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Met at fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Creem in the Chair) (having been appointed, by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

The Chair (Ms. Creem), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Pledge of allegiance.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Ms. Creem) handed the gavel to the President for the purpose of an introduction. The President then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, a group from the Metrowest Leadership Academy. The Metrowest Leadership Academy is a respected community organization dedicated to community leadership training, professional development, and empowers individuals through diverse leadership development opportunities. The group was accompanied by Executive Director Trish Wesley Umbrell. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber. Metrowest Leadership Academy.

Reports.

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

Report of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (pursuant to Section 39 of Chapter 7C of the General Laws) submitting listing of the Commonwealth's real property holdings and leased property as of February 2026 (a copy having been forwarded to the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight) (received April 8, 2026); DCAMM,-- Real Property 2025 report. SD3834

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to Section 221 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting its 2025 Hate Crimes Task Force annual report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received April 8, 2026); EOPSS,-- Hate Crimes Task Force 2025 report. SD3835

Report of the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds (pursuant to Section 2KKK(a) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its 39th plan for expenditure from the County Registers Technological Fund (copies having been forwarded to the Chairs of the Senate Committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight) (received April 8, 2026); Plymouth ROD,-- tech fund report. SD3837

Report of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (pursuant to Section 20D of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting its Department of Children and Families status of Child Abuse and Neglect Cases FY25 report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities and the Joint Committee on the Judiciary) (received April 8, 2026); MDAA,-- DCF Referral FY25 report. SD3839

Report of the Plymouth County Sheriff (pursuant to Section 84 of Chapter 69 of the Acts 2018) submitting its First Quarter Criminal Justice Reform 2026 report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received April 9, 2026); and PCS,-- Q1 Criminal Justice Reform 2026 report. SD3840

Report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant to Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024, Section 10 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2025, and Section 88 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Emergency Housing Assistance Program bi-weekly report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received April 9, 2026).

A&F,-- EA Housing bi-weekly report. SD3841

Petition.

Ms. Jehlen presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patricia D. Jehlen for legislation relative to assisted living residences in the Commonwealth,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Housing access,-- assisted living. SD3838

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill relative to the alignment of the University of Massachusetts police (Senate, No. 1886);

UMass police,-- retirement.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the retirement of MassPort officers (Senate, No. 1888);

MassPort officers,-- retirement.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill amending credible service of the State Staff (Senate, No. 1897);

Veteran,-- credible service.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to Massachusetts certified emergency telecommunicators (Senate, No. 1906);

Certified telecommunicators.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill increasing the cap on outside income for public pension recipients (Senate, No. 1908);

Public pension recipients.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill providing for a fair and equitable group 4 retirement benefit for police officers working on Massachusetts public higher education campuses (Senate, No. 1920); and

Campus police,-- retirement.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to retirement equity for parenting teachers (Senate, No. 1921);

Teacher retirement system.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5358) of John J. Lawn, Jr., and Greg Schwartz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Newton be authorized to place municipal charges liens on certain properties for certain non-payments in said city,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Newton,-- municipal liens.

A Bill authorizing charity alcohol auctions (House, No. 5351,-- on House, Nos. 437, 440 and 442),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

Charity auctions,-- alcoholic beverages.

A Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jose Reyes (House, No. 4799,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Boston,-- Jose Reyes.

Committee of Conference Report.

A report of the committee of conference of the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendments to the House Bill modernizing the

Cannabis.

commonwealth's cannabis laws (House, No. 4206) (*amended by the Senate* by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2749),-- reported, a "Bill modernizing the commonwealth's cannabis laws" (House, No. 5350),-- came from the House, and was read.

After remarks, the report was accepted, in concurrence.

Report of a Committee.

Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

Roslindale,-- Kim O'Connell tennis courts.

The House Bill designating the Weider Park tennis courts as the Kim O'Connell tennis courts (House, No. 4259).

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Keenan, and the bill was read a second time.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Rush moved to amend the bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:-

"*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to commemorate the life and work of Kim O'Connell, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience."

The amendment was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, it's title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: "An Act designating the Weider park tennis courts as the Kim O'Connell tennis courts".

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Matters Taken Out of the Notice Section of the Calendar.

There being no objection, the following matters were taken out of the Notice Section of the Calendar and considered as follows:

Newton,-- digital legal notices.

The Senate Bill authorizing print-free digital legal notices in the city of Newton (Senate, No. 3004)**,-- was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Boylston,-- board of selectmen.

The House Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Boylston to select board (House, No. 4621) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- was read a third time.

Mr. DiDomenico, for the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, reported, recommending that the same be consolidated with the Senate Bill changing the board of selectmen in the town of Boylston to select board (Senate No. 2648) likewise referred to said committee, and that, when doing so, it will be correctly drawn.

The report was accepted.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Higher-ed transformation.

The House Bill to build resilient infrastructure to generate higher-ed transformation (House, No. 4769),-- came from the House with the endorsement that the House had NON-concurred in the Senate amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2993, and had asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that

Representatives David Rogers of Cambridge, Finn of West Springfield and Pease of Westfield had been appointed the committee on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Keenan, the Senate insisted on its amendment and concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference; and Senators Comerford, Rush and Dooner were appointed on the part of the Senate.

The bill was returned to the House endorsed accordingly.

East Mountain State Forest.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5363) of Leigh Davis for legislation to authorize the Department of Conservation and Recreation to extend the lease authorization for East Mountain State Forest**,-- was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.**

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were considered as follows:

Bills

Second reading bills.

Relative to the retirement classification of certain employees of the city of Beverly (Senate, No. 1876);

Relative to the town of Yarmouth Division of Natural Resources employees (Senate, No. 2712);

Relative to city of Boston certified emergency telecommunicators (Senate, No. 2750);

Enhancing public safety in the town of Stoneham (House, No. 2800);

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Constantinos Papadopoulos (House, No. 4267);

Authorizing the town of Conway to continue the employment of fire department member Howard Boyden (House, No. 4506);

Authorizing William Pilleri to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the town of Arlington notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4507);

Authorizing the town of Conway to continue the employment of police department member Michael Habel (House, No. 4525);

Authorizing Sean Duffy to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4573);

Directing the city of Boston fire department to waive the maximum age requirement for firefighters for Stylianos Katikakis (House, No. 4582);

Regarding the appointment of Special Police Officers in the City of Malden (House, No. 4584, amended);

Relative to the maximum age requirement for police officers in the city of Newton (House, No. 4718);

Authorizing Jonathan Gagne to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4879); and

Relative to the town administrator of the town of Carlisle (House, No. 5308);

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 as follows:

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Emergency Preamble Adopted.

Cannabis.

An engrossed Bill modernizing the commonwealth's cannabis laws (see House, No. 5350), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 6 to 0.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Ms. Creem) and sent to the House for enactment.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were further considered as follows:

Supplemental appropriations.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 5280),-- was read a second time.

Recess.

Recess.

There being no objection, at twenty minutes before one o'clock P.M., the Chair (Ms. Creem) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and, at twenty-seven minutes before three o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Ms. Creem in the Chair.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bill.

Cannabis.

An engrossed Bill modernizing the commonwealth's cannabis laws (see House, No. 5350) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage,-- was put upon its final passage.

The question on passing it to be enacted was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at twenty-six minutes before three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Gomez, as follows, to wit (yeas 33 - nays 6) **[Yeas and Nays No. 146]:**

YEAS.

Barrett, Michael J.	Friedman, Cindy F.
Brady, Michael D.	Gómez, Adam
Brownsberger, William N.	Howard, Vanna
Collins, Nick	Jehlen, Patricia D.
Comerford, Joanne M.	Kennedy, Robyn K.
Creem, Cynthia Stone	Lewis, Jason M.
Crighton, Brendan P.	Lovely, Joan B.
Cronin, John J.	Mark, Paul W.
Cyr, Julian	Miranda, Liz
DiDomenico, Sal N.	Moore, Michael O.
Driscoll, Jr., William J.	Oliveira, Jacob R.
Durant, Peter J.	Payano, Pavel
Edwards, Lydia	Rausch, Rebecca L.
Eldridge, James B.	Rodrigues, Michael J.
Feeney, Paul R.	Rush, Michael F.
Fernandes, Dylan A.	Spilka, Karen E. – **33.**
Finegold, Barry R.	

NAYS.

Dooner, Kelly A.	Montigny, Mark C.

Fattman, Ryan C. O'Connor, Patrick M.
Keenan, John F. Tarr, Bruce E. − **6.**

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Velis, John C. − **1.**

The yeas and nays having been completed at eighteen minutes before three o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be enacted, two thirds of the members present having agreed to pass the same, and it was signed by the Acting President (Ms. Creem) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were further considered as follows:

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 5280),-- was further considered, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading. Supplemental appropriations.

After remarks, pending the question on adoption of the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3041, and pending the main question on ordering the bill to a third reading, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the amendments, as follows:

There being no objection, the following amendments were considered as one, and *rejected* as follows:

Mr. Tarr, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Moore, Ms. Howard, Messrs. Payano, Montigny, Finegold and O'Connor, Ms. Miranda and Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended in Section 2, by inserting after item 1599-3384 the following item:- 3

"4003-0122 Citizenship for New Americans Program . . . $500,000".

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Fernandes and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2A, in item 1596-2521, in line 297, by inserting after the words "across the Commonwealth" the following words:- "; provided further that MassDOT shall consult with stakeholders and study the feasibility of a Plymouth to Boston ferry, taking into account economic development benefits, and issue a report identifying potential locations and anticipated costs of implementation by March 1, 2027". 14

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Fernandes and Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting at the end thereof the following sections:- 15

"SECTION X. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section __ the following section:—

Section __ Bourne Bridge Replacement Fund. (a) There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the Bourne Bridge Replacement Fund, hereinafter the "Fund". The Fund shall be administered by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT). (b) The Fund shall be credited with: (i) amounts appropriated by the general court and amounts otherwise made available by law; (ii) any public or private gifts, grants and donations; (iii) federal reimbursements, grants, or other funds available for the replacement of the Bourne Bridge; and (iv) interest earned on amounts in the Fund. (c) Amounts in the Fund shall be available to MassDOT, without further appropriation, for costs associated with the replacement of the Bourne Bridge, including but not limited to planning, permitting, design, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocations, procurement and construction, and any costs reasonably related thereto. (d) Amounts remaining in the Fund at the close of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General

Fund and shall be available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years. Interest earned on the Fund shall be retained in the Fund. The Fund shall not be subject to section 5C of this chapter. (e) If a fund of the same name has been previously established by law, that fund shall continue in existence and be deemed the Fund for purposes of this section; all references in this act to the Fund shall be construed to refer to such previously established fund.

SECTION X. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, within 30 days of the effective date of this act the comptroller shall transfer $200,000,000 to the Bourne Bridge Replacement Fund from the Education and Transportation Fund established in section 2BBBBBB of chapter 29, to be derived from surtax revenues credited to said Education and Transportation Fund, as certified by the comptroller.

SECTION X. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, on or before September 1 of each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 2026, the comptroller shall transfer $200,000,000 from the Education and Transportation Fund established in section 2BBBBBB of chapter 29 to the Bourne Bridge Replacement Fund. The comptroller shall make each such annual transfer from surtax revenues credited to the Education and Transportation Fund for the prior fiscal year, as certified by the comptroller pursuant to section 5H of chapter 29, provided that if, in a given fiscal year, the amount of surtax revenue available for transfer to transportation purposes under said section 2BBBBBB is insufficient to support the full $200,000,000 transfer, the comptroller shall transfer the maximum amount available for transportation purposes and shall record any remaining amount as a priority first claim on transportation-designated surtax revenues in the next fiscal year.

SECTION X. MassDOT shall file quarterly reports with the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on transportation detailing expenditures from the Fund, project milestones achieved, the uncommitted balance of the Fund, and any federal awards or matching requirements related to the Bourne Bridge replacement. The first report shall be filed not later than 90 days after the effective date of this act and quarterly thereafter.

SECTION X. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended for the capital upkeep and maintenance of the monument and building erected for educational purposes on the land acquired under the authority of Chapter CXCXVI of the Acts of 1820” 16

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Fernandes and Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided, that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall develop an awareness campaign to Address Underrepresentation of Native American Students:”. 17

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Finegold and Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended by adding the following section: 37

“SECTION 24A. Item 1599-6088 of section 2A of chapter 268 of the acts of 2022 is hereby amended by striking out the words “for the airfield redevelopment” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- ‘for redevelopment and infrastructure improvements along Merrimack street’.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Mark, Ms. Howard and Messrs. Cronin, Finegold, Payano, Montigny, Eldridge, Keenan and Moore moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1599-6083, by adding the following words:- “; provided that any unexpended funds in this item shall not revert but shall be made available for the purpose of this item until June 30, 51

2027"; and by striking out the figure "$20,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$35,000,000".

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2A, by adding the following line item:- 52

"XXXX-XXXX For a reserve to support regional school transportation costs; provided, that the commissioner of elementary and secondary education may transfer funds to item 7035-0006 and expend said funds subject to the conditions specified in said item in the general appropriations act for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2027.....$13,099,728"

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Cyr and Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2A, by inserting after item 1596-2504 the following item:- 56

"1596-2505 For a reserve to provide supplemental financial assistance to municipalities and school districts experiencing fiscal impacts associated with the education of students from federally recognized tribes, as defined under 25 U.S.C. Section 4103, in the commonwealth; provided, that such funds shall be distributed by the department of elementary and secondary education based on a formula that accounts for the unique fiscal constraints of municipalities with significant proportions of non-taxable land, including tribal and conservation lands ..... $1,000,000".

