SECTION 4. Section 16 of chapter 6A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 38 and 39, the words “and (7) the health facilities appeals board” and inserting in place thereof the following words:—(7) the health facilities appeals board; and (8) the office of health equity.

SECTION 5. Section 16O of said chapter 6A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “recommendations”, in lines 3 and 4, the following words:—to the director of the office of health equity.

SECTION 6. Said section 16O of said chapter 6A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words “ex officio;”, in line 27, the following words:—the director of the office of health equity or a designee, who shall serve ex officio;.

SECTION 7. Said chapter 6A is hereby further amended by inserting after section 16Z the following section:

Section 16AA. (a) As used in this section the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:—

Disparities”, differences in the incidence, prevalence, mortality and burden of diseases and other adverse health conditions that exist among specific racial and ethnic groups.

“Office”, the office of health equity, as established in this section.

(b) There shall be an office of health equity within the executive office of health and human services. The office shall be under the supervision and control of a director who shall be appointed by, with the approval of the governor, and report to the secretary of health and human services. The health disparities council, established in section 16O, shall serve as an advisory board to the office.

(c) The office shall coordinate all activities of the commonwealth to eliminate racial and ethnic health and health care disparities. The office shall set goals for the reduction of disparities and prepare an annual plan for the commonwealth to eliminate disparities.

(d) The office shall collaborate with executive offices and other state agencies of the commonwealth on disparities reduction initiatives to address the social factors that influence health inequality. The executive offices and other state agencies shall include, but shall not be limited to, the executive office of health and human services, the executive office of housing and economic development, the executive office of public safety and security, the executive office of energy and environmental affairs, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, the executive office of labor and workforce development and the executive office of education. The office shall facilitate communication and partnership between these executive offices and agencies to develop greater understanding of the intersections between agency activities and health
outcomes. The office shall facilitate development of interagency initiatives to address the social
and economic determinants of health disparity issues including, but not limited to: (i) health care
access and quality; (ii) housing availability and quality; (iii) transportation availability, location
and cost; (iv) community policing and safe spaces; (v) air, water, land usage and quality; (vi)
employment and workforce development; and (vii) education access and quality.

(e) The office shall evaluate the effectiveness of programs and interventions to eliminate health
disparities, identifying best practices and model programs for the commonwealth.

(f) The office shall prepare an annual health disparities report. The report shall evaluate the
progress of the commonwealth toward eliminating racial and ethnic health disparities using,
where possible, quantifiable measures and comparative benchmarks and, where possible, shall
detail such progress on a regional basis. The office shall hold public hearings in several regions
of the commonwealth to gather public information on the topics of the report. The report shall be
filed with the governor, the clerks of the house of representatives and senate, the members of the
health disparities council and the health policy commission before July 1, 2019 and before July 1
of each subsequent year thereafter. The report shall be posted on the official website of the
commonwealth.

SECTION 8. Section 5 of chapter 6D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official
Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- The commission shall establish
goals that are intended to reduce health care disparities in racial, ethnic and disabled
communities and in doing so shall seek to incorporate the recommendations of the health
disparities council and the office of health equity.

SECTION 9. Section 4F3/4 of chapter 7 of the General Laws is hereby repealed.

SECTION 10. Section 35UU of chapter 10 of the General Laws is hereby repealed.

SECTION 11. Said chapter 10 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section
35DDD the following section:-

