

# **HOUSE . . . . . No. 5077**

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, October 17, 2024.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the message from Her Excellency the Governor making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 5049), reports, in part, recommending that the accompanying bill ought to pass (House, No. 5077) [Total Appropriation: \$730,469,484.00].

For the committee,

AARON MICHLEWITZ.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purposes, which are to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2024 and to make certain changes in law, each of which is immediately necessary to carry out those appropriations or to accomplish other important public purposes, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. To provide for supplementing certain items in the general appropriation act  
2 and other appropriation acts for fiscal year 2024, the sums set forth in section 2 are hereby  
3 appropriated from the General Fund unless specifically designated otherwise in this act or in  
4 those appropriation acts, for the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this  
5 act or in those appropriation acts, and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public  
6 funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. These sums shall be in addition to any amounts  
7 previously appropriated and made available for the purposes of those items. These sums shall be  
8 made available through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

9           SECTION 2.

10 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

11 Department of Revenue

12 1233-2000 Tax Abatements for Veterans, Widows, Blind Persons and the Elderly

13 \$11,077,209

14 Reserves

15 1599-0026 Municipal Regionalization and Efficiencies Incentive Reserve

16 \$12,673,961

17 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

18 Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services

19 4000-0300 EOHHS and Medicaid Administration \$7,563,044

20 4000-0700 MassHealth Fee for Service Payments \$565,417,349

21 Department of Public Health

22 4590-0915 Public Health Hospitals \$5,055,887

23 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

24 Office of the Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development

25 7003-0101 Labor and Workforce Development Shared Services \$1,310,000

26 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

27 Office of the Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities

28           7004-9316    Residential Assistance for Families in Transition   \$7,325,156

29           EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION

30           Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

31           7053-1925    School Breakfast Program   \$8,700,000

32           EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

33           Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

34           8000-0105    Office of the Chief Medical Examiner   \$689,902

35           Military Division

36           8700-0001    Military Division   \$200,000

37           Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency

38           8800-0001    Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency   \$622,624

39           SECTION 2A. To provide for certain unanticipated obligations of the commonwealth, to  
40 provide for an alteration of purpose for current appropriations and to meet certain requirements  
41 of law, the sums set forth in this section are hereby appropriated from the General Fund unless  
42 specifically designated otherwise in this section, for the several purposes and subject to the  
43 conditions specified in this section, and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public  
44 funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Except as otherwise stated, these sums shall be  
45 made available through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

46           MASSACHUSETTS DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

47           0340-9111 For moving costs, expert witness costs and other costs associated with the  
48 district attorneys association and individual district attorneys' offices in the commonwealth  
49           \$1,000,000

50           EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

51           Reserves

52           1599-0640 For start-up costs associated with implementation of online lottery; provided,  
53 that the secretary of administration and finance may transfer funds from this item to state  
54 agencies as defined in section 1 of chapter 29 of the General Laws; and provided further, that  
55 funds in this item shall be made available until June 30, 2026           \$2,500,000

56           1599-1214 For a reserve for expansion, upgrades or enhancements to staffing, operations  
57 or infrastructure for new and existing facilities that treat men with an alcohol or substance use  
58 disorder under sections 1 and 35 of chapter 123 of the General Laws; provided, that the secretary  
59 of administration and finance may transfer funds from this item to state agencies as defined in  
60 section 1 of chapter 29 of the General Laws \$14,000,000

61           1599-6263 For a reserve to support efforts that eradicate and prevent mosquito-borne  
62 diseases, including but not limited to eastern equine encephalitis; provided, that the secretary of  
63 administration and finance may transfer funds from this item to state agencies as defined in  
64 section 1 of chapter 29 of the General Laws \$400,000

65           1599-8910     For a reserve to support costs associated with the 14 county sheriffs'  
66 offices; provided, that the secretary of administration and finance may transfer funds from this  
67 item to state agencies as defined in section 1 of chapter 29 of the General Laws     \$46,000,000

68 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION

69 Department of Early Education and Care

70 3000-1142 For a reimbursement rate increase for center-based subsidized early education  
71 and care for salaries, benefits and stipends for professional development of early educators;  
72 provided, that funds appropriated in this item shall be used to increase the reimbursement rate by  
73 an appropriate percentage for all such providers; provided further, that funds shall be expended  
74 for increasing the daily add-on rate for comprehensive early education services for children with  
75 active cases at the department of children and families; provided further, that the commissioner  
76 of early education and care may transfer funds between items 3000-3060 and 3000-4060 of  
77 section 2 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024 , as necessary, for this purpose, under an allocation  
78 plan that shall detail, by object class, the distribution of the funds to be transferred and which  
79 shall be submitted to the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days  
80 before any such  
81 transfer.....\$5,000,000

82 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

83 Office of the Secretary

84 4000-1998 For the distribution of funds for fiscally strained community health  
85 centers; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary  
86 of health and human services shall direct monthly payments to eligible community health centers  
87 in the form of enhanced Medicaid payments, supplemental payments or other appropriate  
88 mechanisms; provided further, that each payment made to an eligible community health center  
89 shall be allocated in direct proportion to each eligible community health center’s average

90 monthly Medicaid payments, as determined by the secretary, for the preceding year or the most  
91 recent year for which data is available; provided further, that such enhanced Medicaid payments  
92 shall not be used in subsequent years by the secretary to calculate an eligible community health  
93 center's average monthly payment; provided further, that such payments shall not offset existing  
94 Medicaid payments for which an eligible community health center may be qualified to receive;  
95 provided further, that the secretary may require as a condition of receiving payment any such  
96 reasonable condition of payment that the secretary determines necessary to ensure the  
97 availability, to the extent possible, of federal financial participation for the payments and the  
98 secretary may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify amounts for payment in  
99 anticipation of expected receipt of federal financial participation for the payments; provided  
100 further, that the executive office of health and human services may promulgate regulations as  
101 necessary to carry out this item; and provided further, that for the purposes of this item, "eligible  
102 community health center" shall be defined as any entity receiving funding pursuant to 42 U.S.C.  
103 section 254b that demonstrates significant financial need based on criteria established by the  
104 secretary in consultation with The Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, Inc.