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Cyr, Mark, Payano and Collins, Ms. Edwards, Ms. Kennedy and Messrs. Eldridge and Driscoll moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2526, by inserting the following words:- "; provided that the executive office of transportation shall convene a task-force on micro-transit to study existing and emerging micro-transit services and funding in the commonwealth, including but not limited to different operating models and services; funding sources, limitations and needs; and ways to utilize micro-transit to close mobility gaps, and the impacts of micro-transit services on the transportation workforce, including job quality, wages, benefits, worker classification, and labor standards; and opportunities to support and protect workers in the transition to and expansion of micro-transit services, which shall consist of the secretary of the executive office of transportation, who shall serve as chair; the secretary of the executive office of aging and independence or designee; the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on transportation; 1 member of the house of representatives, who shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and 1 member of the senate, who shall be appointed by the president of the senate; 1 member representing organized labor in the transportation sector, to be appointed by the chair; and additional members appointed by the chair; provided further that said commission shall file a final report of its study and recommendations with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on transportation and the secretary of transportation not later than 15 months after this section takes effect". 58

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the Cape Cod Collaborative, in consultation with the Cape Cod Commission, to conduct a comprehensive, multi-dimensional study to project demographic, enrollment and housing trends for Barnstable County to generate school age population projections for each town and school district"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$350,000". 62

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended by striking out sections 17, 30 and 35. 68

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 2, in item 4003-0124, by striking out item 4003-0124 in its entirety. 69

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the words "For local one-time education projects" the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District to modernize and unify building access systems across the district"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$250,000". 72

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the words "For local one-time education projects" the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to Bristol County Agricultural High School for a feasibility study to evaluate the renovation of Keith Hall into an agricultural education hub"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$350,000". 73

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mrs. Dooner and Mr. Montigny moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the words "For local one-time education projects" the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $175,000 shall be expended to Old Rochester Regional School District for replacement of unsafe high school bleachers at Old Rochester Regional High School"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$275,000". 74

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Miranda, Ms. Edwards, Ms. Howard and Messrs. Payano and Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended in Section 2, by inserting the following item:- 88

"XXXX-XXXX For the resettlement agencies in the commonwealth that contract with the United States Department of State and federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) to resettle refugees and immigrants to secure status adjustment for eligible clients in the Commonwealth with refugee or asylum status so that eligible clients may continue to receive access to food assistance and other supports..... $2,000,000".

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2526, by inserting after the word "municipalities", in line 338, the following words:- "and counties"; and by inserting after the word "municipality", in line 342, the following words:- ", or county". 110

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Lewis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 2, in item 1596-2514, by inserting after the words "Adult Basic Education and Workforce Readiness" the words "through the Workforce Skills Cabinet". 113

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Gómez, Lewis and Cronin moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2A, by inserting after item 1596-9813 the following item:- 125

"xxxx-xxxx For the Comprehensive and Inclusive Curriculum Trust Fund as established in Chapter 29, Section 2GGGGGG ……...$1,000,000"; and

By adding the following sections:

"SECTION XXXX. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2FFFFFF the following new section:-

Section 2GGGGGG. (a) There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the Comprehensive and Inclusive Curriculum Trust Fund. The fund shall be administered by the commissioner of elementary and secondary education. The fund shall be credited with: (i) revenue from appropriations or other money authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (ii) interest earned on such revenues; and (iii) funds from public and private sources such as gifts, grants and donations to further develop the inclusive curriculum pursuant to section 1U of Chapter 69 and provide professional development. Amounts credited to the fund shall not be subject to further appropriation and any money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund.

(b) Amounts credited to the fund may be expended, without further appropriation, by the commissioner, for purposes related to the instruction of middle and high school students on inclusive curriculum, including, but not limited to: (i) for the development of curricular materials related to inclusive curriculum; (ii) for professional development training; (iii) for collaboration and sharing of best practices among school districts; and (iv) for collaboration with institutions of higher education and other stakeholder organizations. The commissioner may expend funds for grant programs and may facilitate the granting of funds and other resources to public schools and school districts, institutions of higher education, and community groups.

(c) In expending amounts credited to the fund, the commissioner may prioritize: (i) underserved communities across the commonwealth, including those public schools or school districts with high concentrations of low-income students; (ii) communities that have experienced an incident motivated by racial, ethnic, gender identity, or religious bias; or (iii) public schools or school districts implementing inclusive curriculum for the first time.

(d) Amounts received from private sources shall be approved by the commissioner of elementary and secondary education and subject to review before being deposited in the fund to ensure that pledged funds are not accompanied by conditions, explicit or implicit, that would improperly shape or otherwise hinder the development and implementation of inclusive curriculum, or that would be detrimental to the neutral and rigorous teaching of inclusive curriculum. The review shall be made publicly available on the department's website.

(e) Annually, not later than December 1, the commissioner shall report to the clerks of the house of representatives and senate, the joint committee on education and the house and senate committees on ways and means on the fund's activity. The report shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the source and amount of funds received; (ii) the amounts distributed and the purpose of expenditures from the fund; and (iii) anticipated revenue and expenditure projections for the following year.

SECTION XXXX. Section 1E of Chapter 69 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

Frameworks shall accurately represent and be inclusive of all people so that students learn about the histories, experiences, perspectives, heritages, and cultures of all Americans to promote mutual understanding and prepare them to become well-informed citizens.

SECTION XXXX. Chapter 69 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 1T the following new section:-

Section 1U. (a) Inclusive curriculum shall promote an accurate representation of all Americans and be inclusive of all people so that students learn about the histories, experiences, perspectives, heritages, and cultures of all Americans to promote mutual understanding and prepare them to become well-informed citizens. To ensure a comprehensive education, inclusive curriculum shall include, but not be limited to: (i)

studying literature, books, writings, art, music, film and other works by people from underrepresented groups that will offer insight into different perspectives and experiences; (ii) celebrating people from underrepresented groups who have made notable contributions in math, science, humanities, the arts and other disciplines, and the impact these contributions have had on society; (iii) learning about the ethnic and cultural identities, heritage, and customs of underrepresented groups and celebrating their contributions to American society; (iv) accurate histories and experiences of underrepresented groups, including, but not limited to, their histories of immigration, assimilation, discrimination, and contributions within our society; (v) the history of slavery and segregation, and its past and present impact; (vi) the consequences of colonial settlement, land appropriation, territorial expansion, and creation of tribal reservations; (vii) the effects of discriminatory and exclusionary policies and practices; (viii) how historical events and practices relate to current issues affecting contemporary society; (ix) the identification of bias and stereotypes, and the impact of inequities and violence towards marginalized groups; and (x) issues related to how marginalization and exclusion of underrepresented groups affect opportunities for geographic and economic mobility, power and access, voting rights, and civic participation.

(b) All lessons and teaching related to inclusive curriculum must be appropriate for use with students of all races, religions, nationalities, genders, gender identities, abilities, neurological profiles, sexual orientations, and ethnic and cultural backgrounds, as well as English language learners.

(c) The department shall curate inclusive curriculum materials on their website for use in public schools and districts. In curating curricula, the commissioner shall solicit and incorporate input from stakeholders, including, but not limited to, educators, scholars with cultural expertise, experts in ethnic studies, and students and community members from traditionally underrepresented cultural and ethnic groups.

(d) The department shall provide professional development opportunities for educators on inclusive curriculum established pursuant to subsection (a) that supports public schools and districts implementing inclusive curriculum."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Durant and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the following sections:- 134

"SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Worcester regional retirement board shall pay to Joanne Songy, surviving spouse of detective John D. Songy, a police officer in the town of Rutland who died from complications related to COVID-19, benefits pursuant to section 9 of chapter 32 of the General Laws; provided, however, that all amounts paid hereunder shall be non-taxable to the extent allowable under state law.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the state board of retirement shall pay to Joanne Songy, surviving spouse of detective John D. Songy, a police officer in the town of Rutland who died from complications related to COVID-19, benefits pursuant to section 100A of chapter 32 of the General Laws; provided, however, that all amounts paid hereunder shall be non-taxable to the extent allowable under state law.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect as of May 29, 2020."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-9813, by striking out the figure "$4,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$48,000,000". 135

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the following section:- 136

"SECTION XX. Chapter 167B, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following new section:-

Section 25:

(a) Definitions

As used in this act, the following words have the following meanings:

'Division', the Massachusetts division of banks.

'GENIUS-compliant stablecoin', a payment stablecoin issued by a permitted payment stablecoin issuer as defined under the GENIUS Act and subject to federal supervision under that act.

'Sandbox participant', a firm, financial institution, governmental entity, or nonprofit organization admitted into the Massachusetts digital settlement sandbox under this act.

'Settlement application' includes, but is not limited to: (1) same-day closing of municipal notes and bonds; (2) payroll or contractor disbursements; (3) government refunds or rebates; and (4) cross-border remittances associated with public universities or health systems.

(b) Establishment of Sandbox

The division shall establish a Massachusetts digital settlement sandbox program, consistent with chapter 167B and chapter 169 of the General Laws. The division, in consultation with the office of the state treasurer, the secretary of administration and finance, and the Massachusetts technology collaborative, shall promulgate regulations for the application, admission, and oversight of sandbox participants. Sandbox participation shall be limited to 24 months, with a possible one-time 12-month extension upon a showing of good cause.

(c) Regulatory Coordination

The division shall coordinate with federal banking regulators and the United States Department of the Treasury to ensure compliance with the GENIUS Act, the Bank Secrecy Act, anti-money laundering obligations, sanctions requirements, and cybersecurity and operational risk management standards. The division shall establish information-sharing agreements with the office of the comptroller of the currency, the federal reserve, and other relevant agencies for sandbox participants operating in the commonwealth. Nothing in this act shall be construed to conflict with federal law or regulations.

(d) Consumer Protection and Transparency

Sandbox participants shall provide clear disclosures to consumers and counterparties, including: (1) the GENIUS-compliant status of the stablecoin used; (2) the 1:1 reserve requirements and backing assets; and (3) any transaction or conversion fees. The division may suspend or revoke sandbox participation for failure to comply with disclosure, prudential, or anti-fraud requirements.

(e) Sandbox Incentive Fund

A sandbox incentive fund is established within the executive office of economic development. The fund shall support sandbox participants through refundable tax credits for qualifying payroll and research expenditures in the commonwealth or competitive grants for pilot projects involving settlement applications. The aggregate annual amount of credits and grants shall not exceed $15,000,000. The fund shall be financed through:

(1) A one-time seed allocation of $3,000,000, reallocated from existing appropriations to the economic development incentive program under section 3A of chapter 23A of the General Laws or the Massachusetts technology collaborative under section 2 of chapter 40J of the General Laws, as determined by the secretary of economic development;

(2) Application and participation fees for sandbox participants, not to exceed $50,000 per participant, as established by regulations promulgated by the division;

(3) A transaction fee of 0.2 per cent on the value of stablecoin transactions processed within the sandbox, collected by participants and remitted to the fund quarterly, subject to

regulations ensuring compliance with chapter 167B and chapter 169 of the General Laws and federal law, and avoiding duplicative assessments;

(4) Federal grants obtained through matching programs, including those administered by the United States Economic Development Administration or United States Department of the Treasury, with the division authorized to apply for and accept such funds;

(5) Contributions from public-private partnerships, philanthropic organizations, or venture capital entities, solicited and accepted by the division in consultation with the executive office of economic development, provided that such contributions align with the purposes of this act and do not create conflicts of interest. Contributions shall be disclosed publicly in the annual report, including source, amount, and any conditions.

The division shall promulgate regulations for the administration of the fund, including fee structures, disbursement criteria, and reporting on fund sources and uses to ensure transparency and fiscal responsibility.

(f) Reporting

The division shall submit an annual report to the clerks of the house of representatives and senate, the joint committee on financial services, and the house and senate committees on ways and means. The report shall detail: (1) the number and nature of sandbox participants; (2) pilot use cases tested; (3) economic and fiscal impacts on the commonwealth; (4) contributions received under section 6, subsection (e); and (5) recommendations for permanent statutory or regulatory changes.

(g) Sunset

This act shall expire 5 years after its effective date unless reauthorized by the general court; provided, however, that sandbox participants admitted before the expiration date may complete their pilot periods. The division shall ensure an orderly wind-down of sandbox activities to protect consumers and counterparties.

(h) Severability

If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

(i) Effective Date

This act shall take effect 90 days after its passage."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 2, in item 4003-0124, by striking out the line item in its entirety. 144

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr and Moore moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after _ the following section:- 147

"SECTION_. Chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after Section 29C, the following new section:-

Section 29C1/2. (a) As used in this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:-

'Service provider', a person providing services under a snow removal and ice control services contract.

'Service receiver', a person receiving services under a snow removal and ice control services contract.

'Snow removal and ice control services contract', a contract or agreement for the performance of any of the following: (1) plowing, shoveling, or other removal of snow or other mixed precipitation from a surface; (2) de-icing services; or (3) a service incidental to an activity described in item (1) or (2), including operating or otherwise moving snow removal or de-icing equipment or materials.

