

**Wednesday, April 29, 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 Tributes.*

During the session (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), at the request of Speaker Mariano of Quincy and Representatives Chan of Quincy and Ayers of Quincy, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to honor Mildred (Millie) Cox, who passed away on April 22, 2026, at 102 years old. Millie was born and raised in South Boston and moved to Quincy where she received her associates degree from Quincy Junior College and spent the next seventy years. Millie was one of the first women to enlist in the United States Marine Corps, where she served as a stenographer during World War II. Millie worked for the City of Quincy in a variety of roles, the most prominent being the Head Clerk of Quincy Veterans Services. Millie was very involved in her local American Legion Post and Caddy Detachment where she connected deeply with her fellow service members. Millie was joyfully married to her husband Will for 70 years. Together they had eight children, seventeen grandchildren, and twenty-three great-grandchildren. Millie is forever memorialized for her service and legacy at Quincy Naval Park in Marina Bay.

Mildred  
(Millie) Cox.

During the session (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), at the request of Representatives Reid of Lynn, Cahill of Lynn, Armini of Marblehead and Wong of Saugus, the members, guests, and employees stood in a moment of silence in memory of former Ward 7 Lynn City Councilor Richard J. "Rick" Ford, who passed away peacefully on Friday, April 17. Rick was a lifelong resident of Lynn and the beloved husband of 44 years to his wife, Tina. He was a proud graduate of Lynn Tech and an exceptional pitcher on the 1973 state championship team, later drafted by both the Milwaukee Brewers and the Los Angeles Dodgers. Deeply rooted in the community, Rick worked for the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, coached youth football and baseball, owned and operated the Little River Inn for over 30 years, and served 18 years as Lynn's Ward 7 Councilor. A true family man, Rick is survived by his brother, James Ford, and wife, Joanne; daughter, Erin Sheehan, and husband, Eric; sons, Joseph Ford and "Buddy" Ford, and Buddy's wife, Marilyn; nephew, Robbie Ford; four cherished grandchildren; and many other loving relatives and friends.

Richard  
"Rick" Ford.

During the session (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), at the request of Representatives Cabral of New Bedford, Elliott of Lowell and Hong of Lowell, along with the Portuguese American Legislative Caucus, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in honor of Luis M. Pedroso.

Luis  
Pedroso.

Luis M. Pedroso was surrounded by his loving family when he passed away on April 24<sup>th</sup> after a courageous battle with cancer.

Luis was born in São Jorge, Azores, Portugal, and was immensely proud of his Portuguese heritage. That's why he dedicated his life to educating his community about Portuguese history and culture. At 24 years old, Luis founded Qualitronics, Inc. and later Accutronics, Inc. The successful businesses led to good jobs for numerous immigrants and individuals seeking a second chance.

He shared his devotion to education by establishing the Portuguese American Scholarship Fund, the Make A Difference Fund, and was a founding member of the

Greater Lowell Community Foundation, supporting students and organizations throughout the Greater Lowell area. Additionally, he was a major donor to the Helio and Amelia Pedroso Endowed Chair in Portuguese Studies at UMass Dartmouth.

Luis M. Pedroso was a devoted community leader, businessman, and philanthropist and will be deeply missed.

#### *Guests of the House.*

During the session, Representative Puppolo of Springfield took the Chair and introduced Anna Banas-Chen, a 12 year old from Western Massachusetts. Anna has spoken at the United Nations to advocate for early veterinary education for your, published two books, and donated all proceeds to nonprofit organizations in Western Massachusetts. Anna was joined by her parents and grandparents. Earlier in the day, Youth Veterinary Day was celebrated with a number of partner organizations, including Caring Canine's therapy dogs Pluto and Frankie, with Jen Piliero and Carolyn Orfanella. They were the guest of Representatives Puppolo and Gomez of East Longmeadow.

Youth  
Veterinary  
Day.

#### *Resolutions.*

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representative McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Charles Goodman on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Charles  
Goodman.

Resolutions (filed by Representative McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Jack Goodwin on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America; and

Jack  
Goodwin.

Resolutions (filed by Representative McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Liam La Croix on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Liam  
La Croix.

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

#### *Reports of a Committee.*

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Bill to advance health equity (House, No. 1416);

Health equity.

Of the Bill empowering municipalities and local governments (House, No. 5321); and

Local  
governments.

Of the Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the consumer impacts of electronic textbooks (House, No. 5340);

Electronic  
textbooks.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

*Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill enabling the maintenance of private roads in the city of Gloucester (see Senate, No. 2596, 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 amendment of the House Bill amending the charter of the town of Middleton (House, No. 4399), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Middleton,—  
charter.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Plymouth to establish a special revenue account for land acquisition (House, No. 4887), 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.

Third  
reading  
bill.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the town of Milford to convert a license for the sale of wine and malt beverages into a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be consumed on the premises (House, No. 4359), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was considered.

Milford,—  
liquor  
license.

Mr. Walsh of Peabody then moved that the House concur with the Senate in its amendment with a further amendment striking out section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following 3 sections:

“SECTION 3. Chapter 289 of the acts of 2022 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. Section 3 shall take effect on December 31, 2027.

SECTION 5. Except as otherwise specified, this act shall take effect upon its passage.”

The House then concurred with the Senate in its amendment, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the further amendment.

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At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at fourteen minutes before one o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Recess.

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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, Mr. Swezey of Duxbury and other members of the House moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

“SECTION 77. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities shall verify the United States citizenship of each applicant prior to the award or disbursement of any HomeBASE benefit and shall not approve or disburse HomeBASE funds to any applicant who fails to provide satisfactory evidence of United States citizenship.”

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 the same member; and on the roll call 26 members voted in the affirmative and 132 in the negative.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 177](#) in Supplement.]**

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

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

“SECTION 77. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities shall not use compliance with section 3A of chapter 40A of the General Laws as a condition for eligibility for any grants awarded from appropriations in FY2027.”

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 the same member; and on the roll call 27 members voted in the affirmative and 130 in the negative.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 178](#) in Supplement.]**

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. Subsection B of section 2 of chapter 18 of the General Laws, as appearing in Section 30 of chapter 23B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the word ‘program.’, in line 9, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, the following words:

Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the emergency housing assistance program established herein shall be available only to residents of the Commonwealth who are citizens of the United States and have been a resident of Massachusetts for no less than six months.”

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 the same member; and on the roll call 26 members voted in the affirmative and 131 in the negative.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 179](#) 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 2000-0100, by adding the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen’s Alliance, Inc. for the modernization and maintenance of sustainable fishing; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Quiet Communities, Inc. in Concord”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “20,172,773” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “20,722,773”;

In item 2000-0101, in line 19, by inserting after the word “item” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to Boston Harbor Now, Inc. for planning, programming and activation and for climate resiliency and community science education; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be

Amendment rejected,—  
yea and nay  
No. 177.

Amendment rejected,—  
yea and nay  
No. 178.

Amendment rejected,—  
yea and nay  
No. 179.

