

SENATE No. 2426

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

SENATE, July 24, 2023.

The committee on Senate Ways and Means to whom was referred the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2023 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 3994), - reported, in part, a "Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2023 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects" (Senate, No. 2426) [Direct appropriation: \$513,000,000]

For the committee,
Michael J. Rodrigues

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An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2023 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 purpose, which is to which are forthwith to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2023 and to make certain changes in law, 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 2023, 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, 2023. These sums shall be in addition to any amounts
7 previously appropriated and made available for the purposes of those items. Except as otherwise
8 provided, these sums shall be made available through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

9 SECTION 2.

10 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

11 Reserves

12 1599-4448 Collective Bargaining Agreements \$26,233,522

13 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION

14 Department of Early Education and Care

15 3000-7040 EEC Contingency Contract Retained Revenue \$200,000

16 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

17 Department of Public Health

18 4590-0915 DPH Hospital Operations \$10,710,901

19 SECTION 2A. To provide for certain unanticipated obligations of the commonwealth, an
20 alteration of purpose for current appropriations and to meet certain requirements of law, the sums
21 set forth in this section are hereby appropriated from the General Fund or the Transitional
22 Escrow Fund established in section 16 of chapter 76 of the acts of 2021, as amended by section 4
23 of chapter 98 of the acts of 2022, unless specifically designated otherwise in this section, for the
24 several purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this section, and subject to the laws
25 regulating the disbursement of public funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. Except as
26 otherwise stated, these sums shall be made available through the fiscal year ending June 30,
27 2024.

28 OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

29 Office of the Comptroller

30 1595-4514 For an operating transfer to the Commonwealth’s Pension Liability Fund,
31 established in subsection (e) of subdivision (8) of section 22 of chapter 32 of the General Laws
32 \$100,000,000

33 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

34 Reserves

35 1599-0012 For a reserve to support reimbursements for extraordinary relief to school
36 districts pursuant to section 5A of chapter 71B of the General Laws and item 7061-0012;
37 provided, that funds shall be made available for reimbursements in fiscal year 2024 to school
38 districts that experience increases to instructional costs reimbursable under said section 5A of
39 said chapter 71B and incurred such instructional costs during fiscal year 2024 that exceed 25 per
40 cent of such instructional costs incurred during fiscal year 2023; provided further, that funds
41 shall also be made available to reimburse districts in fiscal year 2024 for 100 per cent of any
42 such instructional cost increases exceeding 5 per cent where the total of such increase also
43 exceeds 0.5 per cent of total actual net school spending in fiscal year 2023; provided further, that
44 funds paid from this provision in fiscal year 2024 will not be reimbursable in fiscal year 2025;
45 and provided further, that the funds appropriated in this item shall not revert but shall be made
46 available through June 30, 2025 and may be transferred to item 7061-0012 and expended subject
47 to the conditions specified in said item in the general appropriations act for that year

48 \$75,000,000

49 1599-1101 For a reserve for the payroll of the department of transitional assistance’s
50 caseworkers and other necessary staff to serve applicants and clients of the supplemental
51 nutrition assistance, transitional aid to families with dependent children and emergency aid to the

52 elderly, disabled and children programs; provided, that funds may be transferred to items 4400-
53 1000 and 4400-1100; and provided further, that the funds appropriated in this item shall be made
54 available through the year ending June 30, 2025 \$60,300,000

55 1599-2301 For a reserve for costs associated with the settlement agreement in
56 Spencer Tatum et al. v. Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Suffolk Superior Court C.A. No.
57 0984CV00576 \$40,000,000

58 1599-2302 For a reserve to support mitigation costs associated with natural disasters
59 that occurred in 2023; provided, that these funds may be used for mitigation costs related to
60 farms impacted by such natural disasters; provided further, that funds in this item shall be
61 administered by the executive office for administration and finance and the department of
62 agricultural resources; provided further, that efforts shall be made to maximize available federal
63 reimbursement for the purposes of this item; and provided further, that efforts shall be made to
64 maximize opportunities for private contributions for the purposes of this item \$20,000,000

65 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

66 Office of the Secretary

67 2000-0120 For obligations of the commonwealth to neighboring states incurred
68 pursuant to interstate compacts for flood control \$506,140

69 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

70 Office of the Secretary

71 4000-1111 For the distribution of funds for fiscally strained hospitals; provided, that
72 up to \$91,474,590 shall be distributed to hospitals eligible for the supplemental payment