105 \$12,000,000

106 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

107 Office of Travel and Tourism

108 7008-1118 For special projects; provided, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended  
109 for First Night in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$6,000,000 shall be  
110 expended for capital improvements to the Edward A. LeLacheur park at the University of  
111 Massachusetts Lowell; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Sail

112 Boston, Inc. for the Tall Ships 2026 celebrations; and provided further, that not less than  
113 \$250,000 shall be expended to the Duchenne Program at the University of Massachusetts  
114 medical school, to advance clinical care, research, and innovation for patients with complex  
115 disorders affecting the human nervous system \$6,750,000

116 7008-1776 For the costs associated with celebrations of the United States’  
117 semiquincentennial; provided, that funds shall be made available as grants to municipalities for  
118 public safety, transportation and logistical costs associated with the celebration of the  
119 anniversary; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for planning and  
120 operating costs associated with the 250th anniversary celebrations in the town of Sudbury;  
121 provided further, that not less than \$325,000 shall be expended for the towns of Concord,  
122 Arlington, Lexington and Lincoln for planning and operating costs associated with the 250th  
123 anniversary celebrations; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the  
124 Berkshire Historical Society for coordination of 250th anniversary celebrations throughout  
125 Berkshire county; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the  
126 Revolution 250, Inc. for statewide programming, educational and outreach efforts; and provided  
127 further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the city of Quincy for planning and  
128 operating costs associated with the 250th celebrations \$20,000,000

129 SECTION 2B. To provide for supplementing certain intragovernmental chargeback  
130 authorizations in the general appropriation act and other appropriation acts for fiscal year 2024,  
131 to provide for certain unanticipated intragovernmental chargeback authorizations, to provide for  
132 an alteration of purpose for current intragovernmental chargeback authorizations and to meet  
133 certain requirements of law, the sum set forth in this section is hereby authorized from the  
134 Intragovernmental Service Fund for the several purposes specified in this section or in the



135 appropriation acts and subject to the provisions of law regulating the disbursement of public  
136 funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. This sum shall be in addition to any amounts  
137 previously authorized and made available for the purposes of this item.

138 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES

139 Office of the Secretary of Veterans' Services

140 1410-0110 Central Services Chargeback \$1,698,000

141 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION

142 Office of the Secretary of Education

143 7009-1701 Chargeback for Education Information Technology Costs \$486,352

144 SECTION 2C.I. For the purpose of making available in fiscal year 2025 balances of  
145 appropriations which otherwise would revert on June 30, 2024, the unexpended balances of the  
146 appropriations listed below, not to exceed the amount specified below for each item, are hereby  
147 re-appropriated for the purposes of and subject to the conditions stated for the corresponding  
148 item in section 2 or 2F of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023. However, for items which do not appear  
149 in said section 2 or 2F of the general appropriation act, the amounts in this section are re-  
150 appropriated for the purposes of and subject to the conditions stated for the corresponding item  
151 in section 2 or 2A of this act or in prior appropriation acts. Amounts in this section are re-  
152 appropriated from the fund or funds designated for the corresponding item in said section 2 or 2F  
153 of said chapter 28; provided, however, that for items which do not appear in said section 2 or 2F  
154 of said chapter 28, the amounts in this section are re-appropriated from the fund or funds  
155 designated for the corresponding item in said section 2 through 2F of this act or in prior

156 appropriation acts. The unexpended balance of each appropriation in the Massachusetts  
157 management accounting and reporting system with a secretariat code of 01 or 17 is hereby re-  
158 appropriated for the purposes of and subject to the conditions stated for the corresponding item  
159 in said section 2 of said chapter 28. The sums reappropriated in this section shall be in addition  
160 to any amounts available for said purposes.

161 JUDICIARY

162 Supreme Judicial Court

163 0320-0003 Supreme Judicial Court \$150,000

164 Board of Bar Examiners

165 0321-0100 Board of Bar Examiners \$100,000

166 TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL

167 Treasurer and Receiver General

168 0610-2000 Welcome Home Bill Bonus Payments \$800,000

169 State Lottery Commission

170 0640-0000 State Lottery Commission \$104,000

171 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

172 0900-0100 State Ethics Commission \$66,500

173 CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

174	1070-0840	Cannabis Control Commission	\$200,000
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176		EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE	
177		Health Policy Commission	
178	1450-1200	Health Policy Commission	\$350,000
179		Reserves	
180	1599-0054	Hinton Lab Reserve	\$56,000
181	1599-1971	MBTA Workforce and Safety Reserve	\$117,582,748
182	1599-4448	Collective Bargaining Reserve	\$59,000,000
183		Bureau of the State House	
184	1102-3331	Office of the State House Superintendent	\$400,000
185		EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND SECURITY	
186	1790-1700	Core Technology Services and Security	\$317,262
187		EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS	
188		Department of Public Utilities	
189	2100-0013	Transportation Oversight Division	\$256,000
190		EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	

