the requirements of this section, and shall provide training and guidance to election officials to ensure uniform implementation of the law.

(e) This section shall take effect on July 1, 2026."

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 27 members voted in the affirmative and 131 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 174](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Representative Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 2, in item 1233-2350, by striking out the figures: "1,333,109,519" and inserting in place thereof the figures; "1,343,109,519"; and by striking out item 1595-6153.

On the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 26 members voted in the affirmative and 132 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 175](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendments were rejected.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved, under the provisions of the last sentence of the penultimate paragraph of Rule 20A, to amend the bill in section 2, in item 0511-0200, in line 5, by inserting after the word "documents" the following: "; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to capital improvements to Camp DiCarlo, home of the National Lancers, to bring the facility up to code; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city of Gardner for the purpose of the city archives buildout"; and in

Amendment rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 174.

Amendments rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 175.

Consolidated amendments (constitutional officers and state administration and transportation).

said item by striking out the figures: “914,130” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “989,130”;

In line item 0640-0300, in line 19, by inserting after the word “needs” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to Acton Community Access Television, Inc. for equipment upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the Attleboro Art Museum for damages to a flooded basement; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Allston Village Main Streets, Inc. for artists community assistance; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to Fitchburg Public Market to sustain customer-facing commercial retail operations on Main street in Fitchburg through fiscal year 2028; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Longmeadow Pride Alliance, Inc. to continue the Longmeadow Pride Festival to support community services and promote Italian heritage; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Boston Ballet, Incorporated; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Franklin Performing Arts Company, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Children’s Museum of Franklin, Inc; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Franklin Creative Center for the Arts Inc.”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “27,348,072” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “27,723,072”;

In item 0810-1205 by adding the following: “and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to SAFE Coalition Incorporated for those affected by substance use disorder in the city known as the town of Franklin”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “2,861,598” and inserting in place thereof the following figures: “2,961,598”;

In item 0900-0100 by striking out the figures: “3,839,165” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “4,007,431”;

In item 1599-0026 by adding the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the town of Sutton for the maintenance, improvements, or removal of the Clark Reservoir Dam; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the town of Shrewsbury to upgrade athletic lights at Dean Park and Coolidge Pickleball Court; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Longmeadow police department, to repurpose an existing first floor room as an interview room to meet ADA requirements; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of Paxton for disaster relief, recovery costs and reimbursements for damage as a result of the September 2025 tornado that touched down in said town; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Holden for essential renovations and the relocation of municipal buildings; provided further, that not less than \$8,000 shall be expended to the town of Abington for maintenance and infrastructure improvements to town hall facilities; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to Abington public schools for maintenance and infrastructure improvements; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Whitman for animal control facility maintenance and infrastructure improvements; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Old Sturbridge Village Living History Museum for capital improvements; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Chicopee to create an emergency access and recreational ramp for the Chicopee River; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Norwood for the repair and construction of infrastructure at the historic Shattuck Memorial Park; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the town of Marlborough for GIS Flyover data capture drone

and analysis; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Marlborough for continued upgrades for the Marlborough downtown veterans park containing the Women's Veterans, MIA/POW, Spanish American and Civil War monuments; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the city of Framingham for the design, fabrication, engraving, installation and public dedication of a Middle East Conflicts Veterans Memorial in Framingham; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the city of Chelsea to support a new fire station; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Wakefield for restroom construction at Veterans field in Wakefield; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Brighton Main Streets, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of Melrose for stage lights replacements and other capital improvements at Memorial Hall; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended to the town of Swampscott for maintenance and repairs of deteriorating structures at the Swampscott cemetery; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Somerset for essential repairs to the eroding Waterfront park seawall and damaged municipal parking lot in Somerset; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Dalton for the purchase and installation of an emergency generator at the Dalton senior center; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Essex for a study of Chebacco lake and its watershed; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the city of Gloucester for the planning and design of the courtyard at O'Maley Innovation middle school; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Rowley for a PFAS remediation system to bring Town Well #2 online; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Ipswich for water treatment plant updates and wastewater treatment to alleviate issues that have contributed to the closure of local clam flats; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Georgetown for critical water treatment infrastructure; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Newbury to address watershed supply and drought management; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city of Malden for upgrades and capital improvements to the city's streetscape; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of Malden for flood mitigation and stormwater infrastructure improvements including, but not limited to, the cleaning and maintenance of the Town Line brook and Linden brook culverts; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended town of North Reading for roof maintenance at the historic Putnam House; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Wayland public schools for wellness and recreational enhancements at Wayland high school and Happy Hollow elementary school; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to support Volunteer Medical Group of Eastern Massachusetts to cover start-up costs and to provide primary care services to uninsured patients in the Allston, Brighton, Watertown and Waltham communities; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Wrentham department of public works for the procurement of a vacuum excavation trailer; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of North Attleborough for a feasibility study regarding the World War II Memorial Pool; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Petersham to replace its current ADA-compliant ramp for the Town Office building; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Petersham for unanticipated costs associated with continuing ambulance services; provided further, that not less than