Consolidated amendments (energy and environmental affairs).

expended to the University of Massachusetts Boston to compile and use new technologies to conduct a climate resiliency report and study on preparing for low probability high impact event”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “4,279,957” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “4,779,957”;

In item 2000-0125 by adding the following: “; and provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Foxborough for necessary repairs and improvements to aging dam structures”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “990,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,015,000”;

In item 2250-2000 by adding the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Silent Spring Institute, Inc. for continued study of the long term effects of PFAS on residents in Ayer, including supporting epidemiological analyses, reconstructing past exposures to PFAS drinking water and disseminating study findings to community members and presenting health-related resources to clinicians; and provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the town of Maynard for the mitigation of drinking water quality issues”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “2,491,225” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “2,716,225”;

In item 2300-0100, in line 8, by inserting after the word “costs” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the town of Chelmsford for an aquatic management study at Heart Pond, including water quality analysis and invasive species mitigation; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the North Walpole Fish and Game Club, Inc. in the town of Walpole to support the continuation of programs for combat veterans and students with special needs; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the New England Wildlife Center, Inc. in Weymouth for costs associated with the care, treatment and maintenance of wildlife”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “2,176,087” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “2,356,087”;

In item 2310-0300 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the Fishing Academy of Boston for programming”, by striking out the figures: “1,221,735” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,231,735”; and in said item by striking out the following: “George L. Darey Inland Fisheries and Game Fund. 100%”;

In item 2320-0100 by striking out the following: “Marine Recreational Fisheries Development Fund. 100%”;

In item 2330-0100, in line 10, by inserting after the word “fisheries” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for shellfish propagation in Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket counties to be administered jointly by the director of Marine Fisheries and the aforementioned counties; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for a green crab trapping program in the towns of Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet, Eastham, Orleans, Chatham and Harwich to be distributed by the department of marine fisheries”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “9,323,957” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “9,523,957”; and in said item by striking out the words “George L. Darey Inland Fisheries and Game Fund.....83.06% Marine Recreational Fisheries Development Fund.16.94%”;

In item 2330-0120 by striking out the following: “Marine Recreational Fisheries Development Fund.....53.18% General Fund.....46.82%”;

In item 2511-0105, in line 13, by inserting after the word “poverty” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Merrimack Valley Food Bank for the operation of the nourish children’s feeding

program”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “60,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “60,025,000”;

In item 2511-0107 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to People’s Pantry in the town of North Andover for a vehicle to transport food donations; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Catholic Charities of Lynn for the purposes of supporting their food pantry and additional community services; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Regional Environmental Council, Inc. for programs and operations; provided further, that not less than \$90,000 shall be expended to Greater Lynn Senior Services, Inc. for programming related to the Phoenix Food Hub in the city of Lynn; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to Coastal Foodshed Incorporated to address food insecurity through access to healthy food and to provide support to local farmers and our agricultural economy in the greater New Bedford region; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to expanding the Edward L. Cooper Community Gardening and Education Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to expanding the Hawthorne Youth and Community Center, Incorporated; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Manna Community Kitchen to combat food insecurity and expand their support service for vulnerable populations; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Martha's Vineyard Fishermen's Preservation Trust, Inc. for operating and expanding the Seafood Donation Program, and for otherwise supporting the fishing industry on Martha’s Vineyard; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to Farming Falmouth, Inc. for the purchase and installation of a year-round greenhouse and for otherwise supporting agriculture in the town of Falmouth; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to The People's Pantry in the town of Great Barrington for the purchase of a new off-site food storage unit; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city of Somerville for the operation of school-based food access programs; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Fenway Civic Association, Inc. for the purpose of funding the Fenway Cares Mutual Aid Initiative, including administrative costs, to distribute fresh food and supplies to food-insecure Fenway residents; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Marion Institute, Inc. for the 2026 Food System Assessment for Southeastern Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Lexington Interfaith Outreach Food Pantry, Inc. for operations, rent support, feasibility studies and planning for potential new locations and efficiency improvements for the Lexington food pantry; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Just Roots, Inc., Greenfield Community Farm; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the city of Somerville for its mobile market revolving fund to help maintain the low-cost farmers market on wheels; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to Survival Centers, Inc. to support its food pantry programs; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to Granby To-Go, Inc. to support the in-school food pantry and clothing distribution program in the town of Granby; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the food pantry at A Place to Turn Inc. in the town of Natick; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the heart healthy food pantry at the Natick Service Council, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to Arlington EATS, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Neighbors Eating All Together (NEAT), Inc. in the town of Arlington; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee, Inc. in the

city of Cambridge for the reopening of the North Cambridge food pantry; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Franklin Food Pantry, Incorporated for the prevention of food insecurity; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Medway Community Farm, Inc. Agriculture Development Project; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Medway food pantry for local food security and anti-hunger initiatives; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Walpole Community Food Pantry, Inc. for operations, rent support, feasibility studies and planning for a potential new location; provided further, that not less than \$375,000 shall be expended to the Boston Public Market Association, Inc. for the operation and programming at the Boston Public Market; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Charity Guild Food Pantry for local food security and anti-hunger initiatives in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Al Nelson Friendship Center Food Pantry; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Rose's Bounty Food Pantry, Inc. to help fulfill food insecurity needs for residents of the southwest neighborhood of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Land's Sake, Inc. in the town of Weston to support infrastructure and capital improvements to support the sale and donation of fresh produce; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Newton Food Pantry, Inc. to fund the purchasing of fresh and nutritious food; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen, Inc. to provide food aid and additional services; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to Meadowbrook Farm LLC in Westford for regional food sustainability services; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Codman Square Health Center, Inc. for planning and operational costs related to the expansion of food security services provided by the Dorchester Food Court; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the West Bridgewater Food Pantry, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Food for Free Committee, Incorporated to operate school programming; and provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Belmont Food Collaborative, Inc. in the town of Belmont"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "2,120,000";

In item 2800-0101, in line 10, by inserting after the year: "1963" the following: "; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Blackstone Watershed Collaborative, Inc. for programming and operations"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "1,707,905" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "1,732,905";

In item 2800-0401, in line 9, by inserting after the word "requirements" the following: "; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Chelmsford for efforts to address PFAS contamination through the installation of a granular activated carbon filtration system"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "1,619,905" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "1,644,905";

In item 2800-0700 by adding the following: "; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Groveland for repairs to the Salem Street dam; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city of Newburyport to advance the Lower Artichoke dam project"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "780,817" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "855,817";

In item 2810-0122 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the city of Leominster for the purposes of upgrading the Alzheimer’s Awareness park in the city of Leominster; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the city of Lynn for the treatment of invasive species in ponds; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended to the Rutland and Washington Community Garden in the city of Boston for improvements including wrought iron fence restoration, replacing and adding aged beds and the stabilization of the gazebo; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the town of East Brookfield for beaver trapping; provided further, that not less than \$80,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Barnstable for public beach and waterfront improvements supporting accessibility and community use at Veterans beach; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Sudbury for the acquisition of adaptive bicycles for persons with disabilities for use on the Bruce Freeman and Mass Central rail trails and for the construction of a storage shed for said adaptive bicycles; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the city of Fitchburg for improvements to the Gus Johnson and Herman Bourque Jr. baseball and softball fields; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to Finnish Center at Saima Park, Inc. for replacement of the boiler; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the town of Norfolk for a storage container for the town of Norfolk parks and recreation; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the North Shore Maritime Center, Inc. for their youth rowing program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Arlington for improvements to Parallel park; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Blue Hill Observatory & Science Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Shirley for the operation, administration and improvement of the Summer in Shirley camp program including, but not limited to providing for low-income children’s camp attendance costs and other related expenses; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Acton for the design, construction and installation of pedestrian and recreational infrastructure at the Acton Community dog park including, but not limited to providing shade pavilion to protect against heat and other related expenses; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Dedham for the parks and recreation summer program; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to Boston 4 Celebrations Foundation, Inc. for the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular for the fourth of July, Independence Day celebrations on the Charles river; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Edward ‘Gus’ Whelan memorial at Thompson Square park in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston for rehabilitation and maintenance; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city of Quincy for improvements, preparedness and operations for ferry service at Squantum Point park; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of Sandwich for recreational improvements and maintenance of recreational areas; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Pawtucket Farm Wildlife Sanctuary in the city of Lowell for preservation, infrastructure improvements and community programming in the Pawtucketville section of the city of Lowell; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Harry McDonough Sailing Center, Inc. for programming; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Randolph for the purposes of the construction of a new tri-town water treatment plant in collaboration with the city known as the town of Braintree and the town of Holbrook; provided further, that

not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to Tree Eastie, Inc. for expanding the tree canopy in the East Boston section of the city of Boston through the planting and maintenance of trees; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city of Brockton public schools for the renovation of dilapidated tennis courts into basketball courts at the Davis elementary school park area; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Chelmsford for the maintenance of the Bruce Freeman rail trail; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the city of Brockton for baseball field improvements; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the city of Brockton for landscaping and hardscaping outside the new D.W. Field Park Welcoming Center; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of Worcester for improvements to Elm park; and provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Belmont to maintain the tree canopy”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,525,000”;