73 described in section 5.D.22 of the rate year 2023 acute hospital request for applications, available
74 on COMMBUYS, the state procurement system, as bid number BD-23-1039-EHS01-EHS01-
75 79493, as amended by amendment number 3 issued on April 13, 2023 by the office of Medicaid,
76 and as may be further amended from time to time; provided further, that the executive office of
77 health and human services shall disburse funds according to said section 5.D.22 and the terms of
78 any payment agreement between the recipient hospital and the executive office; provided further,
79 that not less than \$58,525,410 shall be distributed to non-profit or municipal acute care hospitals
80 licensed under section 51 of chapter 111 of the General Laws that are designated by the center
81 for health information and analysis as non-specialty hospitals, and that had a Medicaid payer mix
82 of not less than 24 per cent in fiscal year 2021 as calculated using data published by the center in
83 May 2023 in its HFY2021 Massachusetts Hospital Profiles databook; provided further, that the
84 executive office shall prioritize funds for hospitals demonstrating significant financial need
85 based on: (i) the current liquidity position of the hospital or its associated hospital health system;
86 (ii) the hospital's total margin as reported in the center's quarterly hospital financial performance
87 report published April 2023; and (iii) any other data the executive office deems relevant,
88 including the amount of previous state financial support provided to the hospital in response to
89 the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic; provided further, that not less than \$30,000,000 shall be
90 distributed by the executive office to acute care hospitals licensed under said section 51 of said
91 chapter 111 that demonstrate significant financial need based on criteria established by the
92 executive office; provided further, that, in creating its criteria, the executive office shall: (a)
93 consider relative price index; and (b) prioritize hospitals designated by the center as community-
94 high public payer hospitals that had a public payer mix of not less than 74 per cent in fiscal year
95 2021 calculated using data published by the center in May 2023 in its HFY2021 Massachusetts

96 Hospital Profiles databook; provided further, that funds unexpended under the previous
97 provisions of this item shall not revert to the General Fund but shall be redistributed by the
98 executive office to acute care hospitals licensed under said section 51 of said chapter 111 that
99 demonstrate significant financial need based on the criteria established by the executive office
100 pursuant to the previous provision; and provided further, that a hospital shall only be eligible to
101 receive funds through 1 of the 3 preceding sets of payment distribution criteria under this item
102 \$180,000,000

103 SECTION 2CI. For the purpose of making available in fiscal year 2024 balances of
104 appropriations which otherwise would revert on June 30, 2023, the unexpended balances of the
105 appropriations listed below, not to exceed the amount specified below for each item, are hereby
106 re-appropriated for the purposes of and subject to the conditions stated for the corresponding
107 item in section 2 of chapter 126 of the acts of 2022. For items which do not appear in section 2 of
108 the general appropriation act, the amounts in this section are re-appropriated for the purposes of
109 and subject to the conditions stated for the corresponding item in section 2 or 2A of this act or in
110 prior appropriation acts. Amounts in this section are re-appropriated from the fund or funds
111 designated for the corresponding item in said section 2 of said chapter 126; provided, however,
112 that for items which do not appear in said section 2 of said chapter 126, the amounts in this
113 section are re-appropriated from the fund or funds designated for the corresponding item in
114 sections 2 to 2E, inclusive, of this act or in prior appropriation acts. The sums reappropriated in
115 this section shall be in addition to any amounts available for said purposes.

116 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

117 Reserves

118 1599-0793 COVID Response Reserve \$26,497,171

119 1599-9817 HCBS Reserve \$152,454,518

120 SECTION 3. Subsection (d) of section 20 of chapter 25A of the General Laws, as
121 appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the word “(b)” and
122 inserting in place thereof the following word:- (c).

123 SECTION 4. The first paragraph of section 12A of chapter 494 of the acts of 1978 is
124 hereby amended by striking out the words “and until July 31, 2023”, inserted by section 1 of
125 chapter 128 of the acts of 2022, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- and until
126 July 31, 2024.

127 SECTION 5. The last paragraph of said section 12A of said chapter 494 is hereby
128 amended by striking out the words “July 31, 2023”, inserted by section 2 of said chapter 128, and
129 inserting in place thereof the following words:- July 31, 2024.

