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Thursday, June 6, 2024.

Met at twenty-two minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair).

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), members, guests and staff, then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Distinguished Guest.

There being no objection, during consideration of the Orders of the Day, the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Mr. Timilty for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Timilty then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Stoughton, Matthew Colantonio. The Senate welcomed him with applause and he withdrew from the Chamber.

Matthew Colantonio.

Communication.

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plan of correction for MCI Norfolk dated May 23, 2024 (received June 3, 2024),-- was placed on file.

DPH,-- plan of correction. SD3268

Reports.

The following reports were severally received and placed on file, to wit:

Report of the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds (pursuant to Section 2KKK(a) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for the expenditure from the County Registers Technological Fund (copies having been forwarded as required to the Senate committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight) (received June 3, 2024);

Barnstable ROD,-- tech fund report. SD3267

Report of the Supplier Diversity Office (pursuant to Section 61(l) of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2023 comprehensive annual report (received June 3, 2024);

SDO,-- annual report. SD3269

Report of the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 12(c) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 (received June 4, 2024);

CTR,-- FY23 ACFR. SD3272

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Sections 5, 20 and 21 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspection of the Suffolk County House of Corrections (received June 4, 2024);

DPH,-- facility inspection. SD3273

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Sections 5, 20 and 21 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspection of the Hampden County Jail and House of Corrections, Ludlow (received June 4, 2024);

Id. SD3274

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to Section 2(c) of Chapter 35 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit (SAECK) quarterly report (received June 4, 2024); and

EOPSS,-- SAECK quarterly report. SD3275

Report of the Department of Correction (item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its 2023 Disciplinary Unit Housing biannual report (received June 6, 2024).

DOC,-- DDU report. SD3276

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Friedman, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Senate Bill to increase access to nurse-midwifery services (Senate, No. 607) (also based on House No. 1069) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000],-- ought to pass.

Nurse-midwifery services.

Referred, under Senate Rule 27, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. Kennedy, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on petition, a Resolve establishing the Harmony commission to study and make recommendations related to the welfare and best interests of children in care and protection cases (Senate, No. 118);

Harmony commission.

Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Ms. Kennedy, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on Senate, No. 68 and House No. 164, a Bill establishing a bill of rights for children in foster care (Senate, No. 2803);

Foster care,-- bill of rights.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 71, 80, 120, and 124 and House Nos. 153, 156, 165, 175, 190, 195 and 204, a Bill enhancing child welfare protections (Senate, No. 2804);

Child welfare,-- protections.

By Mr. Lewis, for the committee on Education, on Senate, Nos. 241, 249, 269, 324, 332 and 356, a Bill relative to special education (Senate, No. 2807); and

Special education.

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill providing for certain retirement benefits for the surviving beneficiary of Brandon Arakelian (Senate, No. 2769);

Brandon Arakelian,-
- surviving beneficiary,

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill exempting the position of police chief in the town of Barnstable from the civil service law [Local approval received] (Senate, No. 2769);

Barnstable,-- police chief.

Read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

Committees Discharged.

Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to the corrections (Senate, No. 2773);

Public Safety and Homeland Security, -- study.

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to emergency response (Senate, No. 2774);

Id.

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to the firearms (Senate, No. 2775);

Id.

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to law enforcement and training (Senate, No. 2776);

Id.

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Safety and

Id.

Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to transportation (Senate, No. 2777);

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to workplace safety (Senate, No. 2778);

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to public safety services (Senate, No. 2779);

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to firearms (Senate, No. 2780);

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate documents relative to harm reduction and racial justice (Senate, No. 2787);

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document to increase investment in behavioral health care in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2788);

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate documents relative to the mental health of children in schools (Senate, No. 2789);

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to financial services (Senate, No. 2792);

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to road financing (Senate, No. 2794);

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Health Care Financing to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to the health care financing matters (Senate, No. 2795); and

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative transportation planning and revenue (Senate, No. 2796);

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

Under Senate Rule 36, the reports were severally considered forthwith and accepted.

Id.

Id.

Id.

Mental Health,
Substance Use and
Recovery,-- study.

Id.

Id.

Financial Services,--
study.

Transportation,--
study.

Health Care
Financing, -- study.

Transportation, --
study.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following committee appointment changes by the Minority Leader:

- Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight – John J. Marsi
- Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies – Removal of Marcus S. Vaughn
- Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies – John J. Marsi
- House Committee on Federal Stimulus and Census Oversight – John J. Marsi
- House Committee on Post Audit and Oversight, Ranking Member – John J. Marsi

House Minority
Leader,--
appointments.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

A Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Harwich as the United States Army Private First Class Joseph C. Blute memorial bridge (House, No. 4485,-- on petition),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

Harwich,-- Pvt 1st
Class Joseph C.
Blute memorial
bridge.

A Bill relative to town meeting vacancy in the town of Burlington (House, No. 4708,-- on House, No. 4403) [Local approval received on House, No. 4403],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Burlington,-- town
meeting vacancy.

Communication.

The Clerk read the following communication:

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS SENATE

The Honorable Michael D. Hurley
Clerk of the Senate
State House, Suite 335
Boston, MA 02133

Senator Michael F.
Rush,-- absence
from Chamber.

June 6, 2024

Clerk Hurley,

I respectfully request the following statement be read and recorded into the Senate Journal at the Senate Session held on Thursday June 6, 2024:

I am currently on orders with the United States Navy and returning next week. While on orders with the Navy, I will be unable to participate in any roll call votes during formal session in the Massachusetts State Senate. Following formal session, I will provide a letter to be read and recorded into the Senate Journal on how I would have voted had I been present and able to vote.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mike Rush
State Senator
Norfolk & Suffolk District

On motion of Ms. Lovely, the above communication was ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:-

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Connor) "congratulating James B. Lampke, Esq. on the occasion of his retirement as town counsel of the Town of Hull after 46 years of dedicated service".