Section 35EEE. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a
Commonwealth Facility Trust for Energy Efficiency, in this section referred to as the trust. There
shall be credited to the trust: (i) an initial $500,000 transfer from the existing Energy Credit,
Efficiency and Sustainable Design Trust Fund previously established by a declaration by the
secretary of the executive office of administration and finance executed March 21, 2006 and
most recently amended and restated on March 1, 2011; (ii) amounts paid by agencies having
completed energy or water efficiency projects funded at least in part by monies disbursed from
the trust; (iii) any monies received by the commonwealth from persons or governmental, quasi-
governmental or non-governmental entities as rebates, credits, securities, grants or the like as a
result of enhancing energy efficiency and utilizing renewable energy applications in facility
projects funded at least in part by monies disbursed from the trust; and (iv) any appropriations,
bond proceeds or other monies authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be
credited thereto. The comptroller shall disburse amounts in the trust at the direction of the
secretary of administration and finance, in consultation with the commissioner of the division of
capital asset management and maintenance, without further appropriation, for the purpose of
funding certain small and medium energy and water efficiency projects at state facilities
identified by the division of capital asset management and maintenance. The secretary of
administration and finance or the commissioner of the division of capital asset management and
maintenance may require agencies to agree to repayment terms, including without limitation
payment of administrative fees, as a condition of receipt of monies from the trust. All monies
received from non-governmental parties by the division of capital asset management and
maintenance under this section shall be by check made payable to the commonwealth of
Massachusetts and deposited in the trust by the division of capital asset management and
maintenance. Amounts credited to the trust shall not be subject to further appropriation. Money
remaining in the trust at the close of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and shall be
available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years.

SECTION 12. Subsection (C) of section 2 of chapter 21J of the General Laws, as appearing in
the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in
place thereof the following 2 sentences:– The department shall deposit the receipts from the
delivery fee imposed under the first paragraph of subsection (A) in the following manner: (i) the
first $30,000,000 in receipts in a fiscal year into the Underground Storage Tank Petroleum
Product Cleanup Fund established in section 2AAAAA of chapter 29; and (ii) the remainder into
the Commonwealth Transportation Fund established in section 2ZZZZ of chapter 29. The
department shall deposit the receipts from the annual storage tank fee imposed under the second
paragraph of said subsection (A) into the General Fund.

hereby amended by inserting the following section:

Section 72. (a) There shall be within the department, but not subject to the control of the
department, an internal special audit unit. The inspector general shall appoint a director of the
special audit unit, who shall serve as an assistant inspector general, under the supervision of the
inspector general, for a term of 4 years. The inspector general may remove the director for cause
and designate an interim director until a new director is appointed. The director shall devote full
time and attention to the duties of this office.

(b) The director may appoint and remove, subject to the approval of the inspector general, such
persons as are necessary to perform the functions of the unit; provided, however, that section 9A
of chapter 30 and chapter 31 shall not apply to any person holding any such appointment. The
director may appoint and remove, subject to the approval of the inspector general, such expert,
clerical and other assistants as the work of the unit may require. Employees shall devote their
time and attention to their duties while employed with the unit and shall be subject to the
rules and regulations established for employees of the office of the inspector general pursuant to
section 4 of chapter 12A.

(c) The internal special audit unit shall monitor the quality, efficiency and integrity of the
department's operations, organizational structure and management functions, and seek to prevent,
detect and correct fraud, waste and abuse in the expenditure of public funds. The director shall
have access to all records, reports, audits, reviews, papers, books, documents, recommendations,
and correspondence of the department or any employee of the department, including, without limitation, information relative to all expenditures by the department for paid details and overtime.

The department of the state police shall cooperate with the special audit unit in carrying out the special audit unit's duties, including granting access to persons, documents, databases, electronic data and other materials deemed necessary by the director to conduct an investigation, audit or review.

Under the direction of the inspector general, the director of the internal special audit unit shall have all the powers of the inspector general pursuant chapter 12A and any rule or regulation promulgated pursuant thereto.

(d) The director shall report and refer instances of fraud, waste or abuse of public funds to the inspector general for investigation pursuant to section 8 of chapter 12A and the results of such investigation may be referred to the attorney general or state auditor for appropriate action.

(e) The director shall submit an annual report of the unit's activities for the preceding calendar year, including, but not limited to, findings referred to the inspector general for investigation, to the joint committee on public safety and homeland security and the house and senate committees on ways and means on or before March 1 of each year. The department shall make the annual report and all such reports from previous years available on the department's website.

SECTION 14. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2YYYY the following 3 sections:

Section 2ZZZZ. (a) There shall be a Debt and Long-Term Liability Reduction Trust Fund. The fund shall be administered by the secretary of administration and finance, in consultation with the treasurer and receiver-general.