In item 7004-0099, in line 6, by inserting after the word “expenditures”, the first time it appears, the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to Revitalize Community Development Corporation to support the growth of service to more low-income individuals in need and filling a gap in serving individuals at home to prevent the need for hospitalization; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for Maverick Landing Community Services, Inc. to provide information, education and assistance on housing rights and eviction and foreclosure issues including, completing and submitting housing assistance applications for tenants and small homeowners, through a housing support station in the East Boston section of the city of Boston”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “21,785,301” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “22,025,301”;

In item 7004-0101, in line 27, by inserting after the word “situation” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to Boston GLASS programming through Justice Resource Institute Health program to reengage the community into services offered by bolstering its 3 main service areas which are the drop-in space, STI testing, and therapy; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended for Horizons for Homeless Children, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Jewish Family Services of Metrowest to develop a collaborative partnership for implementing innovative housing solutions, including the education related to and development of accessory dwelling units; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for El Buen Samaritano Food Program, Inc, in partnership with the city of Worcester’s division of emergency management, to support the creation and administration of a support center for individuals displaced by building fires”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “258,635,649” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “259,100,649”;

In item 7004-0102, in line 6, by inserting after the following: “\$25” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the United Way of Pioneer Valley on behalf of the Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness to facilitate regional coordination across Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire Counties to prevent and end homelessness with a Housing First approach that centers around racial equity”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “115,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “115,050,000”;

In item 7004-0107 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for the Friendly House, Inc. in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Quinsigamond

Village Community Center, Inc. at Greenwood park in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Housing Assistance Corporation for the development of housing and project feasibility studies to expedite the creation of year-round housing, and for technical assistance related to accessory dwelling units for year-round rentals; provided further that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. to support its mobile homeless outreach team in the cities of Everett, Malden, Medford, and Boston; provided further that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Housing Families Inc. homeless children program in Malden; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to Emmaus, Inc. to support their shelter and services to the homeless population of Haverhill; provided further, that not less than \$5,000 shall be expended to the North Attleborough Housing Authority to purchase furniture and other needs for the properties' common areas; provided, that not less than \$5,000 shall be expended to the Mansfield Housing Authority to purchase furniture and other needs for the properties' common areas; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, Inc. to support the Heal Lawrence program in providing critical emergency relocation assistance, comprehensive stabilization services, and proactive community education for families displaced by fires and other residential emergencies in the city of Lawrence; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Quincy Community Action Programs, Inc. for homelessness prevention service; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the Saving Towards Affordable and Sustainable Homeownership program administered by the Massachusetts Affordable Homeownership Alliance, Inc. to assist first-generation homebuyers in a regionally equitable manner to benefit communities throughout the commonwealth; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for a van for the Housing Corporation of Arlington"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "1,065,000";

In item 7004-9005, in line 15, by inserting after the word "authorities" the following: "; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for necessary repairs within the Norwell Housing Authority in the town of Norwell; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for necessary repairs within the Rockland Housing Authority in the town of Rockland"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "117,810,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "117,840,000";

In item 7004-9034, in line 10, by inserting after the word "appropriated" the following: "; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to Justice 4 Housing, Inc for housing, vocational and family reunification services for justice involved individuals"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "3,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "3,200,000";

In item 7004-9316, in line 17, by inserting after the word "period" the following: "; provided further, not less than \$60,000 shall be expended to Northern Bristol County Assistance Collaborative for costs associated with the construction of low to mid-income senior housing"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "210,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "210,060,000"; and

In section 2E, in item 1595-6232, in line 5, by inserting after the year: "2050" the following: "; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for entrepreneurial fellowships providing direct, multi-year funding enabling the translation of research into businesses, products, and jobs in the energy, transportation, and buildings sectors, as directed by the 2050 Clean Energy and

Climate Plan”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “10,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “11,000,000”.

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. 180 in Supplement.](#)]

Therefore the consolidated amendments (energy and environmental affairs) were adopted.

After remarks on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, at twenty-seven minutes before three o'clock P.M. (Wednesday, April 29), on motion of Miss Gregoire of Marlborough (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-seven minutes before five o'clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan in the Chair.

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

“SECTION 77. Chapter 23A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following section:

‘Section 70A. No operator shall construct, expand, or operate a data center within the Commonwealth without first providing an annual electricity usage and ratepayer impact report to the secretary of energy and environmental affairs and the secretary of administration and finance.

(a)The report shall include, but not be limited to, total electricity consumption on a monthly basis.

(b) There shall be established a special legislative commission to develop recommendations on leveraging onsite energy generation and power purchasing agreements to minimize electricity cost increases due to surges in electricity demand driven by data centers that support high performance computing and artificial intelligence, industrial growth, and transportation and building electrification. Additionally, the commission shall evaluate different types of data center cooling systems and provide recommendations on which cooling systems optimize energy efficiency while minimizing water consumption. The commission shall consist of: the chairs of the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities, and energy, who shall serve as co-chairs; 1 member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; 1 member appointed by the president of the senate; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the senate; the commissioner of public utilities or their designee; the secretary of energy and environmental affairs; and the secretary of administration and finance. The commission shall submit its report, along with any recommendations, to the clerk’s office of the house of representatives and the senate no later than 1 year after the passage of this act.”.

After remarks the amendment was rejected.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair) Mr. Boldyga of Southwick and other members of the House then moved to amend it by adding the following section:

“SECTION 77. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, for any program administered by an executive office providing means-tested benefits funded in whole or in part by the Commonwealth, eligibility shall be limited to individuals who: (i) demonstrate legal residency in the United States; and (ii) provide documentation of identity and eligibility

Executive offices administering such programs shall implement reasonable verification procedures, including periodic eligibility reviews, to ensure compliance

Consolidated amendments adopted,—yea and nay No. 180.

Recess.

with this section. Benefits shall not be provided unless eligibility has been verified in accordance with such procedures.

The Executive Office for Administration and Finance shall promulgate guidance necessary to implement this section, including uniform standards for eligibility verification across agencies.”.

The amendment was rejected.

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

“SECTION 77. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, the collection of any public benefit charge, public policy charge, or other similar surcharge assessed on retail electricity or natural gas customers in the commonwealth for the purpose of funding energy efficiency programs, renewable energy programs, or other policy-driven initiatives shall be suspended effective immediately upon the effective date of this bill and shall remain suspended unless and until further action by the general court.

For purposes of this section, ‘public benefit charge,’ ‘public policy charge,’ or similar surcharge shall include, but not be limited to, charges authorized pursuant to sections 19 and 21 of chapter 25 of the General Laws and any other charge approved by the Department of Public Utilities for the purpose of supporting energy or environmental policy programs.