191 Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services

192 1599-6903 Chapter 257 and Human Service Reserve \$28,465,994

193 Massachusetts Commission for the Blind

194 4110-2000 Turning 22 Program and Services \$350,000

195 Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission

196 4120-2000 Vocational Rehabilitation for People with Disabilities \$100,000

197 4120-6000 Head Injury Treatment Services \$34,496

198 Department of Youth Services

199 4200-0300 Department of Youth Services Residential Services \$8,000,000

200 Department of Public Health

201 4512-0200 Bureau of Substance Addiction Services \$7,000,000

202 4512-2020 DPH Public Safety Reform Matching Grants \$3,146,536

203 Department of Mental Health

204 5011-0100 Department of Mental Health Administration and Operations

205 \$105,000

206 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES

207 Office of the Secretary of Veterans' Services

208 1410-1700 Department of Veterans' Services IT \$300,000

209 MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

210 Department of Transportation

211 1596-2401 Federal Matching Funds \$24,500,000

212 1596-2406 Regional Transit Grants and Equity \$23,800,000

213 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

214 Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation

215 7006-0000 Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation \$73,000

216 Division of Banks

217 7006-0010 Division of Banks \$1,900,000

218 Division of Insurance

219 7006-0020 Division of Insurance \$1,950,000

220 Division of Occupational Licensure

221 7006-0040 Division of Occupational Licensure \$250,000

222 7006-0142 Office of Public Safety and Inspections \$334,000

223 Division of Standards

224 7006-0060 Division of Standards \$223,000

225 Department of Telecommunications and Cable

226           7006-0071    Department of Telecommunications and Cable       \$175,000

227           EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

228           Office of the Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities

229           7004-0102    Homeless Individual Shelters \$4,627,529

230           EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION

231           Department of Early Education and Care

232           3000-4060    Income-Eligible Child Care   \$13,619,274

233           3000-2050    Children's Trust Fund \$350,000

234           Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

235           7061-9805    Teacher Diversity Initiative   \$12,000,000

236           Department of Higher Education

237           1596-2425    DHE Endowment Match        \$1,900,000

238           1596-2432    Capacity Building for Free Community College    \$9,100,000

239           1596-2433    Scholarships for Nursing Students at Community Colleges   \$9,700,000

240           EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

241           Office of the Secretary of Public Safety and Security

242           8000-0601    Project Safe Neighborhood Initiative \$1,000,000

243	8000-0605	Human Trafficking Prevention	\$431,000
244		Massachusetts State Police	
245	8100-0515	New State Police Class	\$5,974,741
246		Department of Fire Services	
247	8324-0000	Department of Fire Services Administration	\$133,489
248		Department of Corrections	
249	8900-0001	Department of Corrections Facility Operations	\$22,771,552
250	8900-1100	Re-Entry Programs	\$827,819
251		Parole Board	
252	8950-0001	Parole Board	\$500,000

253 SECTION 2C.II. For the purpose of making available in fiscal year 2025 balances of  
254 retained revenue and intragovernmental chargeback authorizations which otherwise would revert  
255 on June 30, 2024, the unexpended balances of the authorizations listed below, not to exceed the  
256 amount specified below for each item, are hereby re-authorized for the purposes of and subject to  
257 the conditions stated for the corresponding item in sections 2 through 2F, inclusive, of chapter 28  
258 of the acts of 2023. However, for items which do not appear in said sections 2 through 2F,  
259 inclusive, of said chapter 28, the amounts in this section are re-authorized for the purposes of and  
260 subject to the conditions stated for the corresponding item in said sections 2 through 2F,  
261 inclusive, of this act or in prior appropriation acts. Amounts in this section are re-authorized  
262 from the fund or funds designated for the corresponding item in sections 2 through 2F, inclusive,

263 of the general appropriation act; however, for items which do not appear in said sections 2  
264 through 2F, inclusive, of the general appropriation act, the amounts in this section are re-  
265 authorized from the fund or funds designated for the corresponding item in said sections 2  
266 through 2F, inclusive, of this act or in prior appropriation acts. The sums re-authorized in this  
267 section shall be in addition to any amounts available for those purposes.

268 MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

269 0940-0103 Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Retained Revenue

270 \$2,200,000

271 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

272 Operational Services Division

273 1775-0800 Chargeback for Purchase Operation and Repair of State Vehicles

274 \$400,000

275 SECTION 3. Section 66 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
276 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 49, the words “June 2” and inserting  
277 in place thereof the following words:- July 31.

278 SECTION 4. The first sentence of subsection (a) of section 19 of chapter 15D of the  
279 General Laws, as inserted by section 36 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024, is hereby amended by  
280 striking out the words “separate, non-budgeted special revenue” and inserting in place thereof the  
281 following word:- budgeted.

282 SECTION 5. Said chapter 15D is hereby further amended by adding the following  
283 section:-



284 Section 22. (a) As used in this section, the following terms shall, unless the context  
285 clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

286 “Imagination Library of Massachusetts program”, a comprehensive statewide initiative to  
287 encourage children from birth to 5 years of age to develop a love of reading and learning.