James B. Lampke,
Esq.

Matter Taken Out of the Notice Section of the Calendar.

There being no objection, the following matter was taken out of the Notice Section and considered as follows:

The House Bill establishing a resident taxpayer assistance fund in the town of Eastham (House, No. 2097) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- was read a third time.

Eastham,--
community fund.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Cyr presented an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2798.

The amendment was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4731) of Kathleen R. LaNatra and Colleen M. Garry for legislation to further regulate police reports involving railroad fatalities,-- was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Railroad fatalities,--
police reports.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were considered as follows:

Bills

Authorizing the town of Brookline to amend its community choice aggregation plan (Senate, No. 1285);

Second reading bills.

Expanding the Historic Beacon Hill District (House, No. 4076);

Relative to the fair housing ordinance of the city of Cambridge (House, No. 4234);

Authorizing the city of Cambridge to increase the fines for failure to move parked vehicles during street cleaning in the city above the limits set forth in section 20A½ of chapter 90 of the General Laws (House, No. 4264; and

Authorizing the town of Deerfield to continue the employment of police department members Michael W. Habel, Robert A. Thrasher, and Mark Jacques (House, No. 4557).

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

There being no objection, during consideration of the Orders of the Day, the following matter was considered:

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were considered forthwith, as follows:-

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Tarr, Durant, Fattman, O'Connor, Mark, Eldridge, DiDomenico, Oliveira, Finegold, Moore, Lewis and Rush, Ms. Lovely, Messrs. Keenan, Timilty and Brady, Ms. Edwards, Messrs. Feeney, Payano, Collins, Velis and Cronin, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Montigny, Ms. Creem, Ms. Moran, Ms. Comerford, Messrs. Pacheco, Rodrigues and Brownsberger and Ms. Friedman) "commemorating the eightieth anniversary of the allied invasion of Normandy, France during World War II."

Eightieth
Anniversary,
Normandy, France.

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) then requested that Senator Tarr come to the Rostrum to read the resolutions, as follows:

RESOLUTIONS COMMEMORATING THE EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE ALLIED INVASION OF NORMANDY, FRANCE DURING WORLD WAR II

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

WHEREAS, ON JUNE 6, 1944, MORE THAN 160,000 ALLIED TROOPS LANDED ALONG A 50-MILE STRETCH OF HEAVILY FORTIFIED FRENCH COASTLINE IN NORMANDY, FRANCE TO COMBAT THE AXIS POWERS AND THIS YEAR MARKS THE EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALLIED INVASION KNOWN AS “OPERATION OVERLORD”; AND

WHEREAS, SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER CALLED OPERATION OVERLORD “THE GREAT CRUSADE” IN WHICH “WE WILL ACCEPT NOTHING LESS THAN FULL VICTORY”; AND

WHEREAS, THE NAVAL ASSAULT PHASE ON NORMANDY WAS CODE-NAMED “OPERATION NEPTUNE” AND THE JUNE 6 ASSAULT DATE IS REFERRED TO AS “D-DAY” TO DENOTE THE DAY ON WHICH THE INVASION WAS LAUNCHED; AND

WHEREAS, SOLDIERS OF 3 AMERICAN, 1 CANADIAN AND 2 BRITISH DIVISIONS STORMED ASHORE IN 5 MAIN LANDING AREAS ON THE BEACHES IN NORMANDY THAT WERE CODE-NAMED “UTAH”, “OMAHA”, “GOLD”, “JUNO” AND “SWORD”; AND

WHEREAS, MORE THAN 20,000 SOLDIERS REPRESENTING THE AMERICAN 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION, THE AMERICAN 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION, GLIDER UNITS AND BRITISH PARATROOPER UNITS PARTICIPATED IN “MISSION DETROIT” AND “MISSION CHICAGO” TO LAND BEHIND ENEMY LINES AND SECURE LANDING FIELDS IN THE 24 HOURS PRECEDING THE AMPHIBIOUS LANDING; AND

WHEREAS, ONLY 5 DAYS AFTER THE INITIAL LANDING, ALLIED FORCES SECURED A BEACHHEAD THAT WAS 50 MILES LONG AND 12 MILES DEEP AND WAS OCCUPIED BY MORE THAN 325,000 SOLDIERS; AND

WHEREAS, PLANNED FOR OVER 2 YEARS BY ALLIED FORCES, THE D-DAY INVASION WAS AN INTRICATE COORDINATION OF THE WORLD’S GREATEST MILITARY FORCES AND AN EXERCISE IN COOPERATION THAT MARKED THE TURNING POINT OF WORLD WAR II AND OF THE WORLD’S HISTORY; AND

WHEREAS, THE D-DAY LANDING WAS THE LARGEST SINGLE AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT IN HISTORY AND CONSISTED OF APPROXIMATELY 31,000 MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AND MORE THAN 3,000 VEHICLES THAT EMBARKED ON 208 VESSELS FROM WEYMOUTH AND PORTSMOUTH, ENGLAND; AND

WHEREAS, OF THE ESTIMATED 9,400 CASUALTIES INCURRED BY ALLIED FORCES ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE LANDING, AN ESTIMATED 5,400 CASUALTIES WERE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES; AND