\$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Scituate for the renovation and conversion of the WPA building into a veterans' space, in coordination with the executive office of veterans' services; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Medfield for technological and facility upgrades to its town hall; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the city of Westfield for capital improvements to Bullens field in Westfield; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Wellesley for digital content updates and modifications"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "7,500,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "9,638,000";

By striking out item 1599-0107 [sic];

In item 1790-0100, in line 12, by inserting after the word "funds" the following: "; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to expand the AI For Impact program to design, test and deploy artificial intelligence solutions that improve delivery of state services and build an AI-ready state workforce"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "3,647,090" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "3,897,090";

In item 4590-0915 by striking out the following: "provided further, that Tewksbury hospital shall maintain in fiscal year 2026 no less than the number of beds maintained in in fiscal year 2025" (inserted by amendment) and inserting in place thereof the following: "provided further, that Tewksbury hospital shall maintain in fiscal year 2027 no less than the number of beds maintained in in fiscal year 2026";

In item 9700-0000 by adding the following: "; provided, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus for programming, convenings, events, printed and digital materials, public education and related operational activities"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "11,260,795" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "11,335,795";

In section 2E, in item 1595-6368, in line 16, by striking out the word "and", by adding the following: "; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the city of Somerville for their crossing guard program and other pedestrian enhancements in the vicinity of the East Somerville section of the city of Somerville; and provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Bolton for rural infrastructure improvements"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "604,961,384" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "605,056,384";

In item 1595-6369, in line 21, by inserting after the word "spending" the following: "; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to study the financial feasibility and department capability of either extending the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority red line and/or creating a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line from Alewife down Route 2 to the Concord Rotary; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority for the repair and restoration of the Gift of the Wind sculpture at Porter station"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "470,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "470,150,000";

By inserting after section 3 the following 2 sections:

"SECTION 3A. Section 2 of chapter 6C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 13, the figure '11' and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 13.

SECTION 3B. Said section 2 of said chapter 6C, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 38, the figure '6' and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 7.";

In section 4, in lines 1 and 2, by striking out the following: “appearing in the 2024 Official Edition” and inserting in place thereof the words “so appearing”;

By inserting after section 17 the following 3 sections:

“SECTION 17A. The definition of ‘Teacher’ in said section 1 of said chapter 32, as so amended, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- Any person who served in a position described above who is vested in the teachers’ retirement system or the Boston retirement system and is subsequently employed by the executive office of education or the department of elementary and secondary education shall retain the status of teacher and be considered as remaining in service in that capacity.

SECTION 17B. Paragraph (a) of subdivision (8) of section 3 of said chapter 32, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- A teacher who becomes employed at the executive office of education or the department of elementary and secondary education shall remain in the teachers’ retirement system or the Boston retirement system.

SECTION 17C. Said subdivision (8) of said section 3 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following 2 paragraphs:-

(e) An employee of the executive office of education or the department of elementary and secondary education who is a member of the state employees’ retirement system and who is reinstated in the teachers’ retirement system or the Boston retirement system pursuant to paragraph (a) shall not be deemed to have had an interruption of membership or service. Upon reinstatement, the member shall pay into the annuity savings fund of the teachers’ retirement system or the Boston retirement system in 1 sum, or in installments as the board may prescribe, makeup payments equal to the difference between the contributions paid to the state employees’ retirement system and the required contributions of the teachers’ retirement system or the Boston retirement system on all regular compensation received during the period of membership in the state employees’ retirement system.