288 “Qualified local entity”, an existing or new local Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library  
289 affiliate that agrees to fund up to 50 per cent of the costs of the Imagination Library of  
290 Massachusetts program.

291 (b) Subject to appropriation, the department shall establish the Imagination Library of  
292 Massachusetts program to promote the development of a comprehensive statewide initiative to  
293 encourage preschool age children to develop a love of reading and learning. The department  
294 shall develop, implement and promote a comprehensive statewide initiative to  
295 encourage children from birth to 5 years of age to develop a love of reading and learning.

296 (c)(1) Subject to appropriation, the Imagination Library of Massachusetts program shall  
297 provide, through Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, 1 age-appropriate book to each registered  
298 child from birth to age 5. Books shall be sent monthly to each child’s home at no cost to families.

299 (2) Subject to appropriation, the Imagination Library of Massachusetts program shall  
300 contribute funds to qualified local entities participating in Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library.

301 (d) The department shall administer the Imagination Library of Massachusetts program,  
302 including, but not limited to:

303 (i) promoting the statewide development of local Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library  
304 affiliates;

305 (ii) coordinating with qualified local entities to increase enrollment;

306 (iii) engaging with communities, qualified local entities and nonprofit leaders across the  
307 commonwealth;

308 (iv) implementing a statewide marketing and communications campaign, including, but  
309 not limited to, an ongoing public awareness campaign to:

310 (A) make donors aware of the opportunity to donate to the Imagination Library of  
311 Massachusetts program; and

312 (B) make the public aware of the Imagination Library of Massachusetts program and of  
313 how to register eligible children; and

314 (v) coordinating the local match requirement for approved qualified local entities as well  
315 as the reimbursement of local program costs for books and mailing, as needed.

316 (e) The department shall, in coordination with the qualified local entity, ensure all  
317 personally identifiable information is handled in accordance with all applicable state and federal  
318 laws and regulations.

319 (f) Annually, not later than March 15, the department shall submit a report to the clerks of  
320 the house of representatives and senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the  
321 chairs of the joint committee on education, the executive office for administration and finance  
322 and the executive office of education on the activities of the program, including, but not limited  
323 to: (i) the total number of children enrolled, delineated by municipality; (ii) the number of books  
324 sent to enrolled children, delineated by municipality; (iii) the number of books returned as  
325 undeliverable, delineated by municipality; (iv) any activity from the Imagination Library of

326 Massachusetts Fund established in section 2JJJJJ of chapter 29, including, but not limited to,  
327 deposits and expenditures; (v) the number of qualified local entities across the commonwealth,  
328 their locations, local match amount contributed and other local partners, if any; and (vi) any  
329 other information the department deems relevant.

330 (g) The department may promulgate regulations for the implementation of the  
331 Imagination Library of Massachusetts program.

332 SECTION 6. Section 31 of chapter 23B of the General Laws, as appearing in section 5 of  
333 chapter 150 of the acts of 2024, is hereby amended by striking out the figure “2FFFFFF”, each  
334 time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:-  
335 2KKKKKK.

336 SECTION 7. Subsection (f) of section 2BBBBBB of chapter 29 of the General Laws,  
337 inserted by section 57 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024, is hereby amended by striking out the  
338 first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following 2 sentences:- Annual expenditures  
339 from the fund shall not exceed that year’s spending threshold, less the dedicated transportation  
340 income surtax revenue amount. Each year’s spending threshold shall be equal to the prior year  
341 spending threshold plus an adjustment factor equal to the 10-year rolling rate of growth of  
342 income subject to the tax specified in subsection (d) of section 4 of chapter 62 as certified by the  
343 commissioner of revenue.

344 SECTION 8. Said chapter 29 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 2IIIII,  
345 inserted by section 58 of said chapter 140, the following 2 sections:-

346 Section 2JJJJJ. (a) There is hereby established and set up on the books of the  
347 commonwealth a separate, non-budgeted special revenue fund known as the Imagination Library  
348 of Massachusetts Fund which shall be administered by the secretary of education.

349 (b) There shall be credited to the fund: (i) revenue from appropriations and other money  
350 authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (ii) funds  
351 from public and private sources such as gifts, grants and donations; and (iii) interest earned on  
352 money in the fund. Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended without further  
353 appropriation. No expenditure made from the fund shall cause the fund to be in deficit at any  
354 point. Money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General  
355 Fund. The fund shall not be subject to section 5C.

356 (c) Funds shall be made available to provide age-appropriate books on a monthly basis, at  
357 home, to each child registered in the Imagination Library of Massachusetts program, established  
358 pursuant to section 22 of chapter 15D, from birth to their fifth birthday, inclusive, at no cost to  
359 families or guardians, in coordination with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

360 Section 2KKKKKK. (a) There shall be established and set up on the books of the  
361 commonwealth a separate fund known as the Fair Housing Fund. There shall be credited to the  
362 fund: (i) revenue from appropriations or other funds authorized by the general court and  
363 specifically designated for the fund; (ii) any gifts, grants or private contributions; (iii) any  
364 interest on the fund's assets; and (iv) any other sources. Amounts credited to the fund shall be  
365 expended without further appropriation. Any balance in the fund at the close of a fiscal year shall  
366 be available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years and shall not be transferred to any other  
367 fund or revert to the General Fund; provided, that the comptroller shall report the amount

368 remaining in the fund at the end of each fiscal year to the house and senate committees on ways  
369 and means.