(b) There shall be credited to the fund all monies received under subclause (i) of clause (2) of section 59 of chapter 23K. Expenditures from the fund shall be made for the payment and prepayment of commonwealth debt and other long-term liabilities including but not limited to: (i) debt service payable by the commonwealth and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation; (ii) contract assistance payments; (iii) payments pursuant to contracts established under section 38C; (iv) funding escrow accounts for the payments described in clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) hereof; (v) unfunded pension liabilities; (vi) other post-employment benefits; and (vii) other long-term liabilities. The comptroller may certify amounts for payment in anticipation of expected receipts; provided, however, that no expenditure shall be made from the fund which shall cause the fund to be deficient at the close of a fiscal year. Amounts credited to the fund shall not be subject to further appropriation. Money 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.

(c) An annual report to include expenditures made and income received by the fund shall be submitted to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, to the house and senate
committees on ways and means and to the house and senate committees on bonding, capital
expenditures and state assets not later than December 1 of each year.

Section 2AAAAA. (a) There shall be an Underground Storage Tank Petroleum Product Cleanup
Fund. There shall be credited to such fund: the fees imposed pursuant to subsection (A) of
section 2 of chapter 21J in the manner set forth pursuant to clause (i) of subsection (C) of said
section 2; any appropriation, grant, gift or other contribution explicitly made to such fund; and
any interest earned on monies within the fund.

(b) Amounts credited to said fund shall be used, subject to appropriation, for the purposes set
forth in chapter 21J. Before the calculation of the consolidated net surplus under section 5C of
chapter 29, the comptroller shall transfer any remaining fund balance to the Commonwealth
Transportation Fund established in section 2ZZZ.

Section 2BBBBB. There shall be a Safety Net Provider Trust Fund, which shall be administered
by the secretary of health and human services. Monies from the trust fund may be expended for
payments to qualifying providers under an approved federal waiver. Amounts credited to the
trust fund shall not be subject to further appropriation.

SECTION 15. Section 42 of chapter 30 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official
Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the words "public records", in line 3, the following
words:- the secretary of technology services and security.

SECTION 16. Section 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official
Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 245 and 250, the figure "23" and inserting in
place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- 30.

SECTION 17. Section 3 of chapter 90C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official
Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph of clause (A) of subsection (4) and
inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

A violator may contest responsibility for the infraction by making a signed request for a
noncriminal hearing on the citation and mailing such citation, together with a $25 court filing
fee, to the registrar at the address indicated on the citation within 20 days of the citation.
Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the registrar, in cooperation with the
state comptroller, upon receipt of the $25 court filing fee, shall cause the court filing fee to be
transferred to the trial court department; provided, however, that the registrar may periodically
retain an amount necessary to pay refunds of said fees for dispositions that result in findings of
not responsible; and provided further that the registrar may retain an amount not greater than
$200,000 annually for personnel costs associated with the processing of those filing fees.

SECTION 18. Said section 3 of said chapter 90C, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by
inserting after the word "responsible", in line 85, the following words:- , which shall be
communicated to the registrar.
SECTION 19. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2I the following section:

Section 2J. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a Public Health Grant Trust Fund, in this section referred to as the fund. The commissioner shall administer the fund for the purpose of collaborating with non-profit organizations to participate in competitive grant opportunities in furtherance of the mission of the department.

There shall be credited to the fund monies received from public and private sources to support a public health competitive grant opportunity, consistent with the mission of the department. Amounts credited to the fund shall not be subject to further appropriation. Monies remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and shall be available for expenditure in the subsequent fiscal year.

The commissioner shall report annually on the activities of the fund to the clerks of the house and senate and the house and senate committees on ways and means.

SECTION 20. Subsection (b) of section 63 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: The assessment shall be sufficient in the aggregate to generate in each fiscal year the lesser of $240,000,000, or an amount equal to 6 per cent of the revenues received by the taxpayer, as the term "revenues received by the taxpayer" is defined in 42 C.F.R. § 433.68(f)(3)(i)(A).