WHEREAS, OF THE NUMEROUS SERVICE MEMBERS BURIED IN THE NORMANDY AMERICAN CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL IN NORMANDY, FRANCE, 411 OF THEM HAD ENLISTED IN THE COMMONWEALTH; AND

WHEREAS, IN 2023, THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 119,550 SURVIVING VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II, 3,588 OF WHICH RESIDE IN THE COMMONWEALTH AND AN ESTIMATED 131 VETERANS PASS AWAY EACH DAY; AND

WHEREAS, MEMBERS OF “THE GREATEST GENERATION” ASSUMED THE TASK OF COOPERATING TO FREE THE WORLD FROM NAZI AND FASCIST REGIMES AND RESTORE LIBERTY TO EUROPE; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, THE MASSACHUSETTS SENATE HEREBY COMMEMORATES THE EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALLIED INVASION OF NORMANDY, FRANCE DURING WORLD WAR II, ALSO KNOWN AS D-DAY, AND FURTHER

EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AND THE ALLIED FORCES FOR THEIR COOPERATION AND SACRIFICE IN THIS CRITICAL BATTLE TO SECURE LIBERATION FROM NAZI AND FASCIST REGIMES; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT COPIES OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BE TRANSMITTED FORTHWITH BY THE CLERK OF THE SENATE TO DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC., VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN VETERANS INC. AND THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS INC.

The resolutions were then adopted.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were further considered as follows:

The Senate Bill relative to advancing the profession of commercial interior design (Senate, No. 2408),-- was read a second time.

Interior design,--
board of registration.

After remarks, pending the question on adoption of the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2805), and pending the main question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Rodrigues moved that the proposed new draft be amended in section 1, by striking out, in lines 14 and 15, the words "Massachusetts chapter of the American Association of Architects" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "American Institute of Architects Massachusetts";

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In section 3, in proposed section 292 of chapter 112 of the General Laws, by striking out subsection (b), as appearing in in lines 127 to 140, inclusive; and

By inserting after section 4 the following section:-

"SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, an individual who has completed not less than 10 years of full-time, diversified, verifiable professional experience in the profession of interior design shall be eligible for provisional registration; provided, however, that the individual shall apply for registration not more than 12 months after the first annual meeting of the board of registration of commercial interior designers following the effective date of this act. The applicant, upon review and consent of the board, may be issued a provisional registration and be given 3 calendar years from the first annual meeting of the board following the effective date of this act to provide substantial proof to the board of successful passage of the National Council for Interior Design Qualification examination, at which time full registration shall be granted. If proof of passage is not provided to the board within the 3-year time period, the applicant's provisional registration shall be revoked and reapplication, including satisfaction of all requirements at the time of re-application, shall be required for the individual to receive registration. During the time period of provisional registration, the individual shall maintain all current fees and uphold all requirements for registration and renewal until such time as the examination requirement is fulfilled."

The amendment was adopted.

The Ways and Means amendment, as amended, was then adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 2805, amended) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed [For text of Senate bill, printed as amended, see Senate, No. 2813].

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill provide for the future information technology needs of Massachusetts

Information
technology,-- bond

bill.

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(House, No. 4648),-- was read a second time.

After remarks, pending the question on adoption of the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Senate Ways and Means striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2806, and pending the main question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting in item 1100-2518 at the end thereof the following:- “”; provided further that \$500,000 shall be expended for fire detection and suppression at Gloucester city hall in the city of Gloucester,“; and by striking the figure “\$150,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:-“\$150,500,000”.

The amendment was *rejected*.

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Messrs. Durant and Fattman moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2A, in item 1790-3015, by adding the following words: - ; provided further, that not less than \$3,000,000 shall be expended for the New Braintree Dispatch Center for a fire service communications system upgrade.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

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Messrs. Moore, Montigny, Pacheco and Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section __ the following section:-

“SECTION __. Chapter 56 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 42 the following section:-

Section 42A. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a person, candidate, campaign committee, political action committee, political issues committee, political party, or other entity shall not, within 60 days of an election at which a candidate for elective office will appear on the ballot, distribute, with actual malice, materially deceptive audio or visual media, as defined in subsection Ɛ, of the candidate with the intent to injure the candidate’s reputation or to deceive a voter into voting for or against the candidate.

(b) (1) The prohibition in subsection (a) does not apply if the audio or visual media includes a disclosure stating: ‘This _____ has been manipulated.’

(2) The blank in the disclosure required by paragraph (1) shall be filled with whichever of the following terms most accurately describes the media:

(A) Image.

(B) Video.

(C) Audio.

(3) (A) For visual media, the text of the disclosure shall appear in a size that is easily readable by the average viewer and no smaller than the largest font size of other text appearing in the visual media. If the visual media does not include any other text, the disclosure shall appear in a size that is easily readable by the average viewer. For visual media that is video, the disclosure shall appear for the duration of the video.

(B) If the media consists of audio only, the disclosure shall be read in a clearly spoken manner and in a pitch that can be easily heard by the average listener, at the beginning of the audio, at the end of the audio, and, if the audio is greater than two minutes in length, interspersed within the audio at intervals of not greater than two minutes each.

(1) A candidate for elective office whose voice or likeness appears in a materially deceptive audio or visual media distributed in violation of this section may seek injunctive or other equitable relief prohibiting the distribution of audio or visual media in violation of this section. (2) A candidate for elective office whose voice or likeness appears in a materially deceptive audio or visual media distributed in violation of this section may bring an action for general or special damages against a person, candidate, campaign committee, political action committee, political issues committee, political party, or other entity that distributed the materially deceptive audio or visual media. The court may also award a prevailing party reasonable attorney’s fees and costs. This subsection shall not be construed to limit or preclude a plaintiff from securing or recovering any other available remedy.