130 SECTION 6. The introductory paragraph of section 13 of said chapter 494 is hereby
131 amended by striking out the words “and until July 31, 2023”, inserted by section 3 of said
132 chapter 128, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- and until July 31, 2024.

133 SECTION 7. Section 15 of said chapter 494 is hereby amended by striking out the words
134 “and until July 31, 2023”, inserted by section 4 of said chapter 128, and inserting in place thereof
135 the following words:- and until July 31, 2024.

136 SECTION 8. The first paragraph of section 9 of chapter 277 of the acts of 1986 is hereby
137 amended by striking out the words “and until July 31, 2023”, inserted by section 5 of said
138 chapter 128, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- and until July 31, 2024.

139 SECTION 9. The first sentence of the first paragraph of section 3 of chapter 114 of the
140 acts of 1991 is hereby amended by striking out the words “and until July 31, 2023”, inserted by
141 section 6 of said chapter 128, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- and until July
142 31, 2024.

143 SECTION 10. The last paragraph of said section 3 of said chapter 114 is hereby amended
144 by striking out the words “July 31, 2023”, inserted by section 7 of said chapter 128, and inserting
145 in place thereof the following words:- July 31, 2024.

146 SECTION 11. The first paragraph of section 4 of said chapter 114 is hereby amended by
147 striking out the words “and until July 31, 2023”, inserted by section 8 of said chapter 128, and
148 inserting in place thereof the following words:- and until July 31, 2024.

149 SECTION 12. The last paragraph of said section 4 of said chapter 114 is hereby amended
150 by striking out the words “July 31, 2023”, inserted by section 9 of said chapter 128, and inserting
151 in place thereof the following words:- July 31, 2024.

152 SECTION 13. The first paragraph of section 5 of said chapter 114 is hereby amended by
153 striking out the words “and until July 31, 2023”, inserted by section 10 of said chapter 128, and
154 inserting in place thereof the following words:- and until July 31, 2024.

155 SECTION 14. Section 45 of chapter 139 of the acts of 2001 is hereby amended by
156 striking out the words “July 31, 2023”, inserted by section 11 of said chapter 128, and inserting
157 in place thereof the following words:- July 31, 2024.

158 SECTION 15. Section 20 of chapter 449 of the acts of 2006 is hereby amended by
159 striking out the words “July 31, 2023”, inserted by section 12 of said chapter 128, and inserting
160 in place thereof the following words:- July 31, 2024.

161 SECTION 16. Section 92 of chapter 194 of the acts of 2011 is hereby amended by
162 striking out the words “July 31, 2023”, inserted by section 13 of said chapter 128, and inserting
163 in place thereof the following words:- July 31, 2024.

164 SECTION 17. Section 112 of said chapter 194 is hereby amended by striking out the
165 words “July 31, 2023”, inserted by section 14 of said chapter 128, and inserting in place thereof
166 the following words:- July 31, 2024.

167 SECTION 18. Section 74 of chapter 10 of the acts of 2015 is hereby amended by striking
168 out the words “July 31, 2023”, inserted by section 15 of said chapter 128, and inserting in place
169 thereof the following words:- July 31, 2024.

170 SECTION 19. Item 1599-2051 of section 2A of chapter 102 of the acts of 2021 is hereby
171 amended by striking out the words “June 30, 2023”, as inserted by section 45 of chapter 2 of the
172 acts of 2023, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- June 30, 2027.

173 SECTION 20. Item 3000-7040 of section 2 of chapter 126 of the acts of 2022 is hereby
174 amended by striking out the figure “\$320,000”, each time it appears, and inserting in place
175 thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- \$520,000.

176 SECTION 21. Sections A1, 17 and 18 of chapter 128 of the acts of 2022 are hereby
177 repealed.

178 SECTION 22. Section 68 of chapter 179 of the acts of 2022 is hereby amended by
179 striking out the words “July 31, 2023” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-
180 January 31, 2024.

181 SECTION 23. Subsection (d) of section 81 of said chapter 179 is hereby amended by
182 striking out the figure “12” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 24.

183 SECTION 24. Subsection (a) of section 89 of said chapter 179 is hereby amended by
184 striking out the words “180 days after the effective date of this act” and inserting in place thereof
185 the following words:- July 1, 2024.