SECTION 21. Section 11 of chapter 211D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 7, the figures "$60" and inserting in place thereof the following figures: $68.

SECTION 22. Said section 11 of said chapter 211D, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 12, the figures "$50" and inserting in place thereof the following figures: $53.

SECTION 23. Subsection (b) of section 110 of chapter 5 of the acts of 1995, as amended by section 123 of chapter 133 of the acts of 2016, is hereby further amended by striking out the words "Subject to federal approval of a waiver, a family shall be eligible for assistance provided its maximum allowable countable resources do not exceed two thousand five hundred dollars" and inserting in place thereof the following words: A family shall be eligible for assistance provided its maximum allowable countable resources do not exceed $5,000.

SECTION 24. Section 226 of chapter 139 of the acts of 2012 is hereby amended by striking out the figure “2019”, inserted by section 129 of chapter 133 of the acts of 2016, and inserting in place thereof the following figure: 2021.

SECTION 25. Section 94 of chapter 47 of the acts of 2017 is hereby repealed.
SECTION 26. Said chapter 47 of the acts of 2017 is hereby amended by striking out section 95 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

SECTION 95. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of revenue shall record as revenue in fiscal year 2018 sales tax revenue collected by vendors and operators required to file a return under section 16 of chapter 62C on account of June 2018 sales but remitted to and received by the department in July 2018. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule, regulation or accounts receivable policy to the contrary, the comptroller shall record in fiscal year 2018 such revenue in the state accounting system and in the statutory basis financial report required by section 12 of chapter 7A of the General Laws.

SECTION 27. Section 133 of said chapter 47, as amended by section 43 of chapter 110 of the acts of 2017, is hereby further amended by striking out, in the first sentence, the words "an annual MassParks pass and a senior MassParks pass to cover fees for parking for 1 calendar year at state-owned" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- MassParks passes to cover fees for parking at designated.

SECTION 28. Said section 133 of said chapter 47, as so amended, is hereby further amended by striking out, in the third sentence, the words "annual MassParks and annual senior".

SECTION 29. Section 142 of said chapter 47, as so amended, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 30. There shall be a special commission established pursuant to section 2A of chapter 4 of the General Laws to study and report on the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of implementing a monthly estimated sales tax payment structure. The commission shall consist of: the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on financial services, who shall serve as co-chairs; the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on revenue; the commissioner of revenue or a designee; the secretary of technology services and security or a designee; 1 member of the house who shall be appointed by the minority leader; 1 member of the senate who shall be appointed by the minority leader; and 3 members appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a representative of the retailers or vendors subject to the tax under chapters 64G, 64H, 64I, or 64L of the General Laws that have an annual tax liability of $1,000,000 or more, 1 of whom shall be a representative of retailers or vendors subject to the tax under said chapters 64G, 64H, 64I, or 64L that have an annual tax liability of less than $1,000,000, and 1 of whom shall be a representative of third-party payment processors engaged in the business of remitting payments to vendors or operators under said chapters 64G, 64H, 64I or 64L, in association with credit card, debit card or similar payment arrangements that compensate the vendor or operator in transactions subject to the excise under said chapters.

The commission shall: (i) identify the categories of retail establishments with the implementation capacity; (ii) estimate any anticipated increase in both compliance and total tax revenue; (iii) estimate potential technology and personnel costs; (iv) identify potential disruption to businesses’ activities, specifically with regards to small businesses; (v) identify any necessary modifications to the existing payment processing systems; and (vi) conduct a review of other states that have implemented an estimated sales tax payment structure. The commission shall
make recommendations, including any proposed legislation, with the clerks of the senate and
house of representatives not later than December 31, 2018.