(3) In any civil action alleging a violation of this section, the plaintiff shall bear the burden of establishing the violation through clear and convincing evidence.

(d) (1) This section shall not be construed to alter or negate any rights, obligations, or immunities of an interactive service provider under Section 230 of Title 47 of the United States Code.

(2) This section does not apply to a radio or television broadcasting station, including a cable or satellite television operator, programmer, producer, or mobile application or streaming service that broadcasts materially deceptive audio or visual media prohibited by this section as part of a bona fide newscast, news interview, news documentary, or on-the-spot coverage of bona fide news events, if the broadcast clearly acknowledges through content or a disclosure, in a manner that can be easily heard or read by the average listener or viewer, that there are questions about the authenticity of the materially deceptive audio or visual media.

(3) This section does not apply to a radio or television broadcasting station, including a cable or satellite television operator, programmer, producer, or mobile application or streaming service when it is paid to broadcast materially deceptive audio or visual media.

(4) This section does not apply to an internet website, or a regularly published newspaper, magazine, or other periodical of general circulation, including an internet or electronic publication, that routinely carries news and commentary of general interest, and that publishes materially deceptive audio or visual media prohibited by this section, if the publication clearly states that the materially deceptive audio or visual media does not accurately represent the speech or conduct of the candidate.

(5) This section does not apply to materially deceptive audio or visual media that constitutes satire or parody.

(6) As used in this section, “materially deceptive audio or visual media” means an image or an audio or video recording of a candidate’s appearance, speech, or conduct that has been intentionally manipulated in a manner such that both of the following conditions are met:

(1) The image or audio or video recording would falsely appear to a reasonable person to be authentic; and

(2) The image or audio or video recording would cause a reasonable person to have a fundamentally different understanding or impression of the expressive content of the image or audio or video recording than that person would have if the person were hearing or seeing the unaltered, original version of the image or audio or video recording.”

After debate, the amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section _ the following section:-

“SECTION _. Chapter 30B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 23 the following section:-

Section 24. Any state agency procuring information technology goods or services shall give preference to vendors which carry cybersecurity insurance. This section shall not be construed to preclude vendors without cybersecurity insurance from submitting solicitations to the state or being awarded bids by the state for information technology goods or services.”

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr and Brady moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section _ the following section:-

“SECTION _. The joint committee on public safety and homeland security shall convene a task force to report on electronic communications and the feasibility of tracking sex offender internet use, via methods including but not limited to: (1) internet protocol addresses, (2) media access control addresses, (3) internet service providers, (4) electronic

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mail, and (5) instant messaging. The task force’s study shall address, but not be limited to, the following areas: (1) current laws and regulations; (2) other states’ laws, regulations, and efforts; (3) the feasibility of registration of sex offenders’ online addresses; and (4) relevant civil liberties issues.

The task force shall consist of 14 members: Four members of the joint committee on public safety and homeland security, one of whom shall be appointed by the house committee chair, one of whom shall be appointed by the senate committee chair, one of whom shall be appointed by the house minority leader, and one of whom shall be appointed by the senate minority leader; four members of the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities, and energy, one of whom shall be appointed by the house committee chair, one of whom shall be appointed by the senate committee chair, one of whom shall be appointed by the house minority leader, and one of whom shall be appointed by the senate minority leader; one member of the state police, who shall be appointed by the colonel of the state police; one licensed attorney, with experience in civil rights’ cases, who shall be appointed by the attorney general; and four experts who shall be appointed by the commissioners of the department of public utilities upon a majority vote, provided two of the experts have had significant knowledge of a private telecommunications company.

The task force may consult with other government agencies, both federal and state, as well as members of the telecommunication community.

The task force shall submit a report, including any draft legislation and regulations, to the joint committee on public safety and homeland security within 12 months of the passage of this act.”

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section _ the following section:-

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“SECTION _ . Section 7 of chapter 81 of the acts of 2022 is hereby amended in paragraph (a) by striking out the words ‘nor be disclosed by the registrar’ and the words ‘and be used solely for the purpose of motor vehicle insurance, or by any individual licensed by the state police for the purpose of a background check’

SECTION _ . Section 7 of chapter 81, as so appearing, is hereby amended in paragraph (b) by striking out the words ‘nor be disclosed by the registrar’ and the words ‘and be used solely for the purpose of motor vehicle insurance, or by any individual licensed by the state police for the purpose of a background check’.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2C, in item 1100-2518 by adding the following words:- “provided further, that not less than \$70,000 shall be expended for the Worcester Public Schools to purchase hardware associated with an RFID student identification system for their self-operated student transportation system”; and by striking out the figure “\$150,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,070,000”.

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The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2C, in item 1100-2518, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the Worcester public schools for the replacement of the voice over internet protocol phone system”; and by striking out the figure “\$150,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,250,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2C, in item 1100-2518, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the city of Worcester for information technology improvements at the Worcester public library”; and by striking out the figure “\$150,000,000” and inserting in

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place thereof the following figure:- "\$150,250,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2C, in item 1100-2518, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Boxford for upgrades to its information technology infrastructure; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the town of North Reading for upgrades to its information technology infrastructure; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the city of Newburyport for upgrades to its information technology infrastructure”; and by striking out the figure “\$150,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-”\$150,450,000”.