186 SECTION 25. The salary adjustments and other economic benefits authorized by the
187 following collective bargaining agreements shall be effective for the purposes of section 7 of
188 chapter 150E of the General Laws:

189 (1) the agreement between the commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State Police
190 Association of Massachusetts, Units 5A and C22;

191 (2) the agreement between the commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Alliance American
192 Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and the Service Employees International
193 Union, Local 888, Unit 2;

194 (3) the agreement between the commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Service
195 Employees International Union, Local 509, Units 8 and 10;

196 (4) the agreement between the commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts
197 Organization of State Engineers and Scientists, Unit 9;

198 (5) the agreement between the commonwealth of Massachusetts and the National
199 Association of Government Employees, Units 1, 3 and 6;

200 (6) the agreement between the sheriff of Berkshire county and the Berkshire County
201 Sheriff's Office Employees Association, Unit SB3;

202 (7) the agreement between the sheriff of Berkshire county and the International
203 Brotherhood of Correctional Officers Local R1-297, Unit SB1;

204 (8) the agreement between the sheriff of Berkshire county and the Berkshire International
205 Union of Electrical Workers – Communication Workers of America, Unit SB2;

206 (9) the agreement between the sheriff of Hampshire county and the Hampshire Sheriff's
207 Office Non-Uniform Correctional Association, Unit SH7;

208 (10) the agreement between the sheriff of Hampshire county and the Hampshire Sheriff's
209 Office Treatment Association, Unit SH6;

210 (11) the agreement between the sheriff of Plymouth county and the Plymouth Superiors
211 National Correctional Employees Union, Local 104, Unit SP1;

212 (12) the agreement between the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission and the Service
213 Employees International Union, Local 888, Unit LT1;

214 (13) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts
215 Society of Professors, MTA/NEA, Amherst Campus, Unit A50;

216 (14) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the Boston Public
217 Safety Officers New England Police Benevolent Association L90, Unit B33;

218 (15) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the International
219 Brotherhood of Teamsters, L25, Public Safety Lieutenants, Unit B3L;

220 (16) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the International
221 Brotherhood of Teamsters, L25, Officers, Unit B3S;

222 (19) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the Head Coaches
223 Professional Staff Union, MTA/NEA, Units C and B45;

224 (20) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the Boston Department
225 Chairs Union, MTA/NEA, Unit B50;

226 (21) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the Non-Faculty -
227 Maintenance & Trades MTA, Lowell Campus, Unit L93;

228 (22) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the Non-Faculty - Police
229 Officers Teamsters L25, Lowell Campus, Unit L94;

230 (23) the agreement between the Essex North and South registry of deeds and the
231 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 653, Unit SC3;

232 (24) the agreement between the sheriff of Suffolk county and the National Association of
233 Government Employees, Local 298, Unit SS2;

234 (25) the agreement between the sheriff of Suffolk county and the American Federation of
235 State, County and Municipal Employees/AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local RN, Unit SS3;

236 (26) the agreement between the sheriff of Suffolk county and the American Federation of
237 State, County and Municipal Employees/AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 3643, Unit SS5;

238 (27) the agreement between the sheriff of Franklin county and the National Correctional
239 Employees Union, Local 106, Unit SF1;

240 (28) the agreement between the sheriff of Franklin county and the Franklin Sheriff's
241 Office Non-Unit Employer's Association, Unit SF3;

242 (29) the agreement between the sheriff of Worcester county and the New England Police
243 Benevolent Association, Local 275, Unit SW2;

244 (30) the agreement between the sheriff of Worcester county and the New England Police
245 Benevolent Association, Local 515, Unit SW5;

246 (31) the agreement between the sheriff of Hampshire county and the Hampshire Sheriff's
247 Office Jail and House of Correction Supervisory Correctional Officers' Association, Unit SH3;

248 (32) the agreement between the sheriff of Worcester county and the National Association
249 of Government Employees, Local R1-255, Unit SW4;

250 (33) the agreement between the Massachusetts board of higher education and the
251 Massachusetts Community College Council;

252 (34) the agreement between the trial court of the commonwealth and the National
253 Association of Government Employees/Service Employees International Union, Local 5000,
254 Units J2C and J2P;

255 (35) the agreement between the trial court of the commonwealth and the Office and
256 Professional Employees International Union, Local 6, Units J6C and J6P;

257 (36) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the International
258 Brotherhood of Police Officers, Local 432, Amherst Campus, Unit A06;