(b) A provision, clause, covenant, or agreement that is part of or in connection with a snow removal and ice control services contract is against public policy and void if it does any of the following: (1) requires, or has the effect of requiring, a service provider to indemnify a service receiver for damages resulting from the acts or omissions of the service receiver or the service receiver's agents or employees; (2) requires, or has the effect of requiring, a service receiver to indemnify a service provider for damages resulting from the acts or omissions of the service provider or the service provider's agents or employees; (3) requires, or has the effect of requiring, a service provider to hold a service receiver harmless from any tort liability for damages resulting from the acts or omissions of the service receiver or the service receiver's agents or employees; (4) Requires, or has the effect of requiring, a service receiver to hold a service provider harmless from any tort liability for damages resulting from the acts or omissions of the service provider or the service provider's agents or employees."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting at the end thereof the following:- "; provided further that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for educational facilities at the Essex shipbuilding museum in the town of Essex"; and by striking the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following:- "$150,000". 150

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting at the end thereof the following:- "; provided further that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for educational facilities at the Gloucester Schooner Adventure in the city of Gloucester"; and by striking the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following:- "$125,000". 152

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting at the end thereof the following:- "; provided further that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Marine Educational Programing and Equipment at the Maritime Gloucester Museum in the City of Gloucester"; and by striking the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following:- "$125,000". 157

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Moore and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $750,000 shall be expended to the department of public health for the creation of a children's vision registry, including, but not limited to, the procurement and maintenance of technical infrastructure for the development of the registry system, and the creation of related training and educational programs"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$850,000". 166

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section _ the following sections:- 175

"SECTION _. SECTION 21 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024 is hereby amended by inserting after the word 'credits' the following:- 'provided, that no person shall be eligible for said community college program who is not legally present in the United States.'

SECTION _. SECTION 22 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024 after the word, 'applicable' the following:- 'provided, that no person shall be eligible for in-state tuition who is not legally present in the United States'."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Fattman moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall 191

be expended to Our Bright Future, Inc. for the installation of a comprehensive security system including secure door access controls and surveillance cameras throughout the facility"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$135,000".

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Fattman moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Monson public school district for educational upgrades and infrastructure improvements, including but not limited to the purchase of student chromebook laptops and new student curricula"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 195

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 2, in item 4003-0124, by inserting the following:- "; provided further that the office for refugees and immigrants shall establish and publish an eligibility and screening policy for organizations receiving funds from this item; provided further, that such policy shall require that funds be used only to assist clients for whom the recipient organization has made a good-faith determination is lawfully present". 246

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Miranda and Messrs. Payano and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended by adding the following section: 254

"SECTION XX. The special commission established pursuant to Chapter 1 of the Resolves of 2024 to investigate and study the feasibility of establishing a statewide Massachusetts Cabo Verdean cultural center in the city of Boston is hereby revived and continued to December 31st, 2027; and further amended, by striking out the words 'All appointments to the commission shall be made not later than March 31, 2025.' and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 'All initial appointments to the commission shall be made not later than April 30, 2026; provided, however, that appointing authorities may make additional appointments to fill vacancies as they arise.'; and by striking out the words 'December 31, 2026' and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 'December 31, 2027'."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 2, in item 4003-0124, by inserting at the end thereof the following:- "; provided further, that no more than 10 per cent of funds received by any organization from this item may be used for administrative or overhead expenses". 256

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Miranda and Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting after the word "projects" the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to Boston Transportation Department for the purpose of adding solar-powered trash receptacles along the Blue Hill Avenue Corridor"; and by striking out the figure "100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$300,000". 258

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Moore and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended by adding the following sections: 261

"SECTION __. Section 23 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new paragraph:-

(j) When a school-aged child who is in the custody of the department is placed in or transferred to an out-of-home placement, the department shall timely notify the school-aged

child's current school district of enrollment of such placement or transfer; provided further, that if it is determined it is not in the school-aged child's best interest to remain at their school district of origin, the department shall timely notify the new school district of enrollment of the school-aged child's transfer in enrollment.

SECTION __. Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following new section:-

Section 34I. (a) Each public elementary and secondary school shall provide the education records of a student in the custody of the department of children and families in a timely and appropriate manner to a case worker or other authorized representative from the department of children and families upon request.

(b) Upon receipt of notification from the department of children and families, as required by paragraph (j) of section 23 of chapter 119, that it has been determined it is not in the best interest of a student to remain at their school district of origin, the new school district of enrollment shall immediately enroll the student even if the student is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment, such as: proof of residency; academic records; IEPs; discipline records; documents evidencing proof of custody; identification documents; and medical, health, and immunization records; provided however, that schools may require emergency contact information for a student.

(c) The new school district of enrollment shall immediately request, from the school district of origin, the regularly required enrollment forms and a transfer of any additional education records of the student, including but not limited to: immunization records and other health records possessed by the school; academic transcripts; class enrollment history, including any advanced or remedial courses; attendance records; individualized education plan or Section 504 plan, as applicable; and disciplinary records and other records contained in the student's temporary education record maintained centrally by the school, to the new school district of enrollment. The school district of origin shall transfer such student records immediately and without the prior consent of a parent or guardian, consistent with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g.

(d) The board of elementary and secondary education shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this section, including specific timelines for the transfer of education records for students in the custody of the department of children and families.".

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Moore, O'Connor and Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended, 262
in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to the department of elementary and secondary education for the creation and implementation of a secure and centralized statewide database to be used for the immediate transfer of education records for students in out-of-home placements"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$300,000".

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 264
2, in item 4003-0124, by inserting at the end thereof the following:- "; provided further that each applicant for legal services establish residency in the commonwealth; provided, however, that an applicant shall be required to show an intent to remain in in the commonwealth, which may be shown through sources of verification accepted by the executive office; and provided further, that the Office for Refugees and Immigrants shall promulgate regulations on sources of acceptable verification which shall include, but shall not be limited to, documentation showing a person receives MassHealth, documentation showing a person receives public benefits in the commonwealth, a bill or other insurance documentation with an address, email, letter or statement from a licensed health care worker

on office letterhead or office email stating that the person lives in the commonwealth or a photo identification issued by the commonwealth."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Town of Provincetown for the completion of meteorological and oceanographic analysis for the installation of a wave protection structure for the ferry terminal of MacMillan pier"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 272

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended by striking the figure "$20,000,000" in line 431 and inserting in place thereof the following "$75,000,000". 289

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting after the words "For one-time transportation projects" the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $65,000 shall be expended to the town of Seekonk for battery-operated extrication equipment for roadway emergency response"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$165,000". 293

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr and Montigny moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-7066, by inserting after the word "necessary" the following:- "; provided further, that no public institution of higher education receiving funds from this item shall, during any fiscal year in which such funds are received, increase total compensation, including salary and bonuses, for any executive or senior administrative position above the level in effect on July 1, 2025; provided further, that no such institution shall create any new executive or senior administrative positions funded in whole or in part from any source, but may restore executive or senior administrative positions that were eliminated in or after fiscal year 2024; and provided further, that any restored position shall not result in total executive or senior administrative compensation exceeding the level in effect on July 1, 2025.". 295

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section _ the following:- 304

"SECTION X. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary that the executive office of education and the executive office of transportation shall each maintain on their respective public websites a publicly accessible dashboard displaying all expenditures, encumbrances, and planned uses of funds authorized pursuant to chapter 62F of the General Laws; provided further, that the dashboard shall include project descriptions, locations, amounts expended, amounts obligated, and anticipated timelines for completion; and provided further, that the dashboard shall be updated not less than quarterly."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting in line 613 after the word, "office" the following:- "(10) The department of revenue shall promulgate regulations and establish compliance mechanisms to ensure that any materials purchased pursuant to the sales tax exemption authorized in this section are used solely in connection with the construction of multifamily residential housing; provided further, that such regulations shall include, but not be limited to, documentation requirements, verification procedures, and post-construction compliance reviews sufficient to confirm that materials purchased under the exemption correspond to an eligible multifamily housing project; and 332

provided further, that the department may require purchasers or developers to submit project information, certifications, or other records necessary to administer and enforce this section".

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. DiDomenico and O'Connor and Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended in Section 2, by inserting after item 1596-2622 the following item:- 357

"7002-0012 For a summer jobs program for youth-at-risk targeting high-risk areas..... $5,000,000".

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. DiDomenico moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $8,000,000 shall be expended for statewide access to K-12 digital toolkit that provides state standards-aligned, multimodal instructional materials across all content areas, including access to career and technical educational materials and local Massachusetts industry partners to support workforce development, especially in high-growth areas identified by the Commonwealth"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$8,100,000". 363

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Collins moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that no less than $2,200,000 shall be expended to the University of Massachusetts Boston to restore essential TRIO programs impacted by federal funding cuts"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 371

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Collins moved that the proposed new text be amended in Section 2, by inserting after item 1596-2603 the following item: 375

"xxxx-xxxx For the continuation of the Education to Workforce Marketplace pilot program to support re-enrollment initiatives and student success at public institutions of higher education across the Commonwealth……...$2,000,000".

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2612, by inserting at the end thereof the following:- "; provided further, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall submit a report to the clerks of the house and senate and house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (i) projected taxpayer subsidies required to support the authority's operating and capital needs for each of the next 5 fiscal years; (ii) the assumptions and methodologies used to develop such projections; (iii) anticipated cost drivers and risks affecting subsidy levels; and (iv) efforts undertaken or planned by the authority to reduce operating costs, improve efficiency, and achieve long-term fiscal stability; provided further, that the report shall include an analysis of potential savings associated with such cost-reduction measures; and provided further, that the authority shall update this report annually and submit such updates to said committees. Said report shall be submitted no later then December 31, 2026". 410

The amendment was *rejected*.

As previously stated, the above amendments were considered as one and *rejected*.

There being no objection, the following amendments were considered as one, and adopted, as follows:

Messrs. Moore and Fattman moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $105,000 shall be expended to the Blackstone Valley regional vocational technical high school for capital expenses"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$205,000". 2

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Tarr and Finegold and Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section 23 the following section:- 4

"SECTION 23A. Item 1599-6090 of chapter 268 of the acts of 2022 is hereby amended by striking out the words 'provided further, that not less than $1,400,000 shall be expended for the costs associated with the study, planning and design of a fire training and emergency response coordination facility by the Essex County Fire Chiefs Association, Inc. to serve Essex county' and inserting in place thereof the following words:- provided further, that not less than $1,400,000 shall be expended to the Essex County Fire Chiefs Association, Inc. for the costs associated with the study, planning, design, permitting, engineering and construction of a fire training and emergency response coordination facility in the county of Essex."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Moore moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $70,000 shall be expended to the Auburn public schools for capital expenses; provided further, that not less than $130,000 shall be expended to the Grafton public schools for capital expenses; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended to the Millbury public schools for capital expenses; provided further, that not less than $5,000 shall be expended to Millbury public schools for costs associated with vocational programming in partnership with the North Atlantic States Carpenters Union including, but not limited to, equipment, supplies and other education materials; provided further, that not less than $82,500 shall be expended to the Shrewsbury public schools for capital expenses; provided further, that not less than $12,500 shall be expended to the Westborough public library for capital expenses; provided further, that not less than $45,000 shall be expended to the Worcester public schools for the Latino Education Institute's capital expenses"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$570,000". 6

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Moore moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $115,000 shall be expended to the town of Westborough for transportation capital expenses; provided further, that not less than $130,000 shall be expended to the city of Worcester for the repair or replacement of ADA non-compliant sidewalk wheelchair curb ramps"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$345,000". 7

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $350,000 shall be expended to the Assabet Valley regional vocational school district for physical improvements to the Assabet Valley regional technical high school"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$450,000". 8

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Eldridge and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $115,000 shall be expended to Jewish Family and Children's Service, Inc. to improve continuity of access to the universal school meals program in the Metrowest region in partnership with public schools in the region"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$215,000". 9

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $350,000 shall be expended to the Ayer Shirley Regional School District for physical improvements 10

to its schools"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$450,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $110,000 shall be expended to the Littleton School District for physical improvements to its schools"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$210,000". 11

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the town of Kingston to replace the voice over IP phone system at the Kingston Elementary School and Kingston Intermediate School"; and by striking out the figure "$1,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$21,000". 18

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to the town of Plympton to replace the Voice Over IP phone system at Dennett Elementary School"; and by striking out the figure "$1,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$11,000". 19

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Silver Lake Regional School District to replace the Voice Over IP phone system at the Silver Lake Regional Middle and High School"; and by striking out the figure "$1,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$51,000". 20

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $5,000 shall be expended to Mashpee Public Schools for a pilot project to advance student mental health"; and by striking out the figure "$1,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$6,000". 21

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Bourne for the MS4 priority outfall upgrade at Massasoit Avenue"; and by striking out the figure "1,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "26,000". 22

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Bourne for the MS4 priority outfall upgrade at Old Head of the Bay Road"; and by striking out the figure "1,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "26,000". 23

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended to the town of Falmouth for roadway landscaping improvements in the village of Woods Hole; and by striking out the figure "1,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$31,000". 24

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $60,000 shall be 25

expended to the town of Mashpee for the Great Neck Road project"; and by striking out the figure "1,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$61,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Pembroke public schools for capital facility costs, including costs associated with joining a regional vocational school"; and by striking out the figure "1,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "101,000". 27

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Finegold moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to the town of Andover for costs related to the acquisition and installation of a score board for the Dunn gymnasium at Andover high school". 28

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Finegold moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the town of Andover for costs related to the plans and design of a weight room and team room for Eugene V. Lovely field at Andover high school". 29

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Finegold moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Andover for costs related to the acquisition and installation of a bathrooms for the Tucker family field at Doherty middle school". 30

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Finegold and Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the to the town of North Andover for repairs and renovations for the auditorium at North Andover high school". 31

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Finegold moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended to the city of Amesbury to sustain and improve athletic programs at Amesbury public schools to support the physical education of students". 32

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Finegold and Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the city of Haverhill to sustain and improve athletic programs at Haverhill public schools to support the physical education of students". 33