The Department of Public Utilities shall take all necessary actions to ensure compliance with this section by electric and gas distribution companies, including the immediate cessation of the assessment and collection of such charges on customer bills.”.

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 the same member; and on the roll call 25 members voted in the affirmative and 133 in the negative.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 181](#) 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. Section 5A of chapter 71B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (c) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:

(c) Instructional and transportation costs eligible for reimbursement under the program shall be reported by a school district to the department in a form and manner as prescribed by the commissioner. For each such school district, the department shall review the report and approve those per pupil instructional and transportation costs that are eligible for reimbursement pursuant to the program not less than 30 days after the date of submission. Based upon the approved costs, the department shall calculate the reimbursement due to a municipality. The costs of programs shall be reimbursed at 75 per cent of all the instructional and transportation costs that exceed either the approved costs threshold or the statewide average per pupil expenditure as determined by the department; whichever dollar amount is lower.”.

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 the same member; and on the roll call 25 members voted in the affirmative and 133 in the negative.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 182](#) in Supplement.]**

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair,—

Amendment  
rejected,—  
yea and nay  
No. 181.

Amendment  
rejected,—  
yea and nay  
No. 182.

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

“SECTION 77. Section 5A of chapter 71B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (c) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:

(c) The commonwealth shall reimburse cities, towns and regional school districts for 80 per cent of the costs of providing special education services to any student that exceeds the average per pupil expenditure in the district, as determined by the department of elementary and secondary education; provided, that each city, town or regional school district shall be responsible for the average cost per pupil for each such student.”

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 the same member; and on the roll call 25 members voted in the affirmative and 133 in the negative.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 183](#) 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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, section 16C of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 official edition, is hereby amended by striking the words, ‘subject to appropriation’, each time they appear.”

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 24 members voted in the affirmative and 134 in the negative.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 184](#) in Supplement.]**

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mrs. Sullivan-Almeida of Abington 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: “1,466,420,471”.

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 the same member; and on the roll call 25 members voted in the affirmative and 133 in the negative.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 185](#) in Supplement.]**

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Representatives Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

“SECTION 77. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the comptroller shall, during fiscal year 2027 but prior to the calculation of the fiscal year 2027 consolidated net surplus in accordance with Section 5C of Chapter 29 of the Massachusetts General Laws, transfer not less than twenty-five per cent of funds received in excess of the consensus revenue estimate, pursuant to Section 5B of said Chapter 29, to item 1233-2350 of section 2, not to exceed \$25,000,000.”

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 27 members voted in the affirmative and 131 in the negative.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 186](#) in Supplement.]**

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Representative Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

Amendment rejected,—  
yea and nay  
No. 183.

Amendment rejected,—  
yea and nay  
No. 184.

Amendment rejected,—  
yea and nay  
No. 185.

Amendment rejected,—  
yea and nay  
No. 186.

“SECTION 77. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the comptroller shall, during fiscal year 2027, but prior to the calculation of the fiscal year 2027 consolidated net surplus in accordance with Section 5C of Chapter 29 of the Massachusetts General Laws, transfer up to \$25,000,000 of appropriations which would otherwise revert to the General Fund on June 30, 2027, to item 1233-2350 of section 2.”

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. Vieira of Falmouth; and on the roll call 28 members voted in the affirmative and 130 in the negative.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 187](#) in Supplement.]**

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Lombardo of Billerica and other members of the House move to amend the bill by adding the following six sections:

“SECTION 77. Chapter 18 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 1 the following section:

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

‘Department’, the department of transitional assistance.

‘EBT’, electronic benefit transfer system used for the delivery of public assistance benefits.

‘Improper payment’, any payment that should not have been made or that was made in an incorrect amount, including overpayments, payments to ineligible recipients, or payments resulting from fraud or administrative error.

‘Fraud’, an intentional act of deception made for the purpose of receiving unauthorized public assistance benefits.

SECTION 78. Said chapter 18 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 33 the following section:

Section 34. EBT Fraud Prevention and Modernization.

(a) The department shall implement enhanced fraud prevention measures within the electronic benefit transfer system, including but not limited to:

(i) issuance of EBT cards equipped with chip-enabled security technology;

(ii) inclusion of a photograph of the authorized recipient on the face of each EBT card issued by the department;

(iii) utilization of real-time transaction monitoring systems capable of identifying suspicious or anomalous activity patterns;

(iv) the ability to temporarily suspend transactions upon detection of suspected fraudulent activity, consistent with federal law;

(v) use of transaction-pattern analysis, including geolocation indicators where permissible under federal law, to identify unusual or high-risk usage.

(b) The department shall promulgate regulations to prevent bulk or high-frequency out-of-state transactions inconsistent with normal recipient use.

(c) The department shall ensure that:

(i) the photograph requirement shall not restrict the ability of authorized household members or designated representatives to utilize benefits in accordance with federal law;

(ii) clear guidance is provided to retailers that benefits may be used by any authorized household member regardless of whether such individual’s photograph appears on the card;

(iii) procedures are established to accommodate individuals unable to be photographed due to disability, religious objection, or other good cause;

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rejected,—  
yea and nay  
No. 187.

(iv) implementation complies with all applicable federal laws and regulations governing the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

(d) All measures implemented pursuant to this section shall comply with applicable federal law and protect recipient privacy.

SECTION 79. Said chapter 18 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 34 the following section:

Section 35. Interstate Eligibility Verification.

(a) The department shall participate in an interstate data matching system for the purpose of preventing duplicate enrollment in public assistance programs across multiple states.

(b) Such system shall:

(i) identify individuals receiving benefits in more than one state;

(ii) flag duplicate or conflicting eligibility records;

(iii) provide timely alerts to the department for further review.

(c) Upon identification of a potential duplicate enrollment, the department shall:

(i) initiate a review within 30 days;

(ii) take appropriate action consistent with federal law, including suspension of benefits where fraud is reasonably suspected;

(iii) coordinate with other states to resolve eligibility conflicts.

(d) The department may enter into agreements or compacts with other states or federal agencies to carry out the purposes of this section.

SECTION 80. Chapter 11 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 12P the following section:

Section 12Q. Public Assistance Program Audits.

(a) The state auditor shall conduct an annual audit of the following programs:

(i) supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP);

(ii) transitional aid to families with dependent children (TAFDC);

(iii) emergency housing assistance programs;

(iv) any other program administered by the department of transitional assistance as determined by the auditor.

(b) Each audit shall include:

(i) measurement of improper payment rates;

(ii) evaluation of eligibility verification procedures;

(iii) identification of fraud vulnerabilities;

(iv) recommendations for corrective action.

(c) The auditor shall submit a report of findings to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means, and shall make such report publicly available on the auditor's website not later than December 31 of each year.

SECTION 81. Said chapter 18 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 35 the following section:

Section 36. Public Assistance Transparency Reporting.

(a) The department shall establish and maintain a publicly accessible online dashboard reporting program integrity metrics, updated not less than quarterly.

(b) The dashboard shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) improper payment rates;

(ii) number of fraud investigations initiated and completed;

(iii) amount of funds recovered from improper payments;

(iv) administrative error rates;

(v) program enrollment totals.

(c) All data shall be aggregated and anonymized to protect personally identifiable information.

SECTION 82. The department of transitional assistance shall promulgate regulations necessary to implement sections 34, 35 and 36 of chapter 18 not later than 6 months after the effective date of this act.”