370 (b) The fund shall be administered by the office of fair housing established in section 31  
371 of chapter 23B and funds shall be expended for the purpose of eliminating housing  
372 discrimination. Activities eligible for assistance from the fund shall include, but shall not be  
373 limited to: (i) private enforcement initiatives; (ii) education and outreach initiatives; (iii) fair  
374 housing testing; (iv) lending discrimination; (v) affirmatively furthering fair housing; and (vi)  
375 special projects.

376 (c) Grantees eligible for assistance shall include, but shall not be limited to, fair housing  
377 assistance programs and fair housing initiative programs, as defined by the United States  
378 Department of Housing and Urban Development, any private, non-profit agency or any state-  
379 funded public housing authority.

380 SECTION 9. Section 2FFFFFFF of chapter 29 of the General Laws, inserted by section 6  
381 of chapter 150 of the acts of 2024, is hereby repealed.

382 SECTION 10. Chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
383 following section:-

384 Section 70. (a) A city or town may enter into an agreement with a housing developer or  
385 residential development owner to provide a preference for affordable housing to low- or  
386 moderate-income veterans, as defined in clause Forty-third of section 7 of chapter 4 if the  
387 residential development is subject to any of the following: (i) inclusionary zoning; (ii) incentive  
388 zoning; or (iii) a density bonus ordinance or by-law. The preference shall be for up to 10 per cent  
389 of the affordable units in a particular development.

390 (b) The preference under this section shall be established in the applicant selection  
391 process for available affordable units. Applicants who are veterans and who apply within 90 days  
392 of the initial marketing period of the development shall receive preference for the rental of up to  
393 10 per cent of the affordable units. After the first 90 days of the initial marketing period, if any of  
394 the units subject to the preference remain available, applicants from the general public shall be  
395 considered for occupancy. Following the initial marketing period, qualified applicants who are  
396 veterans shall be placed on a waiting list for the preference-occupied units for veterans and on  
397 any general waiting list. The veterans on the preference-occupied waiting list shall be given  
398 preference for affordable units, as the units become available, whenever the percentage of  
399 preference-occupied units falls below 10 per cent.

400 (c) Any agreement to provide affordable housing preferences for veterans pursuant to this  
401 section shall not affect a municipality's ability to receive credit for the unit for affordable  
402 housing pursuant to sections 20 to 23, inclusive, of chapter 40B; provided, that such unit or  
403 development shall meet all other eligibility criteria for inclusion on the subsidized housing  
404 inventory, pursuant to 706 CMR 56.00 and any applicable federal or state subsidy program  
405 requirements. The agreement may be monitored by a third party assigned by the municipality.

406 (d) This section shall not require an increase in the existing amount of affordable units set  
407 by the city or town.

408 (e) The city or town may require proof of veteran status and income eligibility as the city  
409 or town deems necessary.

410 SECTION 11. Section 18 of chapter 40A of the General Laws, inserted by section 14 of  
411 chapter 150 of the acts of 2024, is hereby repealed.

412 SECTION 12. Section 1 of chapter 40V of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
413 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 16, after the word “residential” the  
414 following words:- new construction or.

415 SECTION 13. Section 4 of said chapter 40V, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
416 inserting, in line 9, after the word “the”, the following words:- new construction or.

417 SECTION 14. Paragraph (5) of subsection (q) of section 6 of chapter 62 of the General  
418 Laws, inserted by section 19 of chapter 50 of the acts of 2023, is hereby amended by striking out  
419 the words “awarded by EOHLC in a calendar year shall not be applied to awards in a subsequent  
420 year” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- authorized by EOHLC during a  
421 calendar year shall be added to the amount EOHLC may authorize in subsequent years.

422 SECTION 15. Paragraph (xii) of subsection (d) of section 2A of chapter 63 of the  
423 General Laws, inserted by section 28 of said chapter 50, is hereby amended by striking out the  
424 words “and paragraph (xii)”.

425 SECTION 16. Section 38 of said chapter 63, inserted by section 31 of said chapter 50, is  
426 hereby amended by striking out subsection (g) and inserting in place thereof the following  
427 subsection:-

428 (g) If the sales factor is inapplicable, the corporation’s taxable net income shall be  
429 apportioned to the commonwealth based on the corporation’s property and payroll in the  
430 commonwealth. The sales factor shall not be applicable if: (i) both its numerator and  
431 denominator are zero; (ii) the denominator is less than 10 per cent of one third of the taxable net  
432 income; or (iii) it is otherwise determined by the commissioner to be insignificant in producing

433 income. The sales factor shall not be deemed to be inapplicable merely because the numerator is  
434 zero. The commissioner shall adopt regulations providing for such method of apportionment.

435 SECTION 17. Subdivision (5) of section 38BB of said chapter 63, inserted by section 33  
436 of said chapter 50, is hereby amended by striking out the words “awarded by EOHLC in a  
437 calendar year shall not be applied to awards in a subsequent year” and inserting in place thereof  
438 the following words:- authorized by EOHLC during a calendar year shall be added to the amount  
439 EOHLC may authorize in subsequent years.

440 SECTION 18. Subsection (b) of section 2A of chapter 71B of the General Laws, as  
441 appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:-  
442 Notwithstanding chapter 66A, any other provision of this section or any other general or special  
443 law to the contrary, the department of elementary and secondary education and the bureau of  
444 special education appeals may share with each other personal data regarding students and other  
445 individuals to carry out their respective responsibilities under state and federal laws and  
446 regulations.