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Finegold and Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended to the town of North Andover to sustain and improve athletic programs at North Andover public schools to support the physical education of students". 34

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Finegold moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended to the town of Tewksbury to sustain and improve athletic programs at Tewksbury public schools to support the physical education of students". 35

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Finegold moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $35,000 36

shall be expended to the town of Wilmington to sustain and improve athletic programs at Wilmington public schools to support the physical education of students".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Finegold moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the to the town of Andover to support improvements to the Essex Street Corridor". 38

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Gómez and Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Sumner Avenue Elementary School in the city of Springfield for translation services" and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$200,000". 40

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Gómez and Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Liberty Elementary School in the city of Springfield for translation services"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$200,000". 41

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Gómez and Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Rebecca M. Johnson School in the city of Springfield for translation services"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$200,000". 42

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Gómez and Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Samuel Bowles Elementary School in the city of Springfield for translation services"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$200,000". 43

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Gómez and Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to Herbert V. Bowie Memorial School in the city of Chicopee for playground improvements"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$350,000". 44

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Gómez and Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Glenwood elementary school in the city of Springfield for heating and cooling upgrades"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 45

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for Berkshire Community College in the City of Pittsfield for the purpose of purchasing new materials for its library"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 46

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Town of Lee to support the development and maintenance of shared use paths, pedestrian access improvements, ADA compliant infrastructure, and crosswalks connecting to or adjacent to public roadways and public transportation"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 47

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for Central Berkshire School District for the support and enrollment growth in the Becket Washington Elementary School in the Town of Becket" ; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$350,000". 48

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Town of Huntington for the purchase and maintenance of Asphalt hot boxes for road maintenance and other transportation projects"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 49

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Clarksburg School for the continuation of preschool classroom programs"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 50

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Pittsfield Council on Aging for the purposes of Transportation of Seniors"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 53

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Community Recreation Association, Inc. in the town of Dalton for its free tutoring program for students referred from the Central Berkshire regional school district"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 54

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Lewis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended to Malden public schools for materials, equipment and capital improvements"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure- "$400,000". 55

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Lewis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that no less than $160,000 shall be expended to the city of Melrose for maintenance and repair of transportation infrastructure"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$260,000". 57

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2521, by adding the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $2,000,000 shall be expended to maintain and expand ferry services, including pier and dock maintenance, in the counties of Barnstable, Bristol, Nantucket and the county of Dukes County". 59

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Lewis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting the following language:- "; provided further that no less than $90,000 shall be expended to Melrose public schools for improvements to visual and performing arts spaces"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$190,000". 60

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2624, by striking out, in line 161, the words "and (iii)" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "(iii) an analysis of housing trends, demographic shifts and projected housing production for school-aged population projections; and (iv)"; and 61

In said section 2A, in said item 1596-2624 by inserting after the word "year", in line 169, the following words:- "; provided further, that grants may be awarded to entities including, but not limited to, education collaboratives and regional planning commissions to complete regional or county-based studies for municipalities and school districts therein".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Lewis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, , by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Stoneham public schools for materials, equipment and capital improvements"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 63

The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the words "For local one-time education projects" the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for capital needs and safety improvements to public school facilities in the town of Rehoboth"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 64

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Lewis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Winchester for maintenance and repair of transportation infrastructure projects"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 65

The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the words "For local one-time education projects" the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for capital needs and safety improvements to public school facilities in the town of Middleborough"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 66

The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section __ the following section:— 67

"SECTION __. Notwithstanding section 23 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, section 31 of chapter 44 of the General Laws, section 16B1/2 of chapter 71, or any other general or special law to the contrary, a city, town or district that was a member of the Gateway Health

Group in fiscal year 2026 or before may amortize over the subsequent 5 fiscal years, in equal installments or more rapidly, the amount of its Gateway Health Group insurance-related deficit. The commissioner of revenue shall issue guidelines or instructions: (i) as to the amount that constitutes the health insurance-related deficit under this section; and (ii) for reporting the amortization of deficits authorized by this section. The local appropriating authority, as defined in section 21C of said chapter 59, shall adopt a deficit amortization schedule in accordance with the department of revenue's guidelines or instructions under this section before setting the municipality's fiscal year 2027 tax rate. Said amortization schedule may be amended with the permission of the department of revenue to provide for additional costs not known before setting the municipality's fiscal year 2027 tax rate. This section shall take effect upon its passage."

The amendment was adopted.

70 Ms. Friedman moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to Billerica public schools for the replacement of elementary school interactive white boards; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to Arlington public schools for the purchase of student transportation vehicles; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to Burlington public schools for capital improvements to the Burlington High School; and provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Shawsheen Valley Technical High School to fund the installation and upgrade of exhaust and dust collection systems for the masonry and plumbing program"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000".

The amendment was adopted.

71 Ms. Friedman moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the city of Woburn for road, traffic and pedestrian safety improvements in the area of the New Boston street bridge; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the town of Arlington for design and construction services for traffic safety enhancements at the Massachusetts avenue intersection with Peg Spengler way; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the town of Billerica for road, traffic and pedestrian safety improvements in the town center"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000".

The amendment was adopted.

75 Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the words "For local one-time education projects" the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for capital needs and safety improvements to public school facilities in the town of Dighton"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$125,000".

The amendment was adopted.

76 Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the words "For local one-time education projects" the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for capital needs and safety improvements to public school facilities in the town of Marion"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$125,000".

The amendment was adopted.

77 Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the words "For local one-time education projects" the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to

Berkley Public Schools for educational support, capital projects and related school needs"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the words "For local one-time education projects" the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Taunton Public Schools for replacement trucks for groundskeeping, landscaping and snow removal across district schools"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 78

The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the words "For local one-time education projects" the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Carver Public Schools for replacement of the gymnasium bleachers at Carver Middle High School"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 79

The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting after the words "For one-time transportation projects" the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the town of Raynham for the King Philip Street shared use path"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 80

The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the words "For local one-time education projects" the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Seekonk Public Schools for emergency locking systems for classroom doors at the middle school and in large gathering spaces across the district"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 81

The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the words "For local one-time education projects" the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to Wareham Public Schools to offset the cost of the district's student Chromebook lease program and Chromebook upgrades for approximately one-third of teachers"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$350,000". 82

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Lewis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Wakefield public schools for materials, equipment and capital improvements"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 83

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Lewis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Reading for the maintenance and repair of transportation infrastructure projects"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 84

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $85,000 shall be expended for the YMCA Cape Cod in the town of Falmouth to support their early education and care programs"; and by striking the figure "$1,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "86,000". 85

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for the Boys and Girls Club of Plymouth, Inc. to support educational opportunities for public school students in partnership with public schools"; and by striking the figure "$1,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$31,000". 89

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Keenan moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $11,000 shall be expended to the Abington Public Library for purposes including, but not limited to, the purchase of furniture; provided further, that not less than $89,618 shall be expended to Abington Public Schools for purposes including, but not limited to, capital educational improvements". 90

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Keenan moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting after the word "projects" the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $70,414 shall be expended to the Holbrook Council on Aging for purposes including, but not limited to, the purchase of a fully accessible van". 91

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Keenan moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting after the word "projects" the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the town of Hanover for purposes including, but not limited to, engineering, design and permitting costs associated with underground utility work on Route 139". 93

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Keenan moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $128,550 shall be expended to the city of Quincy for upgrades to the ferry transportation portal at Squantum Point Park/Marina Bay including, but not limited to, lighting, a replacement security gate, ADA compliant-matting, emergency-access ladders to the floating-deck system and aluminum gangways". 97

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the town of Berlin for culvert and bridge repairs"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 98

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Keenan moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $199,800 shall be expended to the Quincy Public Schools for a program with Manet Community Health Center that will involve both students and staff by offering services including, but not limited to, acute and routine primary care integrated with on-site behavioral health services". 99

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Plymouth council on aging to increase transportation services for seniors in 100

the community"; and by striking the figure "1,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "26,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Keenan moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,309 shall be expended to the town of Rockland for a transportation improvement program for purposes including, but not limited to, design and engineering work for VFW Drive and Weymouth Street". 101

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to the town of Bolton for the paving and resurfacing of the parking lots and connecting driveways of the Emerson School and the Florence Sawyer School"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$300,000". 102

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Keenan moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,309 shall be expended to the Rockland Public Schools for purposes including, but not limited to, upgrades to high school and middle school space to accommodate implementation of Rockland Public Schools' innovation career pathways program". 103

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended to the town of Boylston for safety upgrades at Boylston elementary school including roof replacement and other related repairs"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$160,000". 104

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Public Schools of Northborough and Southborough for the replacement of heating valves at the Algonquin Regional High School"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 105

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to the West Boylston Public Schools for repairs to the sprinkler system at Major Edwards Elementary School"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$140,000". 106

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the Worcester Public Schools for exterior wall repairs at the Clark Street Community School"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$250,000". 107

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided, that not less than "$100,000" shall be expended for capital improvements in the Plymouth Public Schools"; and by striking the figure "$1,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$101,000". 108

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the city of Worcester for critical improvements from 766 Main Street to King Street in the Main South Beacon Brightly neighborhood including, but not limited to, curb extensions, ADA-compliant ramps, and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$250,000". 109

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $32,000 shall be expended to Barnstable County for costs associated with preserving points of ingress and egress by water in municipalities in Barnstable County"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$132,000". 111

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "provided that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the Town of Plymouth for a study evaluating the feasibility of a Plymouth to Boston seasonal tourism ferry"; and by striking the figure "$1,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "76,000". 112

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Jehlen moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $68,000 shall be expended to Somerville public schools for the purchase of equipment for its career and technical education program"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$168,000". 114

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Lovely and Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be transferred to the Massachusetts Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Initiative Trust Fund established in section 2VVVVV of chapter 29 of the General Laws". 115

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Jehlen moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Somerville public schools for the purchase of technology to advance out-of-school learning"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 116

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Jehlen moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to Medford public schools for repairs and replacement of the Medford high school theater lighting system"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$140,000". 117

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Jehlen moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Medford public schools for repairs and maintenance to auditorium seating at the McGlynn middle school"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 118

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Jehlen moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $180,000 shall 119

be expended to Medford public schools for the purchase of interactive whiteboards"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$280,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Jehlen moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Somerville public schools for the expansion of the El Sistema after school program to serve additional students"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 120

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Jehlen moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $12,000 shall be expended to Medford public schools for the purchase of pottery wheels to expand visual arts programming"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$112,000". 121

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Jehlen moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Medford public schools for repairs and maintenance of the McGlynn middle school auditorium rug"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 122

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Jehlen moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Somerville public schools to expand theater arts at Somerville high school"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 123

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Jehlen moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Somerville public schools for the after school robotics club"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 124

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Southwick-Tolland-Granville regional school district for upgrades to the public address system at the Southwick regional school"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 126

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Finegold and Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the to the city of Haverhill for costs of noise mitigation for the commuter rail at the Bradford station". 128

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $95,000 shall be expended to the town of Boxford for the purchase of a dump truck for road and for bridge repairs; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Rowley for roadway improvements; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for planning, design and construction for bridge repairs to the County street bridge in the town of Ipswich; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to mill and 129

overlay Cedar street and portions of Chestnut street and Central street all in the town of North Reading"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$295,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Pittsfield Public Schools to upgrade student technology devices"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 131

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting at the end the following:- "; provided further that not less than $60,000 shall be expended to the town of Essex for the second phase of a study of the three major bridges in the Town of Essex"; and by striking the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$160,000". 132

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $45,000 shall be expended to the town of Groveland for vital temporary repairs to the Salem Street dam "; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$145,000". 133

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Wachusett Regional School District for the installation of an accessibility stair lift at the Early Childhood Center"; and by striking the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following:- "$150,000". 137

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the Wachusett Regional School District for a security vestibule at Wachusett Regional High School"; and by striking the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following:- "$250,000". 138

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for the purpose of temporary shoring of the Valley Road bridge in the town of Barre"; and by striking the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following:- "$250,000". 139

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the purpose of improvements to Howe Road in the town of Spencer"; and by striking the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following:- "$175,000". 140

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the purpose of upgrades at the Leicester Elementary School"; and by striking the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following:- "$200,000". 141

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the town of Paxton for the replacement of boilers at the Paxton Center school"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 142

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $120,000 shall be expended to the town of Hardwick for the replacement of the boilers at Hardwick elementary school"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$220,000". 143

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to the town of Newbury for its council on aging to purchase a sport utility vehicle for senior transportation capital improvements"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$140,000". 145

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting at the end the following:- "; provided further that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for planning, design, and construction of sidewalks on Route 133 in the City of Gloucester", and by striking the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 146

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting at the end the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the town of Rockport for school music instruments and equipment upgrades for the school system in the town of Rockport"; and by striking the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following:- "$150,000". 148

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Gloucester Marine Genomics Institute Incorporated for costs associated with the education of students"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following:- "$300,000". 149

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to Danvers public schools to support classroom technology, to purchase interactive and digital media classroom technology including teacher and student devices and ancillary needs to replace aging equipment that has exceeded its usable life and to provide teachers and students with better resources to be creative and critical thinkers; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the town of Danvers for the purchase of rectangular rapid flashing beacons and for costs associated with crosswalk improvements on school walking routes"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$350,000". 151

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Frederick E. Berry Institute of Politics for the purposes of promoting public service and civic engagement through programs, educational opportunities and related 153

events that offer inclusive and firsthand civic learning experiences for students"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended for capital improvements and equipment for the science central program at the O'Maley innovation middle school in the city of Gloucester"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$160,000". 154

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Creem moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $24,650 shall be expended to the town of Brookline to repair kiln ventilation systems for ceramics programs in Brookline public schools"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$124,650". 158

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Creem moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $52,100 shall be expended to the town of Brookline for the renovation and construction of spaces serving special education students in Brookline public schools; provided further, that not less than $82,500 shall be expended to the town of Brookline to provide students in Brookline public schools with educational programming and supports related to the mental health risks of social media; provided further, that not less than $82,500 shall be expended to the town of Wellesley to provide students in Wellesley public schools with educational programming and supports related to the mental health risks of social media"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$317,100". 159

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Creem moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $71,250 shall be expended to the town of Brookline for gender-neutral bathroom conversions in Brookline public schools to update school bathroom facilities in alignment with department of elementary and secondary education recommendations"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$171,250". 160

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Creem moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $263,500 shall be expended to the town of Wellesley for design services and related costs for the Wellesley Square transportation corridor project"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$363,500". 161

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Creem moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the city of Newton for math enrichment and supplemental afterschool math for middle school students in Newton public schools; provided further, that not less than $85,000 shall be expended to the city of Newton to provide students in Newton public schools with educational programming and supports related to the mental health risks of social media"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$260,000". 162

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Creem moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $263,500 shall 163

be expended to the city of Newton for accessibility upgrades and other improvements to the playground at the Williams Elementary School"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$363,500".