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 the same member; and on the roll call 25 members voted in the affirmative and 133 in the negative.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 188](#) in Supplement.]**

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 four sections:

“SECTION 77. Subsection B of section 2 of chapter 18 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following clause:

(t) verify that an applicant for benefits through any transitional assistance financial assistance program administered by the department is a United States citizens or lawfully present alien prior to providing any benefits. The department shall register for the systematic alien verification for entitlements program established by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and shall use said program to verify an applicant’s eligibility pursuant to this clause.

SECTION 78. Section 3 of chapter 23B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:

(w) verify that an applicant for benefits through any housing program for low and moderate income families administered by the department is a United States citizens or lawfully present alien prior to providing any benefits. The department shall register for the systematic alien verification for entitlements program established by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and shall use said program to verify an applicant’s eligibility pursuant to this paragraph.

SECTION 79. Section 2 of chapter 111I of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:

The department of public health shall verify that an applicant for benefits through the WIC program is a United States citizens or lawfully present alien prior to providing any benefits. The department shall register for the systematic alien verification for entitlements program established by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and shall use said program to verify a beneficiary’s eligibility pursuant to this paragraph.

SECTION 80. Section 9A of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:

(17) The division shall verify that a beneficiary is a United States citizens or lawfully present alien prior to providing any medical benefits through MassHealth. The division shall register for the systematic alien verification for entitlements program established by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and shall use said program to verify a beneficiary’s eligibility pursuant to this paragraph.”

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 the same member; and on the roll call 25 members voted in the affirmative and 133 in the negative.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 189](#) 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

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rejected,—  
yea and nay  
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rejected,—  
yea and nay  
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the bill in section 2, in item 0340-0100, by striking out the words “design, set-up, and operation of a pre-arraignment diversionary session” and inserting in place thereof the words “design and operation of a pre-arraignment diversion program and a diversion session”;

(labor and economic development).

In item 1410-0012, in line 11, by inserting after the word “Program” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Veterans Inc. to expand its behavioral health programming and create low-barrier access to treatment for persons at the Worcester housing programs, and that these funds shall be in addition to funds available for its outreach center”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “10,527,339” (inserted by amendment) and inserting in place thereof the figures: “10,627,339”;

In item 1790-0100 by striking out 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” (inserted by amendment); and in line 19, by inserting after the word “expenditures” 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”;

In item 2810-0122, in line 2, by inserting after the word “area” the following: “; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Fore River Trail in the city known as the town of Weymouth; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Friends of Faxon Park in the city of Quincy”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “1,525,000”(inserted by amendment) and inserting in place there of the figures: “1,625,000”;

In item 2330-0100 by adding the words “and hydrodynamic modeling of coastal waters to accurately assess delineation of shellfish growing area classifications and other applications to improve management of marine fisheries resources, and whelk fishery research to evaluate alternative management strategies”;

In item 4512-0200, in line 69, by inserting after the word “payer” the following: “; provided further that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended to the city of Lynn for the Lynn police department’s behavioral health unit”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “184,670,689” (inserted by amendment) and inserting in place thereof the figures: “184,705,689”;

In item 4800-0038, in line 17, inserting after the word “children” the words: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Rise Above Foundation, Inc. for additional programming for additional youth”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “343,281,153” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “343,331,153”;

In item 5046-0000 by striking out the figures: “25,000” (inserted by amendment) and inserting in place thereof the figures: “50,000”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “679,701,424” (inserted by amendment) and inserting in place thereof the figures: “679,726,424”;

In item 7003-0100 by adding the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Leduc Center at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth for transportation costs related to the America Reads/Counts program; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Urban League of Eastern of Massachusetts for workforce development programming; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to support staffing at African Cultural Services Inc in the city of Waltham; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Year Up, Inc. to implement workforce development

programs that provide job opportunities for young adults; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to for a grant program at St. Mary’s Center for Women and Children, Inc. in the Dorchester neighborhood of the city of Boston for workforce development and educational programming for women”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “2,352,440” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “2,852,440”;

In item 7003-0150, in line 14, by inserting after the word “Training” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Liberal Arts for Returning Citizens Project at Clark University to support its programs and operations”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “2,450,250” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “2,500,250”;

In item 7002-0012, in line 9, by inserting after the word “Corporation” the following: “; provided, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Allston-Brighton Community Development Corporation to continue their youth development grant program supporting local youth-based organizations in the Allston-Brighton neighborhood of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of Malden for the Mayor’s Youth Employment Program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to The Essex National Heritage for the Future Leaders program to employ underserved youth in Essex County; and provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to LEAP for Education for the New Era Fund program and operations to expand paid internships, career readiness experiences, industry-aligned opportunities, training systems and coordinated youth support across Salem and Lynn, while strengthening alignment with MyCAP and other school-based career readiness efforts; and in said item by striking out the figures: “17,365,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “17,565,000”;

In item 7002-0010, in line 6, by inserting after the word “agreements” the words: “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations, Inc., to offer organizational capacity building, staff training, technical assistance and other supports to certified community development corporations and other community development non-profits; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for LEADS, Inc. to support leadership development; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for MassChallenge, Inc. to provide support for entrepreneurial programs; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for East Somerville Main Streets in the city of Somerville; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Asian American Women’s Political Initiative for programming needs; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Beacon Communities Charitable Fund, Inc. for the Tierney Learning Center; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the Historic New England to support its Welcome Center, programs, and exhibits; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Pal Pueblo, Inc. community organization; and provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to develop an industrial lands analysis for the region to help guide future land use decisions, infrastructure investments and regional economic development strategies”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “5,383,815” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “6,708,815”;

In item 7002-0025, in line 5, by inserting after the word “MASSCAP” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Community Action Pioneer Valley; and provided further, that not less than \$45,000

shall be expended to the Berkshire Community Action Council, Inc.”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “5,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “5,095,000”;

In item 7002-0040, in line 9, by inserting after the word “employees” the words: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to ACT Lawrence Inc. to empower residents with a range of community development initiatives and activities such as affordable housing, foreclosure prevention, first-time homebuyer education, family financial literacy and business and youth development”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “5,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “5,100,000”;

In item 7006-0142, in line 18, by inserting after the word “inspections” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for a reimbursement program to be managed by the division of occupational licensure, which shall provide for the costs associated with the testing for the presence of pyrrhotite”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “20,560,756” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “20,610,756”;

In item 7007-0300 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Center for Employee Ownership for the purpose of contracting for services and other operational costs that further the mission of the center”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “1,542,715” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,567,715”;

In item 7007-0952, in line 13, by inserting after the year: “1996” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Lupa Zoo in Ludlow to support marketing and outreach efforts that expand access to its conservation and educational programming”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “5,750,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “6,675,000”

By striking out item 7008-0900 and inserting in place thereof the following item:

“7008-0900 For the operation and administration of the office of travel and tourism; provided, that the office shall be the commonwealth’s official and lead agency to facilitate and attract: (i) major sports events and championships; and (ii) motion picture production and development; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for a matching grant program to the Enrichment Center located in Dorchester neighborhood of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for No Books No Ball; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Friends of Reggie Wong Park, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Museum of African American History, Incorporated; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Lena Park Community Center; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Dorchester Elite Eagles; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Lady Raiders; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, Inc., for the replacement of HVAC parts and 2 elevator pump systems; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Milford Highway Department for increased public access improvements to the Upper Charles recreational trail; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for the