447 SECTION 19. Section 11A of said chapter 71B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
448 adding the following sentence:- Notwithstanding chapter 66A or any other general or special law  
449 to the contrary, the department of elementary and secondary education and each of the county  
450 houses of correction may share with each other, school districts and educational service  
451 providers, personal data of individuals incarcerated in county houses of correction, to facilitate  
452 prompt access to special education services for individuals incarcerated in county houses of  
453 correction.



454 SECTION 20. Subsection (b) of section 47XX of chapter 175 of the General Laws, as  
455 appearing in section 44 of chapter 186 of the acts of 2024, is hereby amended by striking out the  
456 word “commission” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- carrier.

457 SECTION 21. Subsection (b) of section 8YY of chapter 176A of the General Laws, as  
458 appearing in section 45 of said chapter 186, is hereby amended by striking out the word  
459 “commission” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- non-profit hospital service  
460 corporation.

461 SECTION 22. Subsection (b) of section 4YY of chapter 176B of the General Laws, as  
462 appearing in section 46 of said chapter 186, is hereby amended by striking out the word  
463 “commission” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- medical service corporation.

464 SECTION 23. Subsection (b) of section 4QQ of chapter 176G of the General Laws, as  
465 appearing in section 47 of said chapter 186, is hereby amended by striking out the word  
466 “commission” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- health maintenance  
467 organization.

468 SECTION 24. Section 7 of chapter 268A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
469 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 51 and 52, the words “division of  
470 health care policy and finance” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- executive  
471 office of health and human services.

472 SECTION 25. Said section 7 of said chapter 268A, as so appearing, is hereby further  
473 amended by striking out, in line 66, the words “mentally ill or mentally retarded persons” and  
474 inserting in place thereof the following words:- persons with mental health conditions or  
475 intellectual or developmental disabilities.

476 SECTION 26. Section 1 of chapter 268B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
477 amended by inserting after the word “reporting”, in lines 43 and 44, the following word:-  
478 person’s.

479 SECTION 27. Section 2 of said chapter 268B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
480 striking out, in lines 5, 33, 34 and 38, the word “chairman”, each time it appears, and inserting in  
481 place thereof, in each instance, the following word:- chair.

482 SECTION 28. Section 3 of said chapter 268B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
483 striking out, in lines 30 and 31, the words “home address of the filer”, and inserting in place  
484 thereof following words:- home address, personal email address and personal and home  
485 telephone number of the filer and the name and home address of a family member of the filer.

486 SECTION 29. The last sentence of subsection (a) of section 1 of chapter 45 of the acts of  
487 2018 is hereby amended by striking out the word “Hull,”.

488 SECTION 30. Item 2000-7081 of section 2A of chapter 209 of the acts of 2018, as  
489 amended by section 12 of chapter 42 of the acts of 2022, is hereby further amended by striking  
490 out the words “federal and state recognized tribes” and inserting in place thereof the following  
491 words:- tribal governments.

492 SECTION 31. Said item 2000-7081 of said section 2A of said chapter 209, as so  
493 amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words “federal agencies” the  
494 following words:- , tribal governments.

495 SECTION 32. Said item 2000-7081 of said section 2A of said chapter 209, as so  
496 amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words “used for municipal” the  
497 following words:- , tribal government.

498 SECTION 33. Section 75 of chapter 260 of the acts of 2020 is hereby amended by  
499 striking out the figure “2025”, inserted by section 2 of chapter 107 of the acts of 2022, and  
500 inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2027.

501 SECTION 34. Item 8200-0200 of section 2 of chapter 24 of the acts of 2022 is hereby  
502 amended by striking out the figure “2024”, inserted by section 50 of chapter 77 of the acts of  
503 2023, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2025.

504 SECTION 35. Item 5095-0017 of section 2 of chapter 126 of the acts of 2022 is hereby  
505 amended by inserting after the words “January 1, 2023” the following words:- and such funds  
506 shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

507 SECTION 36. Item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 126, is hereby amended  
508 by striking out the words “June 30, 2024”, as amended by section 124 of chapter 77 of the acts of  
509 2023, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- June 30, 2025.

510 SECTION 37. Item 1599-6063 of section 2A of chapter 268 of the acts of 2022, as  
511 amended by sections 166 and 167 of said chapter 77, is hereby further amended by striking out  
512 the words “provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Williamstown  
513 Summer Theater youth internship program” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
514 provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Williamstown Theatre  
515 Festival.

516 SECTION 38. Item 1599-0026 of section 2 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023, as amended  
517 by section 174 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024, is hereby further amended by inserting after  
518 the words “parking lot”, the first time they appear, the following words:- and such funds shall be  
519 made available until June 30, 2025.

520 SECTION 39. Said item 1599-0026 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as so amended,  
521 is hereby further amended by adding the following words:- ; provided further, that not less than  
522 \$12,673,961 shall be expended to support missed prior year payments to municipalities and local  
523 education agencies pursuant to items 1233-2350 and 7061-0008; and provided further, that such  
524 funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

525 SECTION 40. Item 2511-0105 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby amended by  
526 inserting after the word “building”, the second time it appears, the following words:- and such  
527 funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

528 SECTION 41. Item 2810-0100 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby amended by  
529 inserting after the words “park area” the following words:- and such funds shall be made  
530 available until June 30, 2025.