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Howard moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the town of Pepperell for sidewalk repairs at Cross street; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Tyngsborough to conduct a survey and develop base plans for a new pedestrian sidewalk on Frost road"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$300,000". 165

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Howard moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Groton-Dunstable regional school district for schematic design services to repair the roof at Swallow Union elementary school in the town of Dunstable"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 167

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Howard moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $115,000 shall be expended for the installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at priority intersections in the city of Lowell". 168

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Howard moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for athletic facility improvements at Greater Lowell Technical High School in Tyngsborough". 169

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Howard moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the athletic and community center at Lowell Community Charter Public School in Lowell". 170

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Howard moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended to Fortaleza, Inc. located in the City of Lowell for educational programming at Lowell Public Schools". 171

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Howard moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the City of Lowell for improvements to the playground at the Bailey Elementary School in Lowell". 172

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Brady moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to support the Whitman Hanson Regional School District to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; and, provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to support the Whitman Hanson Regional School District to support pest control and repair damages at Hanson Middle School"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$275,000". 173

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Brady moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $575,000 shall be expended for transportation safety improvements in the city of Brockton and to upgrade Brockton Public Works Department's snow removal equipment"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$675,000". 174

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Barrett and Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to MassEnergize, Inc. for the purchase of equipment and development of education materials for a clean energy curriculum taught in public schools"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 177

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the town of Lexington for safety improvements at high-priority bike-pedestrian road crossings; provided further, that not less than $180,000 shall be expended to the town of Lexington for the design of a bicycle and pedestrian accessway between the Minuteman Bikeway and Lexington high school"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$355,000". 178

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $55,000 shall be expended to the town of Concord for the installation of flashing beacons, ADA-compliant pedestrian curb ramps, and crosswalks on Lowell Road"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$155,000". 179

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the town of Bedford for the installation of flashing beacons, ADA-compliant curb ramps, and additional signage on Springs Road and Hartwell Road"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 180

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the town of Weston for improvements to the Wellesley Street Sidewalk"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$175,000". 181

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Chelmsford for costs associated with ensuring safe access to the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$125,000". 182

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the town of Lexington for the design of a multi-use path on Worthen Road"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 183

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended to the town of Carlisle for costs associated with repairs to the main entrance of Carlisle Public Schools"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$160,000". 184

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Driscoll moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for fencing, shading, and capital improvements at the athletic fields at Wilkins Elementary School in the town of Stoughton"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and replacing it with "$120,000". 185

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $55,000 shall be expended to the town of Carlisle for sidewalk and retaining wall repairs on Church Street"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$155,000". 186

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $175,000 shall be expended to Concord-Carlisle regional school district for the construction of an ADA-compliant restroom at Concord-Carlisle high school"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$275,000". 187

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Fattman and Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended to Tantasqua Regional High School in the town of Sturbridge for costs associated with the implementation of an emergency medical technician course"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$115,000". 188

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fattman moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $485,000 shall be expended to Sutton Public Schools, in partnership with the Blackstone Valley Hub for Workforce Development, to establish and implement the Sutton Academy, a comprehensive career-connected learning and workforce development program for students in grades 6 through 12; provided further, that funds shall be used for program design and implementation, curriculum development, instructional support, transportation, equipment, and student access to hands-on technical and vocational training experiences; provided further, that the program shall include career exploration for middle school students, pathway-aligned coursework for high school students, employer engagement, and work-based learning opportunities; provided further, that the program is intended to develop employability skills, technical competencies, and career readiness, enabling students to graduate with a clear pathway to employment or further education"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$585,000". 189

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fattman moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Earth Limited in the town of Millville for costs associated with conservation and environmental education programming and experiential learning in partnership with 190

local schools"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fattman moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Douglas public school district for special education costs and educational infrastructure and staffing"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 192

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Medfield Public School District for lighting upgrades to the turf field at Medfield High School"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 193

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended for the Town of Pembroke including for its public library related to educational programming in collaboration with public schools"; and by striking the figure "1,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "36,000". 194

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Franklin Public School District for the continued development of outdoor learning environments"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 196

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fattman moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $72,500 shall be expended to the Central Massachusetts Center for Business and Enterprise, Inc. in the village of Whitinsville in the town of Northbridge for costs associated with educational programming, infrastructure projects, and transportation for public school students in partnership with Northbridge public schools and local school districts"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$172,500". 197

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the public schools in Dover and Sherborn for special education costs"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 198

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fattman moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the town of North Attleboro for transportation infrastructure improvements and sitework upgrades at Draper Avenue."; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 199

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Wrentham Public School District for the installation of new carpet and LVT flooring in classrooms and offices at Delaney Elementary School"; 200

and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended to the Plainville Public School District for HVAC and mechanical systems studies at the Anna Ware Jackson Elementary School and Beatrice H. Wood Elementary School"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$135,000". 201

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Norfolk Public School District to replace aging switches at the Freeman-Kennedy School"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 202

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Needham Public School District for sound and lighting theater upgrades at Pollard Middle School"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 203

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $65,000 shall be expended to the Millis public schools for kindergarten to grade 8, inclusive, math curriculum improvements"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$165,000". 204

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Milford Public School District for flooring and painting repairs in the Memorial Elementary School"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 205

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Bellingham Public School District for security infrastructure at the Bellingham High School turf fields"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 206

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the words "projects" the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to Boston Public School for the Dr. Albert D. Holland High School of Technology, for branding of new school name on gym floor"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$110,000". 207

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the words "projects" the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $11,600 shall be expended to Boston Public Schools for the Orchard Gardens K-8 School, for the replacement of auditorium seating"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$111,600". 208

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Brownsberger moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the city of Watertown for the provision of transportation for after school programming; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the city of Watertown for design expenses related to the main intersection in Watertown Square"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$450,000". 209

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to Boston public schools for Fenway high school for the addition of wall padding for a new multipurpose room"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$110,000". 210

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the words "projects" the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to Boston Public Schools for Haynes Early Education Center for the addition of a cooling tower": and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$140,000". 211

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda and Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Boston public schools to support afterschool programming at the James W. Hennigan K-6 school, the Mattahunt elementary school, the Shaw-Taylor elementary school, and the Trotter elementary school"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 212

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda and Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Youth Guidance Boston program within the Boston, Somerville, Cambridge, and Brockton Public Schools, for capital and equipment upgrades, and to provide support services to at-risk students"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$200,000". 213

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following:- "; provided further that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Boston Public Schools for the BCYF Hennigan gym facility for repairs, maintenance, and investment"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$200,000". 214

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Brownsberger moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following text:- "; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to the city of Watertown for the provision of local shuttle bus transportation"; and by striking the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$300,000". 215

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Brownsberger moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the city of Watertown for the provision of extraordinary special 216

education costs"; and by striking the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$250,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Brownsberger moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following text:- "; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended to the Town of Belmont for costs and expenses associated with the Belmont component of the Massachusetts Central Rail Trail"; and by striking the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$400,000". 218

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Tarr and Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $195,000 shall be expended to the Essex Northshore Agricultural and Technical school for safety upgrades to the existing pedestrian crosswalk on state highway route 62 at 562-565 Maple street in the town of Danvers which shall include, but not limited to, high-visibility crosswalk striping, pedestrian-activated flashing warning beacons, additional pedestrian crossing signage and warning signs, traffic calming measures or signal improvements and improved lighting and roadway markings"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$295,000". 219

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following:- "; provided further that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Boston Public Schools for the Boston Education Fund's Learning Beyond the Classroom Initiative"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$150,000". 220

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Driscoll moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Stoughton for curbing abutting Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority parking on Wyman street"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$125,000". 222

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Ludlow Public Schools for Special Education costs"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$125,000". 225

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Montigny moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the town of Acushnet for transportation projects, including but not limited to Hamlin Street improvements"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$250,000". 227

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $7,500 shall be expended for the Michael Smith Middle School in South Hadley for Digital Communication Screens"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$107,500". 228

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Brownsberger moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2A, by striking out the words "safety devices required under section 7 of chapter 90 of the General Laws" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "lateral protective devices, 229

convex mirrors, crossover mirrors and backup cameras as defined in section 1 of chapter 90 of the General Laws".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Montigny moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $170,000 shall be expended to Dartmouth Public Schools for the acquisition of a new school bus, musical instruments, and athletic equipment"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$270,000". 230

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to Boston Public Schools for the David A. Ellis Elementary School to support before school programming"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$140,000". 231

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Hingham public schools; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended to Hull public schools; provided further, that not less than $70,000 shall be expended to Norwell public schools; provided further, that not less than $70,000 shall be expended to Scituate public schools; provided further, that not less than $70,000 shall be expended to Duxbury public schools; provided further, that not less than $70,000 shall be expended to Cohasset public schools; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Marshfield public schools; provided further, that not less than $235,000 shall be expended to Weymouth public schools of which $35,000 shall be spent in coordination with the Murphy School Parent Council to assist in the construction of a new playground or for playground updates at Frederick C. Murphy School and for assistance in administering the Free Period Program"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$850,000". 232

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended to South Hadley high school for light board upgrades in the auditorium"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$115,000". 233

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Montigny moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be provided to Acushnet Public Schools for renovations to the Albert F. Ford Middle School Library"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 234

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $45,000 shall be expended to Boston public schools for capital improvements at the Sarah Greenwood school"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$145,000". 235

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Montigny moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 236

shall be expended to the town of Fairhaven for sidewalk improvements"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Sgt. Robert R. Litwin School in Chicopee for the replacement of the gymnasium floor"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$300,000". 237

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Montigny moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to New Bedford Public Schools to provide underserved students enrolled at the Trinity Day Academy and the Whaling City Jr./Sr. High School with athletic equipment, musical instruments, career technical education, and other items necessary for access to extracurricular experiences"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$250,000". 238

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $110,000 shall be expended for the Longmeadow Public Schools in Longmeadow for the replacement of the access control server, surveillance system expansion, and instructional presentation upgrades"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$210,000". 239

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Montigny moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be provided for Fairhaven Public Schools to collaborate with the Millicent Library in the town of Fairhaven to teach public school students about local history and its national significance through access to tools, materials, and collection preservation methods, including but not limited to, artifacts and other media held by the Millicent Library featuring Mark Twain, Helen Keller, Nakahama Manjiro, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$125,000". 240

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Boston Public Schools for the Maurice J Tobin K-8 School to support capital improvements"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$150,000". 241

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $120,000 shall be expended for the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District for district computer replacement and computer graphics classroom upgrades"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$220,000". 242

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Montigny moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $55,000 shall be expended to Old Rochester Regional High School for gymnasium floor repairs, electrical upgrades, and flag replacements"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$155,000". 243

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Boston Debate League for support services and student debate program within Boston Public Schools"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$150,000". 244

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Brownsberger and Collins and Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the Boston Arts Academy Foundation, Inc. to support the operations of the Boston Arts Academy"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$350,000". 245

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School in Palmer for EKG machines and related equipment for the Health Assisting and Medical Assisting programs"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$225,000". 247

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $47,500 shall be expended for the Henry J. Skala School in South Hadley for school playground updates"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$147,500". 248

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the town of Belchertown to facilitate the design for the Main street and North Main street road project"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 249

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Tech Boston Academy for capital improvements"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$150,000". 250

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to Barnstable Public Schools for air conditioning improvements at West Villages Elementary School to support indoor air quality and year-round programming"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$350,000". 257

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,0000 shall be expended to the Monomoy Regional School District for the purchase of classroom furniture"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 259

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the town of Provincetown to fund a pilot subsidy program for year-round air service at the Provincetown municipal airport"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following:- "$250,000". 260

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to Salem public schools for renovation of the Saltonstall auditorium including, but not limited to, audio speakers, amplifiers, microphones, carpeting, audio projectors and lighting; provided further, that not less than $130,000 shall be expended to Salem public schools for the installation a new gym floor at Horace Mann laboratory school; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the Salem Academy charter school for school infrastructure and technology improvements"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$400,000". 263

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended to Cape Cod Regional Technical High School for campus improvements for its horticultural program"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$135,000". 265

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to Peabody public schools for ceiling and lighting upgrades at the West Memorial elementary school"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$300,000". 266

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cronin moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $175,000 shall be expended to Lunenburg public schools for physical improvements to its schools"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$275,000". 267

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cronin moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the Groton-Dunstable regional school district for physical improvements to its schools"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$350,000". 268

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to Beverly Public Schools to purchase needed laptops, computers, and other devices"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$300,000". 270

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cronin moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the North Middlesex regional school district for physical improvements to its schools"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$250,000". 273

The amendment was adopted.