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After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2C, in item 1100-2518, by inserting after the word “assistance” the following:- “provided further, that \$100,000 be expended for the city of Peabody's IT Data Backup System”; and by striking out the figures “\$150,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures “\$150,100,000”.

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The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2C, in item 1100-2518, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for water treatment plant security enhancements in the city of Peabody”; and by striking out the figure “\$150,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure “\$150,150,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Rausch and Messrs. Montigny and Pacheco moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2B, in item 1100-2519, by inserting the following words:- “; provided further, that not later than November 1, 2024, and annually thereafter until November 1, 2030, inclusive, the secretary of administration and finance shall submit to the office of the state auditor, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on state administration and regulatory oversight a complete accounting of and justification for all initiatives, projects and expenditures totaling \$250,000 or more over the previous 12-month period; and

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In section 2C, in item 1100-2518, by inserting the following words:-“; provided further, that not later than November 1, 2024, and annually thereafter until November 1, 2030, inclusive, the secretary of administration and finance shall submit to the office of the state auditor, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on state administration and regulatory oversight a complete accounting of and justification for all funding awards and investments totaling \$250,000 or more over the previous 12-month period.”

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Moore, Montigny and Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section __ the following section:-

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“SECTION __. Chapter 7D of the general laws is hereby amended by inserting at the end there of the following new section:-

Section 12. Statewide Public Employee Cybersecurity Training.

The executive office of technology services and security, in consultation with the office of the comptroller, shall prepare and update from time to time the following online training programs, which the executive office shall publish on its official website: (1) a program which shall provide general cybersecurity training; and (2) special programs, which may be tailored to an entity, profession, role, or other factors that are necessary to further cybersecurity within the commonwealth. Every state, county, and municipal employee shall, within 30 days after becoming such an employee, and every year thereafter, complete the general cybersecurity training, and shall complete such special programs as

necessary. Upon completion of the online training programs, the employee shall provide notice of such completion to be retained for 6 years by the appropriate employer.

The executive office shall consult benchmarks and standards established by the Center for Internet Security, National Institute for Standards and Technology and the Workforce Framework for Cybersecurity in developing the cybersecurity trainings.

The executive office shall establish procedures for implementing this section and ensuring compliance.

For the purposes of this section, the terms state, county, and municipal employee shall have the same meaning as section 1 of chapter 268A.”

After debate, the amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Moore and Pacheco moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the text of Senate document numbered 2811, relative to enhancing Cybersecurity Protections and Response in the Commonwealth.

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After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Moore, Montigny and Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section __ the following two sections:-

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“SECTION __. Section 1 of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950, as amended by Chapter 54 of the Acts of 2014, is hereby amended by inserting after the word ‘causes’ the following:-

‘; or by cybersecurity attack or threat thereof that affects the commonwealth’s critical infrastructure, information systems owned or operated by the commonwealth, or other infrastructure or cyber systems deemed necessary and at risk by the governor.’

SECTION __. Said section 1 of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950, as amended by Chapter 54 of the Acts of 2014, is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of ‘Civil defense’ the following definitions:-

‘Critical infrastructure’, the assets, systems, and networks, either physical or virtual, within the commonwealth that are so vital to the commonwealth or the United States that the incapacitation or destruction of such a system or asset would have a debilitating impact on cybersecurity, physical security, economic security, the environment, public health or safety or any combination thereof; provided, however, that ‘critical infrastructure’ shall include, but not be limited to, election systems, transportation infrastructure, water, gas and electric utilities, and shall include any critical infrastructure sectors as identified by: (1) Presidential Policy Directive-21 or successor directive; (2) the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency; or (3) the cybersecurity control board.

‘Cybersecurity attack’ shall mean an attack, via electronic means, targeting the commonwealth’s use of cyberspace for the purpose of infiltrating, disrupting, disabling, destroying, or maliciously controlling a computing environment or infrastructure; destroying the integrity of the data; or stealing controlled information.

‘Cyber System’ shall mean the network of hardware, software, procedures, and people put in place by companies, individuals, or governments that can connect to a network, including the Internet.”

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Moore moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section __ the following section:-

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“SECTION __. Chapter 7D of the general laws is hereby amended by inserting at the end there of the following new section:-

Section 17. Automated Decision Making Control Board.

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

‘Algorithm’, a specific procedure, set of rules, or order of operations designed to solve a problem or make a calculation, classification, or recommendation.

‘Artificial intelligence’, shall mean a machine-based system that can, for a given set of human-defined objectives, make predictions, recommendations, or decisions influencing real or virtual environments. Artificial intelligence systems use machine- and human-based inputs to: (1) perceive real and virtual environments; (2) abstract such perceptions into models through analysis in an automated manner; and (3) use model inference to formulate options for information or action.

‘Automated decision system’, any computer program, method, statistical model, or process that aims to aid or replace human decision-making using algorithms or artificial intelligence. These systems can include, but are not limited to, analyzing complex datasets about human populations and government services or other activities to generate scores, predictions, warnings, classifications, or recommendations.

‘Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ or ‘governmental unit’, any state, county, or municipal agency as defined by section 1 of chapter 268A.

‘Covered Entity’ means (1) any governmental unit; or (2) any entity within the commonwealth that utilizes an automated decision system.

‘Identified group characteristic’, age, race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, disability, sexual orientation, genetic information, marital status, pregnancy or a condition related to said pregnancy, ancestry, veteran status, receipt of public assistance, economic status, location of residence, or citizenship status.

‘Source code’, the foundational programming of a computer application, model, or system that can be read and understood by people.

‘Training data’, the data used to inform the development of an automated decision system and the decisions or recommendations it generates.