531 SECTION 42. Item 2810-0122 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby amended by  
532 inserting after the word “network” the following words:- and such funds shall be made available  
533 until June 30, 2025.

534 SECTION 43. Said item 2810-0122 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby further  
535 amended by inserting after the word “Somerville”, the second time it appears, the following  
536 words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

537 SECTION 44. Said item 2810-0122 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby further  
538 amended by inserting after the words “North river” the following words:- and such funds shall be  
539 made available until June 30, 2025.

540 SECTION 45. Item 7008-0900 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby amended by  
541 inserting after the words “education center” the following words:- and such funds shall be made  
542 available until June 30, 2025.

543 SECTION 46. Item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as amended by  
544 sections 187 through 190, inclusive, of chapter 77 of the acts of 2023, is hereby further amended  
545 by inserting after the words “city of Brockton”, the second time they appear, the following  
546 words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

547 SECTION 47. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as so amended,  
548 is hereby further amended by inserting after the words “city of Gloucester”, the first time they  
549 appear, the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

550 SECTION 48. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as so amended,  
551 is hereby further amended by inserting after the words “city of Gloucester”, the third time they  
552 appear, the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

553 SECTION 49. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as so amended,  
554 is hereby further amended by inserting after the words “city of Quincy”, the second time they  
555 appear, the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

556 SECTION 50. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as so amended,  
557 is hereby further amended by inserting after the words “Fido, Inc.” the following words:- and  
558 such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

559 SECTION 51. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as so amended,  
560 is hereby further amended by inserting after the words “New England, Inc. in the city of Boston”  
561 the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

562 SECTION 52. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as so amended,  
563 is hereby further amended by inserting after the words “pantry in the city of Boston” the  
564 following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

565 SECTION 53. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as so amended,  
566 is hereby further amended by inserting after the words “maintenance and upgrades” the  
567 following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

568 SECTION 54. Item 8000-0313 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby amended by  
569 inserting after the words “Recovery program” the following words:- and such funds shall be  
570 made available until June 30, 2025.

571 SECTION 55. Item 8324-0000 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby amended by  
572 inserting after the word “Boston” the following words:- and such funds shall be made available  
573 until June 30, 2025.

574 SECTION 56. Item 1595-6368 of section 2E of said chapter 28 is hereby amended by  
575 inserting after the word “Boston”, the second time it appears, the following words:- and such  
576 funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

577 SECTION 57. Item 0610-2000 of section 2 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024 is hereby  
578 amended by striking out the figure “\$300,000” and inserting in place thereof the following  
579 figure:- \$1,100,000.

580 SECTION 58. Said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby further amended by inserting  
581 after item 1599-4417 the following item:-

582 1599-4448 For a reserve to meet the costs of salary adjustments and other economic  
583 benefits authorized by the ratified collective bargaining agreements.....\$200,000,000.

584 SECTION 59. Item 7006-0011 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended  
585 by inserting after the figure “255F”, the second time it appears, the following words:- ; provided  
586 further, that the division may expend from such revenue an amount to be determined by the  
587 commissioner of banks as grants for the operation of a program for best lending practices, first-  
588 time homeowner counseling for nontraditional loans and 10 or more foreclosure education  
589 centers under section 16 of chapter 206 of the acts of 2007 and that the grants shall be awarded  
590 through a competitive application process under criteria established by the division.

591 SECTION 60. Item 8324-0050 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended  
592 by striking out the words “provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the  
593 purchasing of firefighting equipment by the Adams fire warden department” and inserting in  
594 place thereof the following words:- provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be  
595 expended for the purchasing of firefighting equipment by the Adams forest warden department.

596 SECTION 61. Item 4000-0103 of section 2B of said chapter 140 is hereby amended by  
597 striking out the figure “\$31,489,176” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-  
598 \$45,489,176.

599 SECTION 62. Chapter 197 of the acts of 2024 is hereby amended by striking out section  
600 22 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

601 SECTION 22. Said chapter 118E is hereby further amended by adding the following 2  
602 sections:-

603 Section 85. To establish Medicaid rates for skilled nursing facilities licensed pursuant to  
604 section 71 of chapter 111, the division of medical assistance shall use as base year costs for rate  
605 determination purposes the reported costs of the calendar year not more than 2 years prior to the  
606 current rate year.

607 Section 86. (a) The division of medical assistance shall establish a skilled nursing facility  
608 rate add-on program for bariatric patient care and a rate add-on program for 1-on-1 staffing of at-  
609 risk residents requiring 24-hour monitoring and supervision for their safety and the safety of  
610 other residents and staff. The division of medical assistance shall identify at-risk resident  
611 populations to include in the rate add-on program for 1-on-1 staffing which shall include, but not  
612 be limited to, residents that: (i) have demonstrated suicidal ideation; (ii) have demonstrated  
613 aggressive behavior toward other residents or staff; (iii) have demonstrated exit-seeking  
614 behavior; or (iv) are registered sex offenders. The rate add-ons for said program shall be  
615 sufficient to defray the cost of employing the required staff to conduct the 24-hour monitoring  
616 and supervision of the at-risk residents.

617 (b) The division of medical assistance may develop an add-on to rate of payment for  
618 skilled nursing facilities that develop small house nursing homes and meet criteria established by  
619 the executive office.