277 Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Sandwich for engineering costs associated with the Cape Cod Canal to Service Road shared use path"; and by striking the figure "$1,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$51,000".

The amendment was adopted.

278 Mr. Finegold moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $110,000 shall be expended to Essex County Community Foundation Incorporated for the provision of financial support to educational and out-of-school time opportunities for public school students in the county of Essex".

The amendment was adopted.

279 Mr. Driscoll moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for capital improvement projects in the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and replacing it with "$120,000".

The amendment was adopted.

280 Mr. Driscoll moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for capital improvement projects in Easton Public Schools"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and replacing it with "$120,000".

The amendment was adopted.

281 Mr. Driscoll moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting after the word "projects" the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the town of Easton for transportation infrastructure projects, improvements, and planning"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and replacing it with "$120,000".

The amendment was adopted.

282 Mr. Crighton moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to RAW Art Works, Inc. in the city of Lynn to support youth programing for Lynn public school students"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000".

The amendment was adopted.

283 Mr. Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the department of conservation and recreation for maintenance and improvement of the Cape Cod Rail Trail in and around Nickerson state park"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000".

The amendment was adopted.

284 Mr. Crighton moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Girls on the Run Greater Boston, Inc to provide social-emotional learning and physical activity curriculum to elementary and middle school-aged girls attending public school in the city of Lynn and the towns of Lynnfield, Marblehead, Nahant, Saugus and Swampscott"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Crighton moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for LEAP for Education, Inc. to provide public middle and high school students in the city of Lynn with academic enrichment opportunities and post-secondary and career readiness; provided further, that that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Lynn public schools for the Lynn Vocational Technical Institute SkillsUSA team"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 285

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Boston Public Schools for Boston Latin Academy for the addition of a greenhouse furnace"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$150,000". 286

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Crighton moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended to Gregg Neighborhood House Association, Incorporated to provide educational and after school services to Lynn public school students"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$400,000". 287

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Nantucket Boys & Girls Club for the capital expansion of early education programing and capacity building"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 288

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Crighton, O'Connor, Eldridge and Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the following section: 290

"SECTION X. Notwithstanding section 23 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, section 31D of chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, a city or town may amortize over fiscal years 2027 to 2029, inclusive, in equal installments or more rapidly, the amount of its fiscal year 2026 snow and ice removal deficit. The local appropriating authority as defined in section 21C of said chapter 59 shall adopt a deficit amortization schedule in accordance with the preceding sentence before setting the municipality's fiscal year 2027 tax rate. The commissioner of revenue may issue guidelines or instructions for reporting the amortization of deficits authorized by this section."

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to East Boston high school for the purchase of athletic equipment as follows: (i) $10,000 for golf team clubs, bags, gloves and balls; (ii) $10,000 for tennis team racquets, balls and nets; (iii) $10,000 for wrestling team singlets, head gear and shoes; (iv) $10,000 for baseball team bats, bags, plates and field upgrades; and (v) $10,000 for football team pads, helmets, practice gear and uniforms"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 291

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following:- "; provided further that not less than $45,000 shall be expended to Boston Public Schools for the Holmes Innovation School for the purposes of roof replacement, building a science greenhouse, and classroom 292

modernization;" and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$145,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further that not less than $70,000 shall be expended to the Town of Gosnold for the purchase of a vessel to improve transportation accessibility"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$170,000". 294

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $68,000 shall be expended to the Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority, in coordination with Martha's Vineyard Community Services and Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard, for providing essential transportation services for island residents including older adults"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$168,000". 297

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Crighton moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section X the following sections:- 298

"SECTION X. Section 18 of Chapter 187 of the Acts of 2016 is hereby repealed.

SECTION X. Section 10 of Chapter 187 of the Acts of 2016 is hereby repealed."

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Bradley elementary school in the East Boston section of the city of Boston for a soccer field"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 299

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $95,000 shall be expended to the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District for the purchase of modernized instructional furniture"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$195,000". 300

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Driscoll moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for deferred maintenance projects in West Bridgewater Public Schools"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and replacing it with "$125,000". 301

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Crighton and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2404, by striking out the words:- "for the development of a regional rail master plan to review and outline the process of rail electrification of the entire commuter rail network; provided further, that the master plan shall include, but not be limited to: (i) a description of the end state of regional rail; (ii) an idealized operating plan; (iii) a ridership and revenue study; and (iv) an examination of opportunities for productivity gains" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to produce, in consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, a regional rail vision and implementation report; provided further, that not later than July 1, 2028, the authority shall submit the report to the joint committee on transportation, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate which shall include, but not be limited to: (i) a proposal for the end-state of the regional rail system, including an idealized operating plan defining optimal service 302

frequencies across all lines, a comprehensive ridership and revenue study evaluating fluctuations in travel patterns against various fare scenarios, an operating pro forma detailing total system costs and projected revenue improvements resulting from increased ridership and a rail simulation tool which shall be made available to the public with an operating instruction booklet; (ii) an examination of potential productivity gains to ensure that the regional rail system is affordable to riders and the residents, including operating strategies, technology and other investments that may reduce operating expenses; (iii) a regulatory master plan identifying all necessary state and federal environmental filings and a comprehensive strategy for federal funding sources, including an assessment of a reasonable long-term federal cost-share; (iv) a comprehensive assessment of the impacts on existing power grids resulting from the electrification and expanded service of the regional rail system which shall explore avenues for enhancing power capacity, including necessary substation upgrades, decentralized energy resources and partnerships with utility providers to ensure grid stability and sufficiency; (v) a quantified measure of direct and indirect emissions reductions, including reductions achieved through the transition of rolling stock and equipment and reductions achieved via mode-switch from private vehicles to the rail system; and (vi) an explicit sequencing plan that establishes a clear timeline for infrastructure and service delivery, detailing which regions and corridors will receive specific improvements and the corresponding dates of implementation, assuming a 2030 start date and a financially constrained scenario".

The amendment was adopted.

303 Mr. Crighton moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to the town of Swampscott for roadway signage and wayfinding markers"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$140,000".

The amendment was adopted.

305 Mr. Crighton moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to Marblehead public schools for the purchase and installation of cameras for school buses"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$140,000".

The amendment was adopted.

306 Mr. Crighton moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $80,000 shall be expended to the town of Nahant for the repair, improvement, or replacement of pedestrian walkways"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$180,000".

The amendment was adopted.

307 Mr. Driscoll moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for the renovation and improvement of the playground and recreation spaces at Tucker Elementary School in the Town of Milton"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and replacing it with "$250,000".

The amendment was adopted.

308 Mr. Crighton moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the town of Saugus for the repair, improvement, or replacement of traffic lights"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$175,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Excel Academy charter school for the purchase of copy machines"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$125,000". 309

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Crighton moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to A Healthy Lynnfield for substance use programming including, but not limited to, prevention education for Lynnfield public school students"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 310

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Crighton moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Marblehead public schools to support its music program and the culinary arts program"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$125,000". 311

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston to support the planning, design and construction of sidewalks and pedestrian safety improvements on South street between the intersection of South street and Flora way and the intersection of South street and Archdale road in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the city of Boston to make pedestrian safety improvements on Washington street in the Roslindale and West Roxbury neighborhoods of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the department of conservation and recreation for maintenance and traffic and safety improvements on the Jamaica way in the city of Boston"; and by striking the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$375,000". 312

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to Dedham public schools to provide in-school and after-school programming at Dedham public schools"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "$175,000". 314

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Crighton moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to Swampscott public schools for expenses related to its robotics program"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$140,000". 315

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Westwood public schools to provide in-school and after-school programming at Westwood public schools"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 316

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall 317

be expended to Cape Cod Regional Technical High School to fund technical program equipment"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Brooke Charter School for the purpose of purchasing new cafeteria tables for their K-8 elementary school in East Boston". 318

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Dedham Education Foundation, Inc. to provide in-school and after-school programming and in-classroom support to Dedham public schools"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$125,000". 319

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Grew elementary school in the city of Boston to modernize the school's auditorium; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Boston public schools for their early homelessness intervention and prevention programming"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$250,000". 320

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority for costs associated with the study and design of overhauling Readville station in the city of Boston"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place there of the following figure:- "$250,000". 321

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to make improvements to the infrastructure and parking lot at the Highland commuter rail station in the city of Boston"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$125,000". 322

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the town of Walpole to support the ongoing renovations at Walpole high school"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 323

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Norwood public schools to provide in-school and after-school programming at Norwood public schools"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 324

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to Revere public schools to outfit the expanded public early education 326

center at the McKinley school by purchasing classroom furniture and smart boards for 8 classrooms"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$250,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to Winthrop public schools for purchasing and installing Genetec door controllers, cameras and server updated safety"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$250,000". 327

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Driscoll moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $120,000 shall be expended for capital maintenance and improvements in Braintree Public Schools"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and replacing it with "$220,000". 328

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Driscoll moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting after the word "projects" the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the town of Braintree for transportation infrastructure projects, improvements, and planning"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and replacing it with "$200,000". 329

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for Revere Public schools for the purpose of purchasing materials to build 2 dugouts at the Veterans Memorial Field located at Revere High School". 330

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Community Against Substance Abuse, Inc. for student support in Winthrop public schools through programs including, but not limited to, one on one and group counseling, diversion programs, bi-annual prevention needs assessments for students in grade 6 through 12, inclusive, onsite job readiness programming and free afterschool programming in the town of Winthrop"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 333

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended to Revere public schools to upgrade and replace varsity cheer equipment with mats, purchase soccer nets for the new McMackin field for use by public school students and purchase additional replacements of varsity uniforms for the athletic department"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$130,000". 335

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to Winthrop public schools for roof repairs, stair tread replacements and replacing expired sprinkler gauges"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$110,000". 336

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $17,000 337

shall be expended to Winthrop public schools, to remove and replace outdated basketball hoop structures, including associated piping and improve gymnasium flooring at Winthrop public schools"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$117,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to ZUMIX, Inc. to support its ongoing partnership with Boston public schools and other public schools in the region, enable students in the public schools to produce the Latin Music Festival and provide students with free training in audio-visual and sound fields"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$175,000". 339

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Collins moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to Teachers Lounge Inc. for Education to support Boston Public School Educators so they can deliver for the educational needs of the district"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$175,000". 346

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Crighton moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to The REAL Program, Inc. in the city of Lynn for early education programming for Lynn public school students"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 354

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. DiDomenico moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Harvard-Kent elementary school in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston for improvements to outdoor spaces; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Warren-Prescott elementary school in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston for building improvements"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 356

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. DiDomenico moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the city of Chelsea for the repair and upgrade of bridges and bridge approaches necessary to provide public access to the Forbes site in Chelsea; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the city of Chelsea for improvements to crossings located at Washington Avenue and Webster Avenue"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$300,000". 358

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. DiDomenico moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Cambridgeport School in the city of Cambridge for stage equipment for school assemblies; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the King Open school in the city of Cambridge for tile work in public spaces; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Cambridge public schools for the visual performing arts program"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$250,000". 359

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. DiDomenico moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the music program at Everett High School; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Webster School in the city of Everett for modular unit upgrades;" and provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Everett public schools for main staircase stair treads updates"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$250,000". 360

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. DiDomenico moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the music program at the high school in the city of Chelsea; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Chelsea public schools for reupholstering auditorium seating; and provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Chelsea public schools for instrument purchase; and provided further, that not less than $25,000 be expended to the Chelsea public schools for audio video studio upgrades"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$300,000". 361

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. DiDomenico moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the city of Everett to construct a raised intersection at the corner of Tappan Street and Kinsman Street; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the city of Everett to construct a raised intersection at the corner of Nichols Street and Vine Street in front of the Kevarian School"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$300,000". 362

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Collins moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Cape Verdean Association of Boston Inc. to operate the 5th Quarter Summer & Beyond Program and civics education project for public school students in partnership with the Cabral Leadership and Innovation Center and Boston public schools"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 366

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Collins moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that no less than $75,000 shall be expended to Ellis Early Learning for high-quality early childhood education"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$175,000". 368

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Collins moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that no less than $50,000 shall be expended shall be expended to the Joyce and James Reed Charitable Trust for technological training and education programs administered by the South End Technology Center, Inc. in collaboration with Boston Public Schools"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 369

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Collins moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Massachusetts Department of Transportation for raptors and maintenance on the Southampton Street Bridge; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Massachusetts Department of Transportation for raptors and maintenance on 377

the Norfolk Street Bridge; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Massachusetts Department of Transportation for raptors and maintenance bridges abutting the Fields Corner MBTA station"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$250,000".

The amendment was adopted.

388 Mr. Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to The Community Group to improve access for school aged care, early education programming and summer care within Lawrence and Methuen"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000".

The amendment was adopted.

389 Mr. Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to Lawrence Public Schools for improvements at the North Common Education Complex"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$175,000".

The amendment was adopted.

390 Mr. Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended to Lawrence Public Schools in partnership with Elevated Thought to beautify public schools throughout the city of Lawrence through the installation of artwork and murals"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$135,000".

The amendment was adopted.