(b) There shall be a board within the executive office of technology services and security for the purpose of studying and making recommendations relative to the use of automated decision systems by covered entities within the Commonwealth that may affect human welfare, including, but not limited to, the legal rights and privileges of individuals. The board shall evaluate the use of automated-decision systems in the commonwealth, including government use, and shall promulgate appropriate regulations, limits, standards and safeguards. The board shall:

(i) undertake a complete and specific survey of all uses of automated decision systems by covered entities and the purposes for which such systems are used, including but not limited to:

(1) the principles, policies, and guidelines adopted by covered entities to inform the procurement, evaluation, and use of automated decision systems, and the procedures by which such principles, policies, and guidelines are adopted;

(2) the training specific covered entities provide to individuals using automated decision systems, and the procedures for auditing and enforcing the principles, policies, and guidelines regarding their use;

(3) the manner by which covered entities validate and test the automated decision systems they use, and the manner by which they evaluate those systems on an ongoing basis, specifying the training data, input data, systems analysis, studies, vendor or community engagement, third-parties, or other methods used in such validation, testing, and evaluation;

(4) matters related to the transparency, explicability, auditability, and accountability of automated decision systems in use in covered entities, including information about their structure; the processes guiding their procurement, implementation and review; whether they can be audited externally and independently; and the people who operate such systems and the training they receive;

(5) the manner and extent to which covered entities make the automated decision systems they use available to external review, and any existing policies, laws, procedures,

or guidelines that may limit external access to data or technical information that is necessary for audits, evaluation, or validation of such systems;

(6) procedures and policies in place to protect the due process rights of individuals directly affected by Massachusetts offices' use of automated decision systems, including but not limited to public disclosure and transparency procedures; and

(7) the manner in which automated decision systems are assessed by covered entities, vendors or third parties for biases, including but not limited to, discrimination on the basis of identified group characteristics;

(ii) consult with experts in the fields of artificial intelligence, machine learning, algorithmic or artificial intelligence bias, algorithmic or artificial intelligence auditing, and civil and human rights;

(iii) examine research related to the use of automated decision systems that directly or indirectly result in disparate outcomes for individuals or communities based on an identified group characteristic;

(iv) conduct a survey of technical, legal, or policy controls to improve the just and equitable use of automated decision systems and mitigate any disparate impacts deriving from their use, including best practices, policy tools, laws, and regulations developed through research and academia or proposed or implemented in other states and jurisdictions;

(v) examine matters related to data sources, data sharing agreements, data security provisions, compliance with data protection laws and regulations, and all other issues related to how data is protected, used, and shared by agencies using automated decision systems, in Massachusetts and in other jurisdictions;

(vi) examine matters related to automated decision systems and intellectual property, such as the existence of non-disclosure agreements, trade secrets claims, and other proprietary interests, and the impacts of intellectual property considerations on transparency, explicability, auditability, accountability, and due process; and

(vii) examine any other opportunities and risks associated with the use of automated decision systems by covered entities.

(c) The board shall consist of the secretary of technology services and security or the secretary's designee, who shall serve as chair; 1 member of the Senate, designated by the senate president; 1 member of the house of representatives, designated by the speaker of the house of representatives; the chief justice of the supreme judicial court or a designee; the secretaries of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, and Executive Office of Health and Human Services, or their designees; the executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts or a designee; 3 representatives from academic institutions in the Commonwealth to be appointed by the Governor who shall be experts in (i) artificial intelligence and machine learning; (ii) data science and information policy; (iii) social implications of artificial intelligence and technology; or (iv) technology and the law; the executive director of the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute or a designee; 1 representative from the National Association of Social Workers; 1 representative from the NAACP; 1 representative from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative; and 1 representative from the Massachusetts High Technology Council; and 6 representatives of the business community, to be appointed by the Governor, who shall have relevant experience in at least two of the following fields: (i) artificial intelligence and machine learning; (ii) data science and information policy; (iii) social implications of artificial intelligence and technology; or (iv) technology and the law.

(d) Members of the board shall be appointed within 45 days of the effective date of this act and within 45 days of any vacancy. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The board shall meet at the call of the chair based on the board's workload but not fewer than 10 times per calendar year. The board shall hold at least one public hearing per year to solicit feedback from Massachusetts residents and other

interested parties. The board's meetings shall be broadcast over the internet.

(e) The board shall submit an annual report by December 31 to the governor, the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, and the joint committee on advanced information technology, the internet and cybersecurity. The report shall be a public record and it shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) a description of the board's activities and any community engagement undertaken by the board;

(ii) the board's findings, including but not limited to the publication of a list of all automated decision systems in use by governmental units, the policies, procedures, and training guidelines in place to govern their use, and any contracts with third parties pertaining to the acquisition or deployment of such systems.

(f) The board shall promulgate, amended, or rescind rules and regulations to establish standards and safeguards to:

(i) Promote racial and economic justice, equity, fairness, accountability, and transparency in the use of automated decision systems by covered entities;

(ii) Establish areas where governmental units shall not use automated decision systems or any qualifications, conditions, limits or prohibitions that shall be set on governmental use of an automated decision system;

(iii) Requirements for the adoption of policies and procedures by governmental units for the following purposes:

(1) to allow a person affected by a rule, policy, or action made by, or with the assistance of, an automated decision system, to request and receive an explanation of such rule, policy, or action and the basis therefor;

(2) to determine whether an automated decision system disproportionately or unfairly impacts a person or group based on an identified group characteristic;

(3) to determine prior to or during the procurement or acquisition process whether a proposed governmental unit automated decision system is likely to disproportionately or unfairly impact a person or group based on an identified group characteristic;

(4) to address instances in which a person or group is harmed by a governmental unit automated decision system if any such system is found to disproportionately impact a person or group on the basis of an identified group characteristic; and

(5) to make information publicly available that, for each automated decision system, will allow the public to meaningfully assess how such system functions and is used by a governmental unit, including making technical information about such system publicly available.