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter or any other general or special law to the contrary, a member who is reinstated in the teachers’ retirement system or the Boston retirement system pursuant to paragraph (a) shall be entered into the state employees’ retirement system as a Group 1 state employee upon retirement.”;

In section 18, in line 83, by striking out the following: “appearing in the 2024 Official Edition” and inserting in place thereof the words “so appearing”;

In section 23, in line 137, by inserting after the word “States” the following: “for purposes of calculating the minimum number of years a judge or justice must serve before eligibility for receipt of a pension, which credited service shall be considered to have run continuously with judicial service for purposes of sections 65A to 65J, inclusive”; and in line 145, by striking out the words “pursuant to this section” and inserting in place thereof the words “in any retirement system governed by this chapter, including, but not limited to, non-judicial membership in the state employees’ retirement system”;

By inserting after section 51A (inserted by amendment) the following 2 sections:

“SECTION 51B. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall conduct a comprehensive transit service assessment of the feasibility of establishing direct rapid bus transit between Kendall Square in the city of Cambridge, the Allston and North Brighton sections of the city of Boston and the Longwood medical area in the city of Boston.

(b) The assessment shall: (i) identify the transit infrastructure that needs to be preserved for direct rapid bus transit alternatives between Kendall Square in the city of Cambridge, the Allston and North Brighton sections of the city of Boston and the

Longwood medical area in the city of Boston; (ii) review the prospect of constructing and operating on existing rights of way; (iii) analyze the impact of planned, designed, funded or under construction transportation or development projects nearby; (iv) identify the potential market for such transit services; and (v) evaluate the potential economic benefits to the region and to the commonwealth.

(c) The department shall make recommendations on a preferred route and how to preserve the transit infrastructure necessary for direct rapid bus transit alternatives between Kendall Square in the city of Cambridge, the Allston and North Brighton sections of the city of Boston and the Longwood medical area in the city of Boston, taking into consideration nearby transportation and development projects that have been studied, designed, funded or are under construction. Not later than July 1, 2027, the department shall file a report with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on transportation.

SECTION 51C. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, not later than October 1, 2026, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall enter into a lease agreement with the Friends of the Weston Depot for the use of the parcel or parcels of land located at 55 Church street in the town of Weston on which the Weston railroad station sits.”;

By inserting after section 52 the following section:

“SECTION 52A. (a) Notwithstanding paragraph (i) of subdivision (4) of section 5 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, an active or inactive member of the teachers’ retirement system or the Boston retirement system who: (i) is a teacher or school nurse; (ii) became eligible for membership in the teachers’ retirement system before July 1, 2001; (iii) began contributing to the teachers’ retirement system before July 1, 2001; and (iv) did not provide a written election to participate in the alternative superannuation retirement benefit program provided under said subdivision (4) to the teachers’ retirement system or the Boston retirement system before July 1, 2001 or at any other time prior to September 1, 2026 or declined to participate in the alternative superannuation retirement benefit program before July 1, 2001 or at any other time prior to September 1, 2026, shall have a new 1-time opportunity to elect to participate in the alternative superannuation retirement benefit program. A member entitled to make an election under this section shall have 180 days from the effective date of this act to make such election.

(b) A member who participates in the alternative superannuation retirement benefit program under this section shall make contributions at the rate of 11 per cent pursuant to section 22 of chapter 32 of the General Laws and may be required to provide make-up contributions at the rate of 11 per cent, upon such terms and conditions as the relevant retirement system may require, from the date that such member established membership in the teachers’ retirement system or the Boston retirement system.

(c) The teachers’ retirement system and the Boston retirement system shall notify eligible active or inactive members of the teachers’ retirement system and the Boston retirement system and shall provide information to school districts concerning the 1-time opportunity pursuant to subsection (a); provided, that the teachers’ retirement system and the Boston retirement system shall provide sufficient information pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) not later than 90 days after the effective date of this act.”; and

In section 56A (inserted by amendment) by inserting after the word “Laws”, the second time it appears, the following: “; provided, that such funds shall be used first to reduce the shortfall, as described in subsection (b) of section 69 of said chapter

118E, for health safety net fiscal year 2027 and that any remaining funds may be used to reduce the shortfall in any other open health safety net fiscal year; and provided further, that the amount equal to any federal financial participation revenues claimed and received by the commonwealth for eligible expenditures made from said Health Safety Net Trust Fund with these funds transferred from said Commonwealth Federal Matching and Debt Reduction Fund shall be credited to said Health Safety Net Trust Fund.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 158 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 176](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments (constitutional officers, state administration, and transportation) were adopted.

Consolidated amendments adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 176.

Recess.

At twenty-eight minutes before nine o’clock P.M. (Tuesday, April 29), on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until the following day at eleven o’clock A.M.; and at that time, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.