391 Mr. Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $45,000 shall be expended to Lawrence Public Schools to install basketball courts and the purchase of relevant equipment at the Bruce School and Guilmette Elementary in Lawrence"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$130,000".

The amendment was adopted.

393 Mr. Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Lawrence Public Schools in partnership with the Lawrence History Center to support educational programming for students both during the school year and the summer"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$125,000".

The amendment was adopted.

394 Mr. Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Methuen public schools in partnership with Methuen Arlington Neighborhood, Inc. to support after-school and student support programs"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000".

The amendment was adopted.

395 Mr. Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Lawrence public schools in partnership with Si, Se Puede, Inc. to support after-school and student support programs"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Lawrence public schools in partnership with Youth Development Organization, Inc. to support after-school and student support programs"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 396

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Payano and Finegold moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended to Haverhill Public Schools to purchase equipment and supplies for their career technical education programs"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$160,000". 397

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the city of Methuen in partnership with the Methuen Rail Trail Alliance to support the repair, maintenance and improvement of the Methuen Rail Trail"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 399

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the city of Methuen to support the repair of the Oakland Avenue Bridge"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$175,000". 400

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Phoenix Charter Academy in the city of Lawrence to support and expand its college and career pathways program"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 401

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Payano and Finegold moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $85,000 shall be expended to Haverhill Public Schools for the purchasing of new vans"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$185,000". 402

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cyr, Ms. Edwards and Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 17, by striking out, in line 591, the word "shall" and inserting in place thereof the following word:- "may". 405

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Crighton moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Girls Incorporated of Lynn to support programming for Lynn public school students"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 409

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Collins moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Higher Ground in partnership with Boston public schools to sustain and expand integrated enrichment and out-of-school-time programming and mental and 412

behavioral health support"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000".

The amendment was adopted.

The question on adoption of the above amendments that were considered as one, was determined by a call of the yeas and nays at thirteen minutes before three o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Lovely, as follows, to wit (yeas 38 – nays 0) **[Yeas and Nays No. 147]:**

YEAS.

Barrett, Michael J.	Friedman, Cindy F.
Brady, Michael D.	Gómez, Adam
Brownsberger, William N.	Howard, Vanna
Collins, Nick	Jehlen, Patricia D.
Comerford, Joanne M.	Keenan, John F.
Creem, Cynthia Stone	Kennedy, Robyn K.
Crighton, Brendan P.	Lewis, Jason M.
Cronin, John J.	Lovely, Joan B.
Cyr, Julian	Mark, Paul W.
DiDomenico, Sal N.	Miranda, Liz
Dooner, Kelly A.	Montigny, Mark C.
Driscoll, Jr., William J.	Moore, Michael O.
Durant, Peter J.	O'Connor, Patrick M.
Edwards, Lydia	Oliveira, Jacob R.
Eldridge, James B.	Payano, Pavel
Fattman, Ryan C.	Rausch, Rebecca L.
Feeney, Paul R.	Rodrigues, Michael J.
Fernandes, Dylan A.	Rush, Michael F.
Finegold, Barry R.	Tarr, Bruce E. − **38.**

NAYS − 0.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Velis, John C. − **1.**

The yeas and nays having been completed at five minutes before three o'clock P.M., the above amendments that were considered as one were adopted.

Messrs. Keenan, Montigny, O'Connor and Moore moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2A, in item 1070-0841, by striking said item and inserting in place thereof the following item:- 92

"1070-0841 For a statewide public education and awareness program; provided, that funds shall support evidence-based outreach including, but not limited to, (i) youth prevention; (ii) responsible consumption practices; (iii) cannabis-impaired driving prevention; (iv) high-potency product awareness, including, but not limited to, (a) long term mental health impacts of marijuana consumption and (b) incidents of cannabis-induced psychosis and cannabis-induced psychotic disorders; and (v) safe transport to and from social consumption sites; provided further, that not later than March 31, 2027, the cannabis control commission shall provide a report on expenditures related to and metrics regarding the efficacy of this program to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on public health and the joint committee on cannabis policy; and provided further, that the cannabis control commission shall collaborate with the department of public health and the department of elementary and secondary education in the development of such education and awareness program ..... $1,000,000".

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected.*

Mr. Keenan moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2A, by inserting, in line 318, after the word "means", the following words:- "; provided further, that the authority shall contract with a third-party provider to place accessible naloxone at all MBTA Blue Line, Green Line, Orange Line and Red Line stations; provided further, that each of the stations shall have 2 freestanding unalarmed naloxone boxes; provided further, that each box shall contain 2 units of 4 milligram intranasal naloxone spray; provided further, that the boxes shall be checked daily for the purpose of replacing used naloxone; provided further, that flyers shall be mounted around the naloxone box with information relating to naloxone training; provided further, that instructions on how to use naloxone in the event of an emergency shall be displayed near the boxes; provided further, that the authority shall file a report on the efficacy of the program with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives and the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery; provided further, that the report shall include an evaluation of the benefits and costs of the program and make recommendations on improving and expanding it to other modes of transportation; provided further, that the report shall be filed no sooner than 12 months after initiation of the program but not later than 18 months after initiation". 95

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected.*

Mr. Keenan moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting, at the end of Section XX, the following sections:- 96

"SECTION XX. Section 6 of chapter 64C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

Section 6. Every licensee who is required to file a return under section 16 of chapter 62C shall, at the time of filing such return, pay to the commissioner an excise equal to 200 1/2 mills plus any amount by which the federal excise tax on cigarettes is less than 8 mills for each cigarette so sold during the calendar month covered by the return; provided, however, that cigarettes with respect to which the excise under this section has once been imposed and has not been refunded, if paid, shall not be subject upon a subsequent sale to the excise imposed by this section. Each unclassified acquirer shall, at the time of filing a return required by said section 16 of said chapter 62C, pay to the commissioner an excise equal to 200 1/2 mills plus any amount by which the federal excise tax on cigarettes is less than 8 mills for each cigarette so imported or acquired and held for sale or consumption, and cigarettes, with respect to which such excise has been imposed and has not been refunded, if paid, shall not be subject, when subsequently sold, to any further excise under this section. The commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion, require reports from any common carrier who transports cigarettes to any point or points within the commonwealth and from any other person who, under contract, so transports cigarettes, and from any bonded warehouseman or bailee who has in his possession any cigarettes, such reports to contain such information concerning shipments of cigarettes as the commissioner shall determine. All such carriers, bailees, warehousemen and other persons shall permit the examination by the commissioner or the commissioner's duly authorized agent of any records relating to the shipment of cigarettes into or from, or the receipt thereof within, the commonwealth.

SECTION XX. Section 7B of said chapter 64C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

(b) An excise shall be imposed on all cigars and smoking tobacco held in the commonwealth at the rate of 80 per cent of the wholesale price of such products. This excise shall be imposed on cigar distributors at the time cigars or smoking tobacco are manufactured, purchased, imported, received or acquired in the commonwealth. This excise shall not be imposed on any cigars or tobacco products that (i) are exported from the

commonwealth; or (ii) are not subject to taxation by the commonwealth pursuant to any law of the United States.

SECTION XX. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a manufacturer, wholesaler, vending machine operator, unclassified acquirer or retailer, as defined in section 1 of chapter 64C of the General Laws, and a stamper appointed by the commissioner under section 30 of said chapter 64C who, as of the commencement of business 7 days after the effective date of this act, has on hand any cigarettes for sale or any unused adhesive or encrypted stamps, shall make and file with the commissioner within 21 days a return, subscribed and sworn to under the penalties of perjury, showing a complete inventory of such cigarettes and stamps and shall, at the time such manufacturer, wholesaler, vending machine operator, unclassified acquirer, retailer or stamper is required to file such return, pay an additional excise of 50 mills per cigarette on all cigarettes and all unused adhesive and encrypted stamps upon which an excise of only 150 ½ mills has previously been paid. Chapters 62C of the General Laws and 64C of the General Laws relative to the assessment, collection, payment, abatement, verification and administration of taxes, including penalties, shall apply to the excise imposed by this section."

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected.*

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following:- "; provided further that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Boston Public Schools for the Mildred Avenue K-8 School for the addition of a heating and cooling tower"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$200,000". 217

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to support the services of the Mission Hill Link"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 226

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting after the word "projects" the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be allocated to the Massachusetts Building and Transit Authority for 2Life Communities for the development and operation of a bus service linking residents of Olmstead Green and Foley Senior Residences to essential services in the neighborhood"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure "$200,000". 252

The amendment was *rejected.*

Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Edwards, Messrs. Crighton, Tarr and Rush, Ms. Rausch and Ms. Howard moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to Weymouth public schools to be administered to provide free feminine hygiene products within public school buildings in partnership with the program known as Free Period"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000". 313

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Lewis, Ms. Rausch, Ms. Miranda, Ms. Edwards and Messrs. O'Connor, Eldridge and Keenan moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to METCO, Inc. to supplement costs for student transportation and targeted wellness, social-emotional and academic support resources for the 33 METCO school 87

districts"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,100,000".

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Tarr and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 2, in item 1108-5200, by inserting at the end thereof the following:- "; provided further, that the office of the inspector general, in consultation with the center for health information and analysis, shall conduct an investigation and submit a report to the house and senate clerks, the joint committee on health care financing and the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but shall not be limited to: (i) a detailed accounting of expenditures made by the group insurance commission in fiscal years 2025 and 2026, including expenditures supported by supplemental appropriations; (ii) an analysis of the commission's compliance with chapter 32A of the General Laws and applicable procurement and fiscal management requirements; (iii) a review of spending on activities not specifically required by statute, regulation, or contractual obligation and how such spending has changed over time; (iv) an analysis of cost drivers including pharmacy benefit spending, high cost claimants, administrative expenses, and reserve utilization; (v) an assessment of premium and plan cost trends over the preceding 3 fiscal years, including comparisons to statewide health care cost growth benchmarks published by the center for health information and analysis; and (vi) recommendations to ensure fiscal stability, reserve adequacy, and compliance with said chapter 32A; provided further, that the group insurance commission shall comply with all requests from the office of the inspector general or the center for health information and analysis for any information deemed necessary to conducting said investigation and submitting said report, including, but not limited to, requests for the production of records; and provided further, that a preliminary report shall be filed not later than September 30, 2026 and a final report shall be filed not later than March 1, 2027."; and 271

By inserting in Section 2 the following new item:-

"0910-0200 provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended for the office of the inspector general, in consultation with the center for health information and analysis, shall conduct an investigation and submit a report to the house and senate clerks, the joint committee on health care financing and the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but shall not be limited to: (i) a detailed accounting of expenditures made by the group insurance commission in fiscal years 2025 and 2026, including expenditures supported by supplemental appropriations; (ii) an analysis of the commission's compliance with chapter 32A of the General Laws and applicable procurement and fiscal management requirements; (iii) a review of spending on activities not specifically required by statute, regulation, or contractual obligation and how such spending has changed over time; (iv) an analysis of cost drivers including pharmacy benefit spending, high cost claimants, administrative expenses, and reserve utilization; (v) an assessment of premium and plan cost trends over the preceding 3 fiscal years, including comparisons to statewide health care cost growth benchmarks published by the center for health information and analysis; and (vi) recommendations to ensure fiscal stability, reserve adequacy, and compliance with said chapter 32A; provided further, that the group insurance commission shall comply with all requests from the office of the inspector general or the center for health information and analysis for any information deemed necessary to conducting said investigation and submitting said report, including, but not limited to, requests for the production of records; and provided further, that a preliminary report shall be filed not later than September 30, 2026 and a final report shall be filed not later than March 1, 2027."…….$300,000".

After debate, Senator Tarr, requested that the question on adoption of the amendment be determined by a standing vote, and the amendment was *rejected* by a vote of 5 to 14.

338 Messrs. Tarr and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2612, by inserting at the end thereof the following:- "; provided further, that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall, not less than 30 days prior to any withdrawal from this item, or as soon as practicable, provide to the clerks of the house and senate, the joint committee on transportation, and the house and senate committees on ways and means a written notice detailing: (i) the amount sought; (ii) the causes of the deficiency; and (iii) the specific purposes for which the funds will be used; and provided further, that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall annually submit, over the next 5 fiscal years, a report to the clerks of the house and senate and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (i) projected taxpayer subsidies required to support the authority's operating and capital needs for each of the next 5 fiscal years; (ii) the assumptions and methodologies used to develop such projections; (iii) anticipated cost drivers and risks affecting subsidy levels; (iv) efforts undertaken or planned by the authority to reduce operating costs, improve efficiency, and achieve long-term fiscal stability; and (v) actual expenditures and updated projections of the deficiency fund for the remainder of the fiscal year; provided further, that each report shall include an analysis of potential savings associated with such cost-reduction measures".

Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair, after debate, Senator Tarr, requested that the question on adoption of the amendment be determined by a standing vote, and the amendment was *rejected* by a vote of 5 to 10.

404 Messrs. Tarr and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after subsection (d) the following:-

"(e) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner of revenue shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on revenue, and the clerks of the house and senate not less than 90 days prior to any determination, action, or effective date that would result in the commonwealth decoupling from any federal tax provision pursuant to this section; provided further, that such notice shall include a detailed estimate of the projected fiscal impact of such decoupling for the current and subsequent fiscal years and an explanation of the methodology used to develop such estimate; and provided further, that no such decoupling shall take effect until the required notice has been submitted.".

After debate, Senator Tarr, requested that the question on adoption of the amendment be determined by a standing vote, and the amendment was *rejected* by a vote of 5 to 7.