(iv) Regulate the training data related to an automated decision system, including but not limited to:

(1) security measures to protect that data of individuals used as part of the training data;

(2) informed consent, as defined by the board, from individuals before collecting, using, sharing or disclosing their data; and

(3) the deletion or de-identification of any data collected from individuals if it is no longer needed for the intended purpose of the training data or automated decision system.

(g) Whoever violates any provision of this section, and any regulations promulgated by the board, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars for each such violation. Each day during which a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.

(f) The board or the attorney general may issue and recover penalties and enforce the provisions of this section. The attorney general may enforce this section pursuant to section 4 of chapter 93A."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Moore moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2C, in item 1100-

2518, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the Worcester police department to purchase equipment to access the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network”; and by striking out the figure “\$150,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,250,000”.

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Tarr and Brady moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section _ the following sections: 25

“SECTION _ . Section 18¾ of chapter 6A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following clause:-

(16) to develop and implement a statewide blue alert system to be activated when law enforcement officials are searching for an individual who is wanted in the serious injury or killing of a police officer, state trooper, or other law enforcement official.”

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Moore moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2C, in item 1100-2518, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for information technology modernization in the town of Auburn; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for information technology modernization in the town of Millbury; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for information technology modernization in the town of Grafton; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for information technology modernization in the town of Westborough; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for information technology modernization in the town of Shrewsbury”; and by striking out the figure “\$150,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,250,000”. 30

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2, in item 1100-2518, by adding the following words:- “; provided, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for information technology upgrades for the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District in the town of Southwick”; and by striking out the figure “\$150,000,000” and inserting in place thereof of the following figure:- “150,250,000”. 36

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2, in item 1100-2518, by adding the following words:- “; provided, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for information technology upgrades for the North Adams School District in the City of North Adams”; and by striking out the figure “\$150,000,000” and inserting in place thereof of the following figure:- “\$150,250,000”. 37

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 6B of Chapter 40J of the General Laws by striking subsection g and inserting in place thereof the following:- “; (g) The board shall annually adopt an operating plan governing disbursements from the fund and, to the extent the plan provides for disbursement of appropriations or other moneys authorized by the general court, the plan shall be subject to the approval of the secretary of economic development and the secretary of administration and finance. The operating plan shall focus on deployment of service to cover 100 percent of unserved communities, improving service to underserved communities, expanding public wifi options, and all non-administrative expenses shall be dedicated to these service guidelines. The board shall file the plan, and any amendments thereto, with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate who shall forward the same to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy and the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies.” 38

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Oliveira and Brady moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section ____ the following section:-

“SECTION _____. There shall be a Language Access Commission to study and recommend web-based translation, interpretation and localization services to expand access to all language translation, interpretation, and localization services including from lesser heard languages, while reducing the administrative challenges specific to the health care and education sectors. The commission shall be tasked with, including but not limited to, identifying gaps in language access, data security and accuracy of web-based translation, minimizing costs and administrative challenges on the health and education sectors, and providing recommendations.

The commission shall consist of: 1 person appointed by the governor; 1 person appointed by the president of the senate; 1 person appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; 1 member from the Department of Public Health’s Office of Equity; 2 members from the Executive Office of Education: 1 of whom shall be a member from K-12 and 1 member from higher education; 1 member from the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities; 1 member from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services; 1 member from the Massachusetts Association of Teachers of Speakers of Other Languages; 1 member of the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security; 1 member appointed by the Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association; and 3 members with lived experience from lesser heard language communities.

The commission shall appoint a chair and submit a report to the senate and house committees on ways and means, joint committee on education, joint committee on public health, and to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate”.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Jehlen moved that the proposed new text be amended in Section 2C, in line item 1100-2518, by inserting after the words “technical assistance” the following new words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$90,000 shall be expended to the city of Somerville for the acquisition and implementation of a Mobile Device Management tool to manage and secure all city mobile devices”; and by striking the figure “\$150,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following new figure:- “\$150,090,000”

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Creem in the Chair, Ms. Jehlen moved that the proposed new text be amended in Section 2C, line item 1100-2518, by inserting after the words “technical assistance” the following new words:- “; provided further, not less than \$240,000 shall be expended to the city of Somerville department of Health and Human Services for the acquisition and implementation of a new data management software to streamline and manage care and address health equity in data collection and analysis processes”; and by striking the figure “\$150,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following new figure:- “\$150,240,000”

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2C, in item 1100-2518, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the city of Salem for the replacement of portable public safety radios”; and by striking out the figure “\$150,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,150,000”.