SECTION 31. There shall be a special commission established pursuant to section 2A of chapter
4 of the General Laws to review the hiring and promotion policies and practices of the state
police. The commission shall consist of the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on
public service, who shall serve as co-chairs of the commission; the house and senate chairs of the
joint committee on public safety and homeland security; the chair, or a designee of the following
legislative caucuses: the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus, the Massachusetts
Caucus of Women Legislators and the Massachusetts Asian-American Legislative Caucus; the
colonel of state police or a designee; the secretary of veterans’ services or a designee; the chair
of the Massachusetts commission against discrimination or a designee; 1 member of the State
Police Association of Massachusetts; and 1 representative of each of the following: the
Massachusetts Association of Minority Law Enforcement Officers, the Massachusetts
Association of Women in Law Enforcement, the Massachusetts Latino Police Officers

The commission shall examine state police recruitment, hiring, retention and promotion,
including but not limited to: the relevancy of testing requirements to essential job functions;
preferential treatment on the competitive examinations for initial enlistment and promotion;
preferential treatment based on personal contacts; the impact of any criminal record on an
applicant’s candidacy; the collection, analysis and sharing of data on race, gender, gender
identity and sexual orientation; and the role of the affirmative action office in hiring practices.

The commission shall recommend steps to increase transparency and accountability with respect
to recruitment, hiring, retention and promotion decisions. The commission shall hold its first
meeting not later than 30 days after the effective date of this act and shall meet not less
frequently than monthly thereafter. The commission shall file a report of its investigation and
study, together with legislation, if any, with the clerks of the house and senate no later than
December 31, 2018.

SECTION 32. There shall be an Early Education and Care Workforce Council, the members of
which shall make recommendations on improving and enhancing professional development and
higher education opportunities necessary for the growth and stability of a high quality early
education and care workforce in the Commonwealth.

The workforce council shall include, at minimum: 3 members to be appointed by the speaker of
the house; 1 member to be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; 3
members to be appointed by the president of the senate; 1 member to be appointed by the
minority leader of the senate; the commissioner of higher education, or a designee; and 1 person
from each of the following organizations: Massachusetts Association of Early Education and
Care, the executive office of community colleges, the president of a community college or a
designee, the Massachusetts Head Start Association, Inc., the Massachusetts Association for the
Education of Young Children, Inc., the Massachusetts Association of Early Childhood Teacher
Educators, the Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education, Inc., Strategies for Children, Inc.,
the Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs, Inc., the United Way of Massachusetts Bay, Inc., the
Massachusetts Business Roundtable, the Alliance for Business Leadership, Inc., a representative of SEIU Local 509, and a representative of a family child care provider chosen by the commissioner of early education and care.

Additional council members may be added to the workforce council upon the recommendation of the commissioner of early education and care and approval by the board of early education and care. All additional appointees shall have a special expertise or interest in early childhood education and workforce training and professional development and shall include a mix of representatives of the early childhood community, the civic, labor, and business communities, academics, teachers, social service providers, and health care providers.

Members shall not, by virtue of their membership, be considered state employees under chapter 268A. The members of the council shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed, subject to appropriation, for expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred in the performance of their responsibilities. Members shall be appointed for a term of 3 years. No member shall serve for more than 2 consecutive terms. The council shall hold its first meeting not later than 60 days after the effective date of this act and shall meet not fewer than 4 times annually.

The commissioner of early education and care shall consult with the council on the establishment of professional development and higher education opportunities for early educators that focuses on the unique needs and challenges of providing career advancement and support for the early education and care workforce.

The council may review and offer comments on any rules or regulations before promulgation by the board, and may, from time to time, make recommendations to the board that it considers appropriate for changes and improvements in early education and care professional development, training, and career support.

SECTION 33. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of revenue shall record as revenue in fiscal year 2019 sales tax revenue collected by vendors and operators required to file a return under section 16 of chapter 62C of the General Laws on account of June 2019 sales but remitted to and received by the department in July 2019, in an amount not to exceed $125,000,000. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule, regulation or accounts receivable policy to the contrary, the comptroller shall record in fiscal year 2019 such revenue in the state accounting system and in the statutory basis financial report required by section 12 of chapter 7A of the General Laws.

