

House Rule 20B Report

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5	Increased Incidental Purchase Level	Increases the amount of purchases of supplies from \$5K to \$10K for which a state agency does not need to advertise or receive bids.
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16	Money Follows the Person Fund/ Delivery System Transformation Initiatives Trust Fund	Establishes the Money Follows the Person Fund to be used for expenses that primarily benefit individuals who have a disability or long-term illness or who are elders and establishes the Delivery System Transformation Initiatives Fund to be used for delivery system transformation initiatives payments to qualifying providers.
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37	Dam, Sea Wall and Retaining Wall Fund	Establishes a fund to provide grants to local governmental units and other eligible borrowers for coastal and inland waterways infrastructure projects.
38	State Racing Commission	Reenacts MGL 58: 18D in order for local aide payments to continue to host communities.
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46	Gift Ban Repeal	Repeals MGL 111N:2, which set forth the standard marketing code of conduct for all pharmaceutical or medical device manufacturing companies.
47	Restrict Funeral Expense Payments	Limits the amount a funeral director may receive from the state to \$3,500 for the funeral of a recipient of public assistance.
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54	Criminal Defendant Indigency Verification - Require Data Match	Requires probation to verify indigency by accessing data held by the Department of Revenue, the Department of Transitional Assistance and the Registry of Motor Vehicles.
55	CPCS - Probation Officer Designee	Allows a designee of the chief probation officer to sign final indigency verification reports.
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58	Postponement of FAS 109 Deduction	Delays the FAS 109 deduction from the corporate excise for 1 year.
59	Extend Authority to Terminate and Renegotiate Leases	Extends through fiscal year 2013 the Division of Capital Asset Management's authorization to terminate state agency leases for insufficient funding and to realize savings by renegotiating lease terms.
60	Postpone Regional Transit Authority Forward Funding	Postpones until July 1, 2014 the requirement for forward funding of regional transit authorities.

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61	Managed Care Study	Amends the scope of review for the advisory committee studying different care delivery models for the Medicaid program to include additional information and extends the committee's reporting deadline to October 1, 2012.
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63	Allow Medical Security Trust Fund Deficit in FY'13	Extends through fiscal year 2013 the law allowing the trust to go into deficit.
64	Lyme Disease Commission Extension	Extends the reporting deadline for the commission to April 1, 2013.
65	CPCS - DCAM Extension	Extends the streamlined Division of Capital Asset Management process for the Committee for Public Counsel Services through July 1, 2013.
66	Statutory Carry Forward	Provides that when the Comptroller disposes of the consolidated net surplus for fiscal year 2013, the Comptroller shall not carry forward 0.5% of the total revenue from taxes in fiscal year 2013.
67	Extend Authorization to Transfer Trust Balances	Extends through fiscal year 2013 authorizations in fiscal year 2011 and fiscal year 2012 budgets to transfer to the General Fund certain trust and account balances.
68	Inspector General's Health Safety Net Audit Unit	Allows the Inspector General to continue to audit the Health Safety Net Trust Fund.
69	Nursing Home Assessment	Requires the nursing home assessment to be sufficient in the aggregate to generate \$220M for fiscal year 2013.
70	Pension Cost of Living Adjustment	Provides for a 3% increase on the first \$13K in pension benefits for retired state employees.
71	Stabilization Fund Transfers	Transfers \$400M to the General Fund from the Stabilization Fund.
72	Suspension of Tourism Formula	Suspends the statutory tourism fund formula for fiscal year 2013.
73	Umass/HHS Interagency Service Agreement	Allows the Executive Office of Health and Human Services to enter into interdepartmental services agreements with UMass Medical School to perform activities that the Secretary of HHS determines appropriate, including medical expertise to determine disability eligibility, quality assurance consulting services and cost avoidance.
74	Authority to Restructure MassHealth Benefits	Allows MassHealth to restructure benefits after getting approval from the federal government and notifying the General Court.

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75	Initial Gross Payments to Qualifying Acute Care Hospitals	Provides initial funding for gross payments to hospitals at the beginning of the federal fiscal year.
76	MassHealth and CommCare Dental Coverage	Allows MassHealth and the Connector to make changes to dental services.
77	Nursing and Resident Care Facility Base Year	Changes to 2005 the base year for setting fiscal year 2013 nursing and resident care facility rates.
78	Video Conferencing Program for Sheriffs	Allows the court administrator to enter into a memorandum of understanding with any interested sheriff's office to initiate the use of a video conferencing technology program for certain court proceedings.
79	Trial Court Transferability	Allows the court administrator to transfer funds from one line item within the trial court to another line item.
80	DOC Reprourement	Requires DOC to reprocore medical services provided at all institutions to decrease healthcare expenses.
81	Federal Reimbursement for the Ride	Allows the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to provide the Executive Office of Health and Human Services with data relative to customers using the Ride for the purposes of securing federal reimbursement and administering the MassHealth program.
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89	Financial Literacy Pilot Program	Establishes a 3 year pilot program on financial literacy education at 10 public high schools located in gateway municipalities.

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90	Elder Protective Services Commission	Establishes a commission to study elder protective services and to make recommendations to enhance such services.
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98	Effective Date	Except as otherwise provided, this act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.