620 SECTION 63. Section 42 of said chapter 197 is hereby amended by striking out the  
621 figure “83” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 85.

622 SECTION 64. Notwithstanding any general or special law or any rule, regulation or  
623 company policy to the contrary, any person serving as independent director of a licensed  
624 domestic life insurance company in the commonwealth shall not serve as a director of the board  
625 of said company beyond the date of their eightieth birthday.

626 SECTION 65. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, employees of  
627 the Berkshire County Regional Emergency Communications Center, employed by the Berkshire  
628 county sheriff, are hereby transferred to the state 911 department. The transfer, including any  
629 change in an employee’s title or duties resulting from the transfer, shall not: (i) interrupt an  
630 employee’s service; (ii) impair an employee’s seniority, retirement or other statutory rights; (iii)  
631 result in an employee’s loss of accrued rights to holidays, sick leave or vacation; or (iv) reduce  
632 an employee’s compensation or salary grade. Such employees shall not be considered new  
633 employees for salary, wage, tax, health insurance, Medicare or any other federal or state  
634 purposes. Upon transfer, the secretary of administration and finance shall become the employer  
635 within the meaning of chapter 150E of the General Laws, and the transferred employees shall  
636 become members of statewide collective bargaining unit 2, as certified by the department of  
637 labor relations. Nothing in this section shall continue any obligation under any expired collective  
638 bargaining agreement or any agreement made pursuant to an expired collective bargaining  
639 agreement and any such agreement shall expire pursuant to its terms. Nothing in this section  
640 shall be construed to confer upon any transferred employee any right not held immediately  
641 before the date of transfer to the state 911 department or to prohibit any reduction of salary

642 grade, transfer, reassignment, suspension, discharge, layoff or abolition of position not prohibited  
643 before such date.

644 SECTION 66. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, an increase in  
645 the annual rate of regular compensation that results from an increase in hours of employment,  
646 from overtime wages, from a bona fide change in position, from a modification in the salary or  
647 salary schedule negotiated for bargaining unit members under chapter 760 of the acts of 1962  
648 that occurred between March 1, 2020 and July 1, 2024 shall not apply to paragraph (f) of  
649 subdivision (2) of section 5 of chapter 32 of the General Laws.

650 SECTION 67. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
651 2024, the comptroller shall transfer \$150,000,000 from income surtax revenue as defined by  
652 subsection (a) of section 2BBBBBB of chapter 29 of the General Laws to the Early Education  
653 and Care Operational Grant Fund established in section 19 of chapter 15D of the General Laws.

654 SECTION 68. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, tax revenue  
655 collected from capital gains income above the threshold established in section 5G of chapter 29  
656 of the General Laws shall be transferred as follows for fiscal year 2024: (i) 47 per cent to the  
657 General Fund; (ii) 43 per cent to the Commonwealth Stabilization Fund established in section 2H  
658 of said chapter 29; (iii) 5 per cent to the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund established in section  
659 24 of chapter 32A of the General Laws; and (iv) 5 per cent to the Commonwealth's Pension  
660 Liability Fund established in subsection (e) of subdivision 8 of section 22 of chapter 32 of the  
661 General Laws.

662 SECTION 69. The salary adjustments and other economic benefits authorized by the  
663 following collective bargaining agreements shall be effective for the purposes of section 7 of  
664 chapter 150E of the General Laws:

665 (1) the agreement between the sheriff of Middlesex county and the Teamsters Local  
666 Union No. 122, Unit SM2, effective from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024;

667 (2) the agreement between the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the  
668 Coalition of MassDOT Unions, Unit B, Unit D02, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30,  
669 2027;

670 (3) the agreement between the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the  
671 Coalition of MassDOT Unions, Unit C, Unit D03, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30,  
672 2027;

673 (4) the agreement between the secretary of the commonwealth and the Service  
674 Employees International Union, Local 888 on behalf of certain employees of the northern,  
675 middle and southern districts of the Berkshire registry of deeds, Unit SC5, effective from July 1,  
676 2024 through June 30, 2027;

677 (5) the agreement between the secretary of the commonwealth and the Office of  
678 Professional Employees International Union AFL/CIO Local 6 on behalf of certain employees of  
679 the Hampden registry of deeds, Unit SC6, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

680 (6) the agreement between the secretary of the commonwealth and the Office of  
681 Professional Employees International Union AFL/CIO Local 6 on behalf of certain employees of

682 the Middlesex southern district registry of deeds, Unit SC6, effective from July 1, 2024 through  
683 June 30, 2027;

684 (7) the agreement between the secretary of the commonwealth and the Office of  
685 Professional Employees International Union AFL/CIO Local 6 on behalf of certain employees of  
686 the Worcester registry of deeds, Unit SC6, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

687 (8) the agreement between the sheriff of Plymouth county and the Association of County  
688 Employees, Unit SP4, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

689 (9) the agreement between the sheriff of Plymouth county and the National Correctional  
690 Employees Union, Local 104, Unit SP1, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

691 (10) the agreement between the sheriff of Bristol county and the Massachusetts  
692 Correction Officers Federated Union, Unit SA4, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30,  
693 2027; and

694 (11) the agreement between the secretary of the commonwealth and the International  
695 Union of Public Employees/UFPO Local 1000 on behalf of certain employees of the Middlesex  
696 northern district registry of deeds, Unit SC7, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

697 SECTION 70. Sections 15 and 16 shall take effect on January 1, 2025.