SECTION 34. Notwithstanding clause (xiii) of the third paragraph of section 9A of chapter 211B of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the court administrator may, from the effective date of this act to April 30, 2019, inclusive, transfer funds from any item of appropriation within the trial court; provided, however, that the court administrator shall not transfer more than 5 per cent of funds from items 0339-1001 and 0339-1003 to any other item of appropriation within the trial court. The transfers shall be made in accordance with schedules submitted to the house and senate committees on ways and means. The schedules shall include: (i) the amount of money transferred from any item of appropriation to any other item of appropriation; (ii) the reason for the necessity of the transfer; and (iii) the
date on which the transfer shall be completed. A transfer under this section shall not occur until 10 days after the revised funding schedules have been submitted in writing to the house and senate committees on ways and means.

SECTION 35. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the unexpended balances in items 0699-0014, 0699-0015, 0699-2005 and 0699-9100 shall be deposited into the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund established in section 24 of chapter 32A of the General Laws prior to determining the fiscal year 2019 consolidated net surplus under section 5C of chapter 29 of the General Laws. The amount deposited shall be an amount equal to 10 per cent of all payments received by the commonwealth in fiscal year 2018 under the master settlement agreement in Commonwealth of Massachusetts v. Philip Morris, Inc. et al., Middlesex Superior Court, No. 95-7378; provided, however, that if in fiscal year 2019 the unexpended balances of said items 0699-0014, 0699-0015, 0699-2005 and 0699-9100 are less than 10 per cent of all payments received by the commonwealth in fiscal year 2019 under the master settlement agreement payments, an amount equal to the difference shall be transferred to the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund from payments received by the commonwealth under the master settlement agreement.

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the percentage increase set forth in section 152 of chapter 68 of the acts of 2011 shall not apply in fiscal year 2019.

SECTION 36. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2019, the comptroller shall transfer all capital gains tax collections over the certified capital gains tax collections threshold of $1,211,511,830 to the Commonwealth Stabilization Fund established in section 2H of chapter 29 of the General Laws, in the manner described in section 5G of said chapter 29; provided further, that 5 per cent of any amount so transferred shall then be transferred from the Commonwealth Stabilization Fund to the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund established in section 24 of chapter 32A of the General Laws and 5 per cent of any amount so transferred shall then be transferred from the Commonwealth Stabilization Fund to the Commonwealth's Pension Liability Fund established in section 22 of chapter 32 of the General Laws.

SECTION 37. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2019, the amounts of category 1 gaming revenue specified in subclause (i) of clause (2) of section 59 of chapter 23K of the General Laws shall be transferred as follows: 10 per cent specified in said subclause (i) shall be credited to the Debt and Long-Term Liability Reduction Trust Fund established in section 2ZZZZ of chapter 29 of the General Laws.

SECTION 38. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the amounts transferred pursuant to subdivision (1) of section 22C of chapter 32 of the General Laws shall be made available for the Commonwealth's Pension Liability Fund established in section 22 of said chapter 32. The amounts transferred pursuant to said subdivision (1) of said section 22C of said chapter 32 shall meet the commonwealth's obligations pursuant to said section 22C of said chapter 32, including retirement benefits payable by the state employees' retirement system and the state teachers' retirement system, for the costs associated with a 3 per cent cost-of-living adjustment pursuant to section 102 of said chapter 32, for the reimbursement of local retirement...
systems for previously authorized cost-of-living adjustments pursuant to said section 102 of said
chapter 32 and for the costs of increased survivor benefits pursuant to chapter 389 of the acts of
1984. The state board of retirement and each city, town, county and district shall verify these
costs, subject to rules that shall be adopted by the state treasurer. The state treasurer may make
payments upon a transfer of funds to reimburse certain cities and towns for pensions of retired
teachers, including any other obligation that the commonwealth has assumed on behalf of a
retirement system other than the state employees' retirement system or state teachers' retirement
system, including the commonwealth's share of the amounts to be transferred pursuant to section
22B of said chapter 32. The payments under this section shall be made only pursuant to
distribution of money from the Commonwealth's Pension Liability Fund and any distribution,
and the payments for which distributions are required, shall be detailed in a written report filed
quarterly by the secretary of administration and finance with the chairs of the senate and house
committees on ways and means and the chairs of the joint committee on public service in
advance of the distribution. Distributions shall not be made in advance of the date on which a
payment is actually to be made. If the amount transferred pursuant to said subdivision (1) of said
section 22C of said chapter 32 exceeds the amount necessary to adequately fund the annual
pension obligations, the excess amount shall be credited to the Pension Reserves Investment
Trust Fund established in subdivision (8) of said section 22 of said chapter 32 to reduce the
unfunded pension liability of the commonwealth.