DeFillipo Playground in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Milford Legion Baseball Club Inc., for increased public awareness, outreach and education; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the 60th Head of the Charles Regatta to cover costs associated with public safety; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Waltham Tourism Council, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Boston Asian: Youth Essential Service, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Beverly Main Streets; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the International Volleyball Hall of Fame, Inc. to expand international tourism; provided further, that not less than \$375,000 shall be expended to the Commonwealth Shakespeare Company, Inc. for the purpose of free programming on the Boston Common; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the New American Association of Massachusetts, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the West End Museum, Incorporated to support growing capacity and to promote awareness of the West End and Boston's central role in shaping modern urban planning; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended to the Friends of Quabbin, Inc. to support their marketing and operations for their annual Quabbin Days event; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for the Bay State Games; provided further, that not less than \$175,000 shall be expended for the moving ahead program at the St. Francis House in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Boch Center's Folk Americana Roots Hall of Fame (FARHOF) located in the city of Boston to support the Hall of Fame's educational mission as well as local economic development through programming and performances at the FARHOF; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Fenway Community Center, in the Fenway neighborhood of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$1,300,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston for the HBCU Kickoff Classic Weekend at Harvard University, including but not limited to providing career fairs and mentorship opportunities for students; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Quincy Asian Resources, Inc. in the city of Quincy; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Germantown Neighborhood Center in the city of Quincy; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended to North End Youth Organization Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$175,000 shall be expended to the Boston Children's Museum for waterfront climate resilience planning and related improvements, including flood mitigation and the protection of facilities along the Fort Point Channel; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc. in the city of Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$10,000

shall be expended to the Dennis Chamber of Commerce, Inc. for marketing initiatives for small businesses in the town of Dennis; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Chinatown Business Association Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the Brewster Chamber of Commerce, Inc. for marketing initiatives for small businesses in the town of Brewster; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce, Inc. for marketing initiatives for small businesses in the town of Yarmouth; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Boston LGBTQIA+ Museum for an artist support program; and provided further, that not later than March 5, 2027 the office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (A) an overview of the tourism industry in the commonwealth; (B) the economic impact of domestic and international travelers to the commonwealth; (C) a breakdown of the regional tourism council grant allocations; and (D) initiatives undertaken to promote travel and tourism in the commonwealth.....\$4,549,000  
 General Fund.....71.42%  
 Sports and Entertainment Fund .....28.58%”;

In item 7008-1116 by adding the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to Oxford public schools for transportation needs; provided further than not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the town of Douglas for IT system improvements; provided further, that not less than \$12,500 shall be expended to the Westborough public library to purchase a book bike; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Wilbraham for the purchase of materials and installation of permanent bleachers at the Wilbraham Athletic Facility; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Monson to provide camera coverage with access control and camera with multi-lens, pan/tilt/zoom camera, switch, and boom lift for the back parking area of town offices/police station and the Veterans Field; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Wilbraham Nature and Cultural Council for tourism, marketing and advertising purposes; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Springfield Symphony Orchestra, Inc. for creating new, diverse concert performances and targeting special events for youth education and performance opportunities that are vital to revitalize the performing arts in Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to Wharf District Council, Inc., for climate resiliency planning; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Carlisle for capital improvements and renovations to the Gleason public library; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Concord for improvements and upgrades to the playground at the Alcott elementary school; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of Rutland for support of the engineering and design services necessary to advance the rehabilitation of the Rutland community pool; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the city of Framingham to establish a small business university to provide entrepreneurs with specialized guidance and support to improve equity and economic development; provided further, that not less than \$85,000 shall

be expended to NEADS, Inc. Service Dogs for Veterans program; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the city of Lowell for improvements and upgrades to the Bailey school playground; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Quaboag regional school district academy; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Ashland for pedestrian accessibility improvements; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of Framingham for pedestrian accessibility improvements; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to ABCD North End; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Lynn Veterans Council to organize the North Shore Veterans and First Responders Parade; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the city of Fall River for improvements to Abbott Court playground park; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Bellingham senior center for parking lot improvements; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Blackstone-Millville-regional school district for security system and safety upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Uxbridge for planning of the town's 300th Anniversary; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to Millville elementary school for a generator replacement; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Pembroke for the planning of the re-use of the former police station building; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Kingston for the restoration of the Historic Reed Building; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for Responsible Urbanites For Fido, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Plympton for infrastructure improvements at the town complex; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Danvers for the replacement of the ceiling at the Peabody Institute library of Danvers; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Neponset River Regional Chamber of Commerce to support the creation of a business incubator to assist in the development and growth of new regional businesses; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Everett Haitian Community Center to support youth enrichment; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the city of Chelsea's Resiliency Fund; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce for programming initiatives; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to GreenRoots, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to La Colaborativa, Inc. to support economic development; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Bay Village Neighborhood Association, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the New Bedford Festival Theatre, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to AHA! Art, History & Architecture in the city of New Bedford; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Frederick Douglass House in the city of New Bedford; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Cape Verdean Association of New Bedford; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center in city of New Bedford for production programming; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to Bay State Performing Arts, Inc. in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the city of Revere for a child safety program; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Revere Chamber of Commerce, Inc.;

provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the city of Revere's senior home improvement fund; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the city of Revere McMackin field for infrastructure improvements; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Hingham to support Revolution 250 celebrations; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Hull to support Revolution 250 celebrations; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Cohasset Community Assistance Fund to build capacity and expand its direct financial assistance program; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the city of Lynn for the maintenance of Goldfish Pond; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to Riverwalk Arts, Inc. for improvements along the ten-mile river walkway; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción, Inc. (IBA Boston) to address critical technology and programmatic capacity gaps necessary to fully operationalize IBA – La CASA, and sustain core high-quality educational and youth development opportunities; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Soccer Unity Project Inc. for increasing play for girls and youth with disabilities, as well as providing programming for their three new locations in low-income areas; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the Community Music Center of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Cape Verdean Association of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Boston Food Access Council; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Waltham Chamber of Commerce for staffing; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Southbridge for veterans' monuments; provided further, that not less than \$175,000 shall be expended for Boston Chinatown Post 328 Association; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the town of New Braintree for New Braintree 250th Anniversary Celebration; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to ABCD for the operation, administration and programming of the West End Neighborhood Center; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the town of Swansea for the redesign, study, permitting, and engineering of the intersection at Gardners Neck Road at route 103 and New Gardners Neck road; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Boston Landmarks Orchestra, Inc. for the purpose of providing free public concerts in Boston; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Great Barrington for upgrades to the assessors software; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Burlington to enhance and modernize interior and exterior signage across the town campus to improve navigation, accessibility, and compliance with current ADA and safety standards; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city of Beverly for maintenance, repairs, and improvements to the Beverly council on aging/senior center building; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Age Strong commission in the city of Boston for senior programming in the North End, Chinatown, Downtown and Bay Village neighborhoods of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Merrimac to refurbish a basketball court floor; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Fitchburg Public Market for the capital maintenance costs of the food hub services; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to Latinos for Education, Inc; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the North Quabbin Chamber of Commerce, Inc; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the historic Chevalier Theatre in Medford;

provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for a project celebrating Fiestas Patronales to its fiscal agent Nueva Esperanza, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Hamilton for a backup generator for the historic town hall to ensure continuity of operations during winter storms; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Asian Community Development Corporation for the purposes of expanding their retirement matched savings program for low-income Asian elders; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Jones library in the town of Amherst to support the construction of a gender inclusive ADA compliant restroom; provided further, that not less than \$9,000 shall be expended to the Puerto Rican Art Comic Conference to its fiscal agent, the Holyoke public library; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of North Reading for flooring maintenance at the Flint Memorial library in the town of North Reading; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Bridgewater for roadway and public safety improvements in Central square; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Benevento Little League fields in the town of North Reading; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Lynnfield middle school auditorium for lighting and sound repairs, replacement and upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Lynnfield for playground upgrades at Newhall park; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Boston Village for the purpose of improving their capacity to expand technological improvements and the provision of programming services for older adults; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Coconut Grove Memorial Committee in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Raynham to continue building a gravel parking lot and canoe launch on the Taunton river off South street west in Raynham; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Three Saints, Inc. in the city of Lawrence to support community services and promote Italian heritage; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce to support business development, networking, and economic opportunity initiatives in the Merrimack Valley; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Middleton Council on Aging for the purchase of an ADA compliant van; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the development a new Easthampton skate park; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Age Strong commission in the city of Boston for senior programming in the South End neighborhood in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center for the purposes of arts and cultural programming at the Pao Arts Center; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Age Strong commission in the city of Boston for senior programming in the Dorchester and Roxbury neighborhoods in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to the New Commonwealth Fund to assist in their work of expanding grant opportunities for Black and Brown-led nonprofits across the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Springfield Black Chambers community outreach; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the Harambee Festival; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Caribbean Festival; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the historic West Medford Community Center; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Stoughton Community Center for exterior work; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Paul Revere

