

FUTURE TECH ACT

Status

Signed Into Law

Bill

Chapter 139 of the Acts of
2024

An Act to provide for the future information technology needs of Massachusetts

This legislation includes \$1.23 billion in bond authorization to fund current and future technology needs over the next five years.

Highlights

- 1 Provides funding to implement Business Enterprise Systems Transformation (BEST) and the Commonwealth Digital Roadmap, both of which will streamline state operations and make essential government services more efficient.
- 2 Supports a new project to consolidate and modernize the Division of Occupational Licensing's licensing database, which currently relies on outdated infrastructure, paper files, and manual data entry. Once fully implemented, new systems will accelerate licensing and renewals.
- 3 Allocates funds for future AI projects and supporting initiatives like the Municipal Fiber Grant Program, which boosts innovation and extends efficiencies to cities and towns.
- 4 Authorizes continued investments for the Employment Modernization Transformation (EMT) rollout, which will provide employers and those seeking unemployment insurance with a new portal to manage unemployment insurance claims.

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} \$1.23 billion bond
authorization to modernize the
Commonwealth's digital
infrastructure

This important legislation takes major steps towards improving the Commonwealth's digital infrastructure. Because of these investments, the residents of Massachusetts will benefit from a safe and modern informational technology environment in all state agencies.

—Senator Ed Kennedy (D-Lowell)



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