SECTION 39. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, payments from the
Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E of the General Laws may
be made either as safety net care payments under the commonwealth's waiver pursuant to section
1115 of the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1315, or as an adjustment to service rate
payments under Title XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act or a combination of both. Other
federally permissible funding mechanisms available for certain hospitals, as defined by
regulations of the executive office of health and human services, may be used to reimburse up to
$70,000,000 of uncompensated care pursuant to sections 66 and 69 of said chapter 118E using
sources distinct from the funding made available to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund.

SECTION 40. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, not later than October
1, 2018 and without further appropriation, the comptroller shall transfer from the General Fund
to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E of the General
Laws the greater of $45,000,000 or 1/12 of the total expenditures to hospitals and community
health centers pursuant to this act, for the purposes of making initial gross payments to
qualifying acute care hospitals for the hospital fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018. These
payments shall be made to hospitals before, and in anticipation of, the payment by hospitals of
their gross liability to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund. The comptroller shall transfer from the
Health Safety Net Trust Fund to the General Fund, not later than June 30, 2019, the amount of
the transfer authorized by this section and any allocation of that amount as certified by the
director of the health safety net office.

SECTION 41. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in hospital fiscal year
2019, the office of inspector general may expend a total of $1,000,000 from the Health Safety
Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E of the General Laws for costs
associated with maintaining a health safety net audit unit within the office. The unit shall
continue to oversee and examine the practices in hospitals including, but not limited to, the care of the uninsured and the resulting free charges. The unit shall also study and review the Medicaid program under said chapter 118E including, but not limited to, a review of the program’s eligibility requirements, utilization, claims administration and compliance with federal mandates. The inspector general shall submit a report to the chairs of the senate and house committees on ways and means on the results of the audits and any other completed analyses not later than March 1, 2019.

SECTION 42. Notwithstanding section 53 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, for fiscal year 2019, the executive office of health and human services may determine, subject to required federal approvals, the extent to which to include within its covered services for adults the federally-optimal dental services that were included in its state plan or demonstration program in effect on January 1, 2002; provided, however, that dental services for adults enrolled in MassHealth shall be covered at least to the extent they were covered as of January 1, 2018, and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, at least 45 days before restructuring any MassHealth dental benefits, the executive office of health and human services shall file a report with the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the proposed changes and the anticipated fiscal impact of the changes.

SECTION 43. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, nursing facility and resident care facility rates effective October 1, 2018 under section 13D of chapter 118E of the General Laws may be developed using the costs of calendar year 2007, or any subsequent year that the secretary of health and human services may select in the secretary’s discretion.

SECTION 44. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive office of administration and finance shall transfer up to $15,000,000 from the Commonwealth Care Trust Fund established in section 2000 of chapter 29 of the General Laws to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E of the General Laws.

SECTION 45. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the bureau of purchased services in the operational services division shall determine prices for programs under chapter 71B of the General Laws in fiscal year 2019 by increasing the final fiscal year 2018 price by the rate of inflation as determined by the division. The division shall adjust prices for extraordinary relief pursuant to 808 CMR 1.06(4). The division shall accept applications for program reconstruction and special circumstances in fiscal year 2019. The division shall authorize the annual price for out-of-state purchasers requested by a program, not to exceed a maximum price determined by the bureau, by identifying the most recent price calculated for the program and applying the estimated rate of inflation for each year, as determined by the bureau under section 22N of chapter 7 of the General Laws, in which the rate of inflation is frozen beginning with fiscal year 2004, in a compounded manner for each fiscal year.