Heritage Site in the town of Canton; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Stone Soul, Inc. Festival; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Martin Luther King Jr. Family Services, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Springfield Partners for Community Action, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$175,000 shall be expended to the Western Massachusetts Sports Commission; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Agawam for a feasibility study of a new and modernized recreational center at Perry Lane park; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Haymarket Pushcart Association; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of West Springfield for infrastructure improvement projects to Mittineague park; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Brookline Interactive Group to support cablecasting and streaming of Brookline town meetings, hearings and committees to catalyze and maintain vital civic engagement; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Brookline Teen Center, Inc. for facility upgrades consistent with the YMCA of Greater Boston merger; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to The Urban League of Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Haverhill, Inc. for the capital campaign project for the construction of a new state of the art facility in the city of Haverhill; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Whittier Birthplace in Haverhill; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Haverhill Downtown Boxing Club; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to Build Boston LLC for entrepreneurship programming at the Gateway Academy in Haverhill; provided further, that not less than \$70,000 shall be expended to the town of Westborough for conducting a study of the Route 9 corridor and abutting lands for various purposes; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the North End/Waterfront Resilience Alliance for Climate Resiliency planning; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the town of Northborough for sidewalk and roadway projects; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the city of Haverhill for the purchase of street lighting and pedestrian safety measures; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Belchertown Animal Control to replace its current vehicle and acquire modern animal transport equipment; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to St. Vincent de Paul Diaper Bank; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to Sarah's Place Adult Day Health Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended to the Westmass Area Development Corporation to offset and pay any and all costs incurred and related to, but not limited to, operational costs and expenses involved with the revitalization of the Ludlow Mills Industrial Complex; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the town of Hopkinton for energy-efficiency renovations and upgrades at Hopkinton senior center; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Millis for the continued renovation of the original town offices and the revitalization of unused spaces; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to Springfield Black Tennis program; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the renovation of laboratory space and equipment upgrades to support the life and health science programs at American International College; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Rites of Passage & Empowerment, Inc. in the city of Pittsfield to fund supportive programming for young women of color in Berkshire county; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to

Berkshire Black Economic Council Inc. for technical support to Black-owned businesses in the city of Pittsfield; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Franklin Downtown Partnership, Inc. to promote economic development in the town of Franklin; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Acton for the design, construction and installation of building improvements at the West Acton Citizens' library, including but not limited to building accessible shelving units for the storage of all library books, and other related expenses; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the city of Attleboro for rehabilitation, redesign, renovation and other costs associated with the otter exhibit at the Capron Park zoo; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Dedham Greenspace Coalition, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Gardner Community Action Committee, Inc. to support capital improvements and operations; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended to North End Athletic Association, Inc. in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the Planning Office for Urban Affairs, Inc. for capital improvements for the affordable and workforce housing units at The Hayes at Railroad Square development in downtown Haverhill; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Families First to support their free, multilingual parenting education programs across Massachusetts, partnering with childcare centers, schools and community sites to reach families with young children in the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Age Strong Commission in the city of Boston for senior programming in the Jamaica Plain and Roxbury neighborhoods in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Bunker Hill Day Parade Committee, in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston, for promoting tourism, production and promotional expenditures; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Cape Cod Cape Verdean Museum and Cultural Center, Inc. in the town of Falmouth for programs and meeting space expansion; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to the Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Cape Cod Children's Museum in the town of Mashpee for upgrades to the fire alarm and prevention systems and required ADA accessibility upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the North End Historical Society, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Old Colony YMCA, Plymouth Branch, for Camp Clark, in recognition of its 100th anniversary, for the purchase, replacement and installation of new docks on Hyles pond in Plymouth; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Project D.E.E.P Assoc., Inc; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the Lawrence recreation department for the procurement of a vehicle to support the department's efforts to provide summertime support to the at-risk youth of the city; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Barnstable public schools for maintenance and improvements to school playgrounds and play spaces; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to North Shore Latino Business Association, Inc. to support small business development, technical assistance and entrepreneurial growth initiatives for minority and immigrant-owned businesses in Lynn and across the North Shore; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Sharon for roadway and pedestrian safety improvements at the Sharon public library; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Stoughton for planning and implementation

of Stoughton's 300th Anniversary Celebration; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Walpole for sidewalk paving and maintenance equipment; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Paws & Pets & Prayers Rescue Inc. in the city of Revere for operations costs; provided further, that not less than \$700,000 shall be expended for the 7UICE Foundation, Inc. to bridge opportunity gaps and empower youth in underserved communities through education and innovation; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to South End Baseball; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Age Strong Commission in the city of Boston for senior programming in the Dorchester neighborhood in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the Association of Haitian Women, Inc. in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Haitian Community Partners in the city of Brockton for staffing and other purposes; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation, Inc. for the maintenance and upkeep of the Massachusetts law enforcement memorial; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Carver for the purchase of a veteran's shuttle bus; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to Revolutionary Spaces, Inc. to address deferred maintenance and make improvements necessary for the operation of the Old State House and Old South Meeting House in Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Age Strong Commission in the city of Boston for senior programming in the West End, Back Bay, Fenway and Beacon Hill neighborhoods in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to the First Night Boston Inc. for operations in Boston; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Friends of the Public Garden, Inc. to activate the Brewer Plaza area in the Boston common in Boston to enhance public safety and quality of life for residents; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the city of Fall River for infrastructure upgrades to Lafayette park; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the Day of Portugal Fall River Inc; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to Community Connections in the city of Fall River for young adult day programming; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the Fall River Arts and Culture Coalition; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to Massachusetts Alliance for Economic Development, Inc. for technical assistance to the region and municipalities of the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Cheshire for improvements to Cheshire lake; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Needham for the contracting of an economic development consultant; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Asian Business Empowerment Council in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the St. Francis House in the city of Boston for renovations, repairs and ongoing maintenance of the day shelter; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to OCA-APAA-NE, INC.; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Newton Suzuki School of Music, to improve ADA compliance and add educational and community space as part of a larger restoration of a 1750 farmhouse housing a full-day music and arts pre-school serving the greater Newton community and families throughout eastern Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Menino Arts Center, an arts organization located in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the