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2C in item 1100-2518, by inserting after the word “assistance” the following: “; and provided further, that not less than \$368,000.00 shall be expended to the city of Salem for the replacement of the school and city phone/voice system.” and by striking out the figure “\$150,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,368,000”.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Moran and Mr. Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2C, in item 1100-2518, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the Cape Cod commission for feasibility assessments for regional and municipal broadband programs”; and by striking out the figure “\$150,000,0000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-”\$150,200,000”. 46

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Montigny moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2C, in item 1100-2518, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the city of New Bedford for internet upgrades to its free public library, including Wi-Fi upgrades “; and by striking out the figure “\$150,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,250,000”. 53

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Montigny moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2C, in item 1100-2518, in line 111, by adding after the word “assistance” the following:- “provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for information technology upgrades and digitization of records for the Ferreira-Mendes Portuguese-American Archives at UMass Dartmouth.” 54

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Cronin moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2C, in item 1100-2518 by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for network availability and network security in the Town of Westford”; and by striking out the figure “\$150,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,200,000”. 55

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting in SECTION 3 after clause (b) the following new clause (c):- 57

“(c) Annually no later than December 31, the secretary of technology services and security shall submit to the clerks of the house and senate a report on the activities of the Informational Technology Federal Reimbursement Fund including but not limited to, (1) receipts, (2) expenditures; and (3) expenditures.”

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2C, in item 1100-2518, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the town of Danvers for security cameras and integrated fob door security in school and town buildings”; and by striking out the figure “\$150,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,150,000”. 58

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2C, in item 1100-2518, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the city of Beverly to improve connectivity, network speed and data security and to connect additional locations and security cameras throughout the city”; and by striking out the figure “\$150,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,150,000”. 59

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section _ the following section:- 60

“SECTION_ . Notwithstanding any general or special law or executive order to the contrary there shall be an Artificial Intelligence Strategic Task Force (“AI Strategic Task Force) which shall consist of persons representing members of the business community, higher education institutions, organized labor, and state and local government. The AI Strategic Task Force shall be led by the Secretary of EOED and the Secretary of EOTSS,

with the assistance of two Advisory Co-Chairs selected by the Secretaries from the Task Force membership. The Task Force shall further be comprised of 1 member from a designation by the Senate President; 1 member from a designation by the Speaker of the House; 1 member from a designation by the Senate Minority Leader and 1 member from a designation by the House Minority Leader and at least 22 additional members appointed by the Governor including (1) a representative provided by the City of Boston; (2) a representative from members or employees of the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative; (3) a representative of organized labor; and (4) other individuals with experience in sectors such as technology, life sciences, healthcare, finance, higher education, and local government and with knowledge of the applications of AI and GenAI. Members so appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor, in an advisory capacity and without compensation, and are not intended to perform services for any state agency.

The objectives of the AI Strategic Task Force shall include but not be limited to advising the Governor and the general court in ensuring that Massachusetts is a leader in AI research and development by: (i) Identifying opportunities for collaboration around AI development and adoption with a focus on leading industries in Massachusetts, such as life sciences, healthcare, finance, and higher education institutions, including by considering the feasibility of establishing a center of excellence for AI; (2) Recommending strategies to facilitate public investment in AI opportunities and ways to otherwise support the establishment of AI-focused start-ups in Massachusetts; (3) Recommending strategies for promoting AI-related job creation and retention for the state, including assessing workforce impacts of AI technology and needs for associated workforce training; (4) Recommending new policies, guidelines, or frameworks that promote responsible AI development and use for the state, such as ethical and legal implications of AI, including issues related to biases, equity, privacy, security, and the potential misuse of AI-generated contents; (5) Identifying ways for executive branch agencies to better achieve their missions through the adoption of AI; and (6) recommending standards for the use of AI in state government.

The Secretaries may convene subcommittees as needed, which may be comprised of members of the Task Force and non-members committed to addressing issues of AI. All sub-committees shall be chaired by a member of the Task Force, as designated by the Secretaries. Sub-committees shall meet from time to time, as scheduled by the Secretaries or the sub-committee chair.

The AI Strategic Task Force shall provide a written report to the Governor and the clerks of the house and senate which shall summarize the AI Strategic Task Force’s work, including summarizing input received from stakeholders and experts, and provide recommendations regarding each of its objectives by December 31, 2024.”

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Fattman moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2C, item 1100-2518, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the Tantasqua regional school district for information technology improvements and communication and data security upgrades”; and by striking out the figure “\$150,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,250,000”.

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After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fattman moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2C, in item 1100-2518, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the Dudley-Charlton regional school district for information technology improvements and communication and data security upgrades”; and by striking out the figure “\$150,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,250,000”.

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After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Feeny moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2C, in item 1100-

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2518, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of North Attleborough for election support equipment, including but not limited to poll pads and associated equipment, custom-built electrical cordage, and trip-resistant floor mats;” and by striking out the figure “\$150,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,035,000”.

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Feeney moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2C, in item 1100-2518, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$43,000 shall be expended for electronic voting technology upgrades in the town of Sharon;” and by striking out the figure “\$150,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,043,000”.

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After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Feeney moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2C, in item 1100-2518, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the town of Canton for information technology upgrades;” and by striking out the figure “\$150,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,250,000”.

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After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Collins moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2C, in item 1100-2518, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to Urban College of Boston for upgrades to improve student technological access”; and by striking out the figure “\$150,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,300,000”.

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After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rodrigues moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2C, in item 1100-2518, by striking out the figure “\$150,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “154,658,000”;

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In section 3, in proposed subsection (a) of section 2EEEEEE of chapter 29 of the General Laws, by adding the following sentence:- “Annually, not later than November 1, the secretary shall file a report on the fund’s activities with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the senate and house committees on ways and means and the joint committee on advanced information technology, the internet and cybersecurity”; and

In section 5, by striking out the figure “185,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “189,658,000”.

The amendment was adopted.

The Ways and Means amendment, as amended, was then adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with the amendment [For text of Senate amendment, printed as amended, see Senate, No. 2814].

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Ms. Lovely:--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

On motion of Mr. Eldridge, at twelve minutes before two o’clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M.