176 Mr. Driscoll moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the installation of a new water filtration system and other capital improvements at Edward J. O'Donoghue Middle School in the town of Bridgewater"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and replacing it with "$300,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Moment of Silence.

Moment of silence. At the request of the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Arthur H. Tobin.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were further considered as follows:

Supplemental appropriations. The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects

(House, No. 5280),-- was again considered, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Mr. Collins moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to the Uphams Corner Health Center for partnerships with the University of Massachusetts at Boston to provide health education and training to staff and student interns"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000". 353

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for NeighborHealth Corporation to support free pharmacy education and training programs for public school students in the commonwealth". 406

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Driscoll moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word "projects" the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for repairs and installation of restroom mirrors, sinks and other deferred maintenance projects in the Randolph High School"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and replacing it with "$150,000". 251

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rodrigues moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2 by striking out item 1108-5200 in its entirety; 334

In section 2A, in item 1596-0111, by adding the following words: "; and provided further, that the department shall prioritize funding for schools that do not have existing equipment or training programs for teachers and staff to enforce cell phone-free public schools";

In said section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to Joseph Case high school in the town of Swansea for costs associated with upgrading auditorium seating; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the Freetown Lakeville regional school district for renovations and improvements to the swimming pool at the George R. Austin intermediate school; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to Somerset public schools for boiler equipment replacement at the South elementary school in the town of Somerset; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to Rochester public schools to offset special education costs at the Rochester Memorial school in the town of Rochester; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical School for communications and security systems upgrades in the town of Rochester; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Agawam public schools for student behavioral health services; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to the Agawam public schools for professional development training; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Easthampton public schools for special education services; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Marcella R. Kelly elementary school in the city of Holyoke for playground ADA-compliant accessibility improvements; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Westfield high school for auditorium upgrades and improvements; provided further, that not less than $90,000 shall be expended to West Springfield public schools for behavioral health resources and clinician support; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to the town of Southampton for operations and programming costs at the William E. Norris elementary school; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Russell for student transportation; provided further that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the town of

Montgomery for costs associated with student transportation and programming; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for special education services in public schools in the city of Northampton; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for the public schools in the city of Greenfield; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the Amherst-Pelham regional school district; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the public schools in the town of Hadley; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the public schools in the town of Hatfield; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Sunderland elementary school; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended to Canton high school for the purchase of Italian language and cultural education curriculum materials in partnership with CIAO, the Cultural Italian American Organization; provided further, that not less than $70,000 shall be expended to Attleboro public schools for the purchase of math curriculum; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended to Attleboro public schools for the purchase of a new academic and career planning platform; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Canton public schools for the purchase of a vehicle to be used for special education transportation; provided further, that not less than $83,000 shall be expended to Sharon public schools for the purchase of tablets to be used by students; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended to Mansfield public schools for mental health support services for students; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to bring the National Speech and Debate Association programming to public schools; provided further, that not less than $102,000 shall be expended for the National History Day in Massachusetts program, operated by the Massachusetts Historical Society, for providing access to National History Day curriculum and services to public school students and educators; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Ashland public schools for capital expenses; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Holliston public schools for mental health programs; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Medway public schools for mental health programs; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Framingham public schools for the Metrowest ESL Fund for expenses including, but not limited to, educational materials and supplies; and provided further, that any entity receiving funds from this item that is not an instrumentality of the commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof shall enter into an agreement with a public school district, a municipality or a department, agency or instrumentality of the commonwealth that ensures funds are expended in compliance with the Article CXXI of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth";

In said section 2A, in said item 1596-2617, by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-"$26,868,327";

In said section 2A, in item 1596-2622, by inserting after the word "years", in line 200, the following words:- "in the state of Massachusetts";

In said section 2A, in said item 1596-2622, by inserting after the word "analysis", in line 204, the following words:- "based on the acute care hospitals in each system";

In said section 2A, in said item 1596-2622, by inserting after the word "repaid", in line 214, the following words:- ", with interest, at a rate to be determined by the medical school,";

In said section 2A, in item 1596-2624, by striking out the wording and inserting in place thereof the following wording:-

"For a grant program to support the long-term fiscal health of school districts through shared services and regionalization; provided, that grants shall be awarded to school districts for: (i) study, planning and implementation of school district regionalization; (ii) study, planning and implementation of shared services among school districts; and (iii) technical assistance relative to the repurposing of existing school facilities that are no longer needed as a result of regionalization; provided further, that such grants shall prioritize school

districts: (a) with significant and sustained enrollment decline as defined by the department of elementary and secondary education; (b) where existing school space is underutilized; and (c) where the regionalization or shared services proposal will produce significant expansion of available academic resources and supports as a result of cost savings or economies of scale; provided further, that funds distributed from this item shall not be considered chapter 70 aid for the calculation of the minimum required local contribution for the upcoming fiscal year; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended for the department of elementary and secondary education to create and maintain a public toolkit on school district regionalization; provided further, that the toolkit shall include, but not be limited to: (1) information on resources available to school districts to study, plan and implement regionalization and shared services; (2) information on how to apply for grants that promote regionalization and shared services, including those funded by this item; (3) best practices for regionalization and shared services implementation among school districts; (4) case studies of successful regionalization and shared services initiatives in the commonwealth, including the resources utilized to complete the initiatives; (5) contact information for staff at the department dedicated to assisting school districts with implementing regionalization and shared services; and (6) a list and contact information for recommended and high-quality entities and resources to assist school districts in implementing regionalization and shared services; provided further, that the toolkit shall be made public not later than 180 days prior to any notice of grant opportunity or similarly named advertisement for grant proposals being issued from funds in this item; provided further, that not later than 120 days prior to any notice of grant opportunity or similarly named advertisement for grant proposals being issued from funds in this item, the department shall submit a report to the joint committee on education and the senate and house committees on ways and means detailing a plan for equitably advertising the grant opportunity and provisions made to assist districts in need of technical assistance in order to competitively apply for the grant opportunity; provided further, that annually, not later than November 30, any district receiving funds from this item shall submit a report to the department of elementary and secondary education outlining progress the district has made in studying, planning or implementing regionalization or shared services; and provided further, that annually, not later than December 31, the department shall submit a report to the board of elementary and secondary education, the senate and house committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education detailing the calculation and planned distribution of funds to school districts under this item and the department's progress with implementing the toolkit and grant outlined in this item and measuring the success of ongoing or completed school district regionalization and shared services efforts";

In said section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $225,000 shall be expended to the highway department in the town of Westport for the purchase of a new snow blower attachment; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of North Attleboro for transportation infrastructure improvements and traffic mitigation on Draper avenue; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for a comprehensive public safety and congestion mitigation study, redesign, planning and reconstruction support of the state highway route 140 and state highway route 123 intersection in the town of Norton; provided further, that not less than $115,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of North Attleboro for road restoration, road striping and signage on Landry avenue; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended to the town of Foxborough to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of all railroad grade crossings related to traffic and pedestrian safety, traffic efficiency and potential noise mitigation and quiet zone implementation; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the city of Framingham for sidewalks, curbing, crossings, ramps, and other pedestrian and ADA

accessibility upgrades; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the town of Hopkinton for energy and infrastructure upgrades to the town's garage on Fruit street; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the West Natick section of the town of Natick for sidewalk design and improvements; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to communities in the Metrowest region, including the city of Framingham and the towns of Ashland, Holliston, Hopkinton, Medway and Natick, to be distributed to those municipalities based on road mileage for transportation and pedestrian mobility or safety improvements; and provided further, that any entity receiving funds from this item that is not an instrumentality of the commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof shall enter into an agreement with a public school district, a municipality or a department, agency or instrumentality of the commonwealth that ensures funds are expended in compliance Article CXXI of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth";

In said section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure "$10,192,773";

By inserting after section 9, the following section:-

SECTION 9A. Subsection (b) of section 35XX of chapter 10 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "to", in line 17, the following word:- ", camping"; and

By inserting after section 24 the following 2 sections:-

"SECTION 24A. Item 8000-0313 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby amended by striking out the words "for the purchase body-worn cameras for the police department in the town of Freetown" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- for an automated license plate reader system for the police department in the town of Freetown and such funds shall be made available through June 30, 2027.

SECTION 24B. Said item 8000-0313 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "Somerset" the following words:- and such funds shall be made available through June 30, 2027.".

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 and was read a third time.

The question on passing the bill to be engrossed was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at one minute past five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Rodrigues, as follows to wit (yeas 35 – nays 4) **[Yeas and Nays No. 148]:**

YEAS.

Barrett, Michael J.	Howard, Vanna
Brady, Michael D.	Jehlen, Patricia D.
Brownsberger, William N.	Keenan, John F.
Collins, Nick	Kennedy, Robyn K.
Comerford, Joanne M.	Lewis, Jason M.
Creem, Cynthia Stone	Lovely, Joan B.
Crighton, Brendan P.	Mark, Paul W.
Cronin, John J.	Miranda, Liz
Cyr, Julian	Montigny, Mark C.
DiDomenico, Sal N.	Moore, Michael O.
Driscoll, Jr., William J.	O'Connor, Patrick M.
Edwards, Lydia	Oliveira, Jacob R.
Eldridge, James B.	Payano, Pavel
Feeney, Paul R.	Rausch, Rebecca L.
Fernandes, Dylan A.	Rodrigues, Michael J.

Finegold, Barry R.
Friedman, Cindy F.
Gómez, Adam
Rush, Michael F.
Spilka, Karen E. − **35.**

NAYS.

Dooner, Kelly A.
Durant, Peter J.
Fattman, Ryan C.
Tarr, Bruce E. − **4.**

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Velis, John C. − **1.**

The yeas and nays having been completed at seven minutes past five o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with the amendment. [For text of Senate bill, printed as amended, see Senate, No. 3054].

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr:

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.

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of Arthur H. Tobin.

The Senator from Norfolk and Plymouth, Mr. Keenan, moved that when the Senate adjourns today that it do so in memory of Arthur H. Tobin.

Arthur H. Tobin passed away on January 16, 2026. He was Clerk-Magistrate at Quincy District Court, former Mayor of the City of Quincy, and former Massachusetts State Representative and State Senator.

Arthur was born in Quincy, to the late George L. and Bessie M. (Dunham) Tobin. A lifelong Quincy resident, he was a 1948 graduate of Quincy High School.

As a young man Arthur joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served proudly as a Sergeant during the Korean War. He received several awards, including the Korean Service Medal with Service Star and the United Nations Service Medal. Throughout his life Arthur belonged to various veterans' organizations, including the Cyril P. Morrisette American Legion Post #294 and the William R. Caddy Marine Corps League Detachment #124 in Quincy. He was also a member of the North Quincy Knights of Columbus Council #2259.

After his military service, Arthur graduated from Boston College in 1958 and then went to Boston College Law, where he was president of his night school class. When the night school was discontinued, he finished at Suffolk Law, where he received his Juris Doctorate.

Arthur began his career in public service in 1966, working for the late Quincy Mayor James R. McIntyre's administration in the City of Quincy's Assessor's Office. He was elected and served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1967-1971 and in the Massachusetts State Senate from 1971-1978. While serving the Commonwealth, he also served as Councilor at Large on the Quincy City Council from 1968-1977 and as Council President. In 1978 he was elected Mayor of Quincy and upon entering office was challenged by the Blizzard of 1978, which brought record snow, winds, and flooding to Quincy. Mayor Tobin led the city through the storm and its aftermath with a strong, steady hand, which would be the hallmark of his public service. He served as Mayor from 1978 until January of 1982. As Mayor, Arthur also served as Chairman of the Quincy School Committee.

In February of 1982, Arthur was appointed Clerk-Magistrate of Quincy District Court, a position that he held for forty-four years. He was known as an innovative leader and was responsible for initiating many programs at the court.

Arthur was a caring man of faith and a lifelong active member of Saint John the Baptist Church in Quincy. He was always approachable, had a generous spirit and enjoyed quietly helping people.

Most of all Arthur was dedicated to his family. Arthur enjoyed spending time with and supporting all his grandchildren and great grandchildren's many activities and accomplishments.

Arthur was the beloved husband for seventy years of the late Shirley M. (Straughn) Tobin, who passed just the day before him on January 15; we remember her as well this day.

Arthur is the devoted father of Arthur Stephen Tobin, Esq., former State Representative, Mark H. Tobin, Assistant Clerk, Norfolk Juvenile Court, Retired, Kelly-Ann Tobin Greenwood and her husband Donald, Lieutenant, Quincy Police Dept. Retired and Retired Colonel Special Forces, U.S. Army of Scituate, Tracey E. Phelan and her husband The Honorable William J. Phelan, former Mayor of the City of Quincy, Brian J. Tobin, Lieutenant Quincy Police Dept., Retired and his wife Lynn, Bruce J. Tobin, Sergeant, MA State Police, Retired and his wife Christine, and the late Matthew David Tobin.

Arthur was loving grandfather of twenty and great grandfather of twenty-four.

One of ten siblings, Arthur was the dear brother of Robert A. Tobin, Probation Officer, Retired, Hingham District Court of Weymouth, George L. Tobin, Jr., U.S.M.C, Retired of Orange, CA, and was predeceased by Thomas F. Tobin, baby George Tobin, Virginia E. Sandonato, Carol P. MacKay-Labadie, Timothy G. Tobin, Quincy Police Dept., Retired, Edward J. Tobin, NASA Senior Construction Manager, Kennedy Space Center, and Ruth M. Tobin.

Arthur is also survived by many much-loved in-laws, nieces, nephews, their families, friends, and colleagues.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Arthur H. Tobin, at eight minutes past five o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Howard, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.