purposes of the operation of the programs of Riverside Theatre Works, Inc. located in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to LGBTQ Senior Housing Inc. to facilitate access to welcoming, safe and affordable housing for low-income LGBTQ seniors through development of affordable housing, inclusive housing services and programming that addresses the needs of LGBTQ seniors, and to support and preserve open space to serve seniors in Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Pond Plain Improvement Association in the city known as the town of Weymouth; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Boston's Forgotten Felines, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Pepperell for the replacement of carpeting at the Lawrence library; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Townsend for roof repairs at the Townsend library; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the Hampshire regional school district for technology, curricular materials, resources, consumables and professional development; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the replacement or repair of the damaged floating dock at the state boat ramp located in Westport; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the city of Fall River for the purchase of upgrades to Desmarias park for the support and promotion of outdoor activities; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the East Springfield Neighborhood Council, Inc. in Springfield for neighborhood beautification and community engagement; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Addiction Treatment Center of New England, Inc. for the expansion of the three-quarter step unit program; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Indian Orchard Citizens Council, Inc. in Springfield for neighborhood beautification and community engagement; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Pine Point Community Council, Inc. in Springfield for neighborhood beautification and community engagement; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the 16 Acres Civic Association in Springfield for neighborhood beautification and community engagement; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Springfield Community Resources, Inc; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Idlewell Educational Improvement Association Inc. in the city known as the town of Weymouth; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Millbury for the improvements and upgrades of Asa Waters Historical Mansion; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Millbury public schools for new chromebooks in the town of Millbury; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Ella Fleming building in the town of Tewksbury for the repair, rehabilitation or other supporting work; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Human Relations Service, Inc. in the town of Wellesley to address the mental and behavioral health needs of families and children; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Burlington for town campus and public space improvements; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Sterling for rehabilitation and improvement work at the 1835 Town Hall; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Lancaster for the replacement and upgrade of the HVAC system at the Thayer Memorial library, including related improvements to support the long-term maintenance and operation of the facility; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the Penn's Hill Neighborhood Association, Inc. in the city of Quincy; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of

Clinton for downtown beautification, including the purchase of furnishings, related improvements and the installation of drinking water fountains in Depot square and Central park; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Berlin for the purchase of advanced life support equipment for its ambulances, including cardiac monitoring, ventilation, ultrasound and infusion pump equipment; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to The Tech Foundry to expand workforce development and digital literacy programming in Western Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Friends of Herter Park, Inc. for the maintenance of the outdoor theater in Artesani park with approval from the department of conservation and recreation; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Age Strong Commission in the city of Boston for senior programming in the South Boston neighborhood in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Boston Music Project, Inc. to provide educational instruction and social-emotional learning practices in the South Boston section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Milton for purposes of dugout improvements at Andrews park; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the restoration of the Edward F. Searles estate in the city of Methuen; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce to support local businesses and promote the local economy in the Merrimack Valley; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Creative Haverhill, Incorporated in support of their new location in the city of Haverhill; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city of Quincy for the Quincy high school baseball field practice facilities; provided further, that not less than \$640,000 shall be expended to the Adams Presidential Center in the city of Quincy; provided further that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to Debbie's Treasure Chest, Inc. to continue their ongoing support of local communities; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Irish Cultural Centre, Inc. for the restoration and improvements of the Cultural Centre in the town of Canton; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Roslindale Village Main Street, Inc. to further support economic and community development opportunities in its business district; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to Mutual Aid Eastie to facilitate mutual aid programming in the East Boston section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to Neighbors United for a Better East Boston to facilitate their work in civic engagement and community programming; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the Center for Cooperative Development and Solidarity, Inc. in the East Boston section of the city of Boston to facilitate their work in the community including, but not limited to, the acquisition of a permanent organization space; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the Indian Lake Community Association, Inc.'s Community Teaching Garden Literacy project located at 149 West Boylston drive in the city of Worcester to improve infrastructure, programing and design work including, but not limited to expanding Americans with Disabilities Act compliant accessibility for all visitors; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Americans with Disabilities Act compliant pedestrian access improvements to Woodland park and the surrounding greater neighborhoods in the town of West Boylston; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Latino Economic Development Corporation, Inc. for start-up and existing small businesses in the downtown section of the city of Springfield with directed mini-grants to be used for marketing and direct operational support; provided

further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Hispanic-American Library, Inc. in the city of Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts, Inc. in the city of Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Dress for Success of Western Massachusetts, Inc. in the city of Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to The Spirit of Springfield, Inc. to produce events that provide a sense of community, civic pride and opportunities for celebration; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the New North Citizens Council, Inc. in the city of Springfield for the Latino Health Salsa in the Parks Family Summertime Intervention; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Greater Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. for the Latino marketing initiative; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the Developspringfield Corporation to offset and pay any and all costs incurred and related to, but not limited to, operational costs and expenses involved with the management and revitalization of the Springfield Innovation Center on Bridge street in the city of Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Blues to Green, Inc. for the operation of the Springfield Jazz & Roots festival; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to East Boston Main Streets to support their operations and efforts to revitalize signage in neighborhood business corridors; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Mansfield to study and create a targeted economic development strategy that will help modernize industrial areas, improve infrastructure readiness and position the town for future economic growth; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of West Boylston for a landfill monitoring program to prevent the contamination of groundwater; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the Starboard Institute, Inc. for the development of the Golden Thread project highlighting history and culture in the East Boston section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Age Strong Commission in the city of Boston for senior programming in the East Boston neighborhood in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Garrison-Trotter Neighborhood Association, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Charles River Watershed Association to engage with Allston-Brighton residents in understanding and reviewing the climate resilience implications of planned development in the Allston-Brighton sections of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to the New England Aquarium Corporation for their operations in the cities of Boston and Quincy; provided further, that not less than \$175,000 shall be expended to the Woburn Golf and Ski Authority in the city of Woburn for capital improvements; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Friends of the Robbins Town Gardens, Inc. in the town of Arlington; provided further, that not less than \$45,000 shall be expended to the Arlington Historical Society; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Tewksbury for water infrastructure repairs and improvements; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the city of Waltham for downtown revitalization as well as public safety infrastructure improvements along Moody street and in the south side of the city; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Andover to support public art; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Boxford for the purchase of a department of public works dump truck; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for the Let's Row Boston program administered by Community

Rowing, Inc. in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to Easton Wings of Hope for youth substance use prevention; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Arc of Greater Brockton for building improvements; provided further, that not less than \$45,000 shall be expended to the town of North Andover for security cameras at major intersections; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Nonantum Neighborhood Association in the city of Newton; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to St. Mary of Carmen Society in the Nonantum section of the city of Newton to support families and individuals in need; and provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended to the Armenian Cultural Association of America, Inc. Watertown Education project in the city of Watertown”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “18,711,500”;

In item 7066-0019, in line 3, by inserting after the word “public” the word “ , municipal”;

In item 7035-0006 by striking out the figures: “57,162,494” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “57,162,492”;

In item 8324-0050 by adding the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$55,000 shall be expended to the city of Quincy for a hazardous materials emergency response program”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “1,916,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,971,000”; and

By inserting after section 47 the following section:

“SECTION 47A. Item 1599-6063 of section 2 of chapter 268 of the acts of 2022 is hereby amended by striking out the words ‘that not less than \$388,000 shall be expended for the design and installation of heating pumps for the public library in the town of Hudson,’ and inserting in place thereof the words: ‘that not less than \$388,000 shall be expended for the design and installation of heating pumps, or for the purpose of roof repairs and general structural improvements for the public library in the town of Hudson’.”.

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

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 190](#) in Supplement.]**

Therefore the consolidated amendments (labor and economic development) were adopted.

The Speaker having taken the Chair,—

After remarks 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 149 members voted in the affirmative and 9 in the negative.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 191](#) in Supplement.]**

Therefore the bill (House, No. 5501, published as amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Order.*

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

*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. 190.

Bill passed to be engrossed,—  
yea and nay  
No. 191.

Next sitting.

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At ten minutes after seven o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.