259 (37) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts
260 Teachers Association/NEA Classified, Boston Campus, Units B31 and B32;

261 (38) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the Faculty Staff Union,
262 Boston Campus, Unit B40;

263 (39) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the American
264 Federation of Teachers, Local 6350, Dartmouth Campus, Unit D82;

265 (40) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the American
266 Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 507, Dartmouth Campus, Unit
267 D83;

268 (41) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the International
269 Brotherhood of Police Officers, Local 399, Dartmouth Campus, Unit D84;

270 (42) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts
271 Society of Professors, Lowell Campus, Unit L90;

272 (43) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the Service Employees
273 International Union, Local 888, Lowell Campus, Unit L95;

274 (44) the agreement between the sheriff of Hampden county and the Non-Uniform
275 Correctional Association, Unit SH2;

276 (45) the agreement between the sheriff of Hampden county and the Superior Correctional
277 Officer Association, Unit SH3;

278 (46) the agreement between the sheriff of Norfolk county and the National Association of
279 Government Employees, Local 202, Unit SN1;

280 (47) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the New England Police
281 Benevolent Association, Local 190, Amherst Campus, Unit A07;

282 (48) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the American
283 Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO Faculty Federation, Local 1895 Dartmouth Campus, Units
284 D80 and D81;

285 (49) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the Classified and
286 Technical Union, Lowell Campus, Unit L92;

287 (50) the agreement between the sheriff of Essex county and National Correctional
288 Employees Union, Local 121, Unit SE7;

289 (51) the agreement between the sheriff of Middlesex county and the New England Police
290 Benevolent Association, Local 500, Unit SM5;

291 (52) the agreement between the Middlesex South registry of deeds and Office and
292 Professional Employees International Union, Local 6;

293 (53) the agreement between the Worcester South registry of deeds and Office and
294 Professional Employees International Union, Local 6;

295 (54) the agreement between the Hampden registry of deeds and Office and Professional
296 Employees International Union, Local 6;

297 (55) the agreement between the Middlesex North registry of deeds and Office and
298 Professional Employees International Union, Local 6;

299 (56) the agreement between the Berkshire Middle, North and South registry of deeds and
300 the Service Employees International Union, Local 888;

301 (57) the agreement between the commonwealth and the National Association of
302 Government Employees, Local R1-292, Units A and D01;

303 (58) the agreement between the commonwealth and the coalition of MassDOT Unions,
304 Units D and D06; and

305 (59) the agreement between the sheriff of Plymouth county and Association of County
306 Employees, Unit SP4.

307 SECTION 26. Notwithstanding section 2 of chapter 128A of the General Laws, sections
308 1, 2, 2A and 4 of chapter 128C of the General Laws and section 9 of said chapter 128C or any
309 other general or special law to the contrary, the running race horse meeting licensee located in
310 Suffolk county licensed to conduct live racing pursuant to said chapter 128A and simulcast
311 wagering pursuant to said chapter 128C in calendar year 2023 shall remain licensed as a running
312 horse racing meeting licensee and shall remain authorized to conduct simulcast wagering
313 pursuant to said chapter 128C until July 31, 2024; provided, however, that the days between
314 January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2024 shall be dark days pursuant to said chapter 128C and the
315 licensee shall be precluded from conducting live racing during that period unless it applies for

316 and is granted a supplemental live racing license pursuant to said chapter 128A; provided further,
317 that the licensee shall not simulcast or accept a wager on greyhound dog racing on or after
318 August 10, 2023 pursuant to section 9 of chapter 128C of the General Laws; provided further,
319 that all simulcasts shall comply with the Interstate Horse Racing Act of 1978, 15 U.S.C. 3001 et
320 seq. or other applicable federal law; provided further, that all simulcasts from states which have
321 racing associations that do not require approval in compliance with the Interstate Horse Racing
322 Act of 1978, 15 U.S.C. 3004(a)(1)(A) shall require the approval of the New England Horsemen's
323 Benevolent & Protective Association prior to being simulcast to a racing meeting licensee within
324 the commonwealth; and provided further, that if the association agrees to approve the simulcast
325 for 1 racing meeting licensee, it shall approve the simulcast for all otherwise eligible racing
326 meeting licensees.

327 SECTION 27. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department
328 of public utilities may allow recovery by the electric distribution companies of transmission
329 service agreement expenditures and payments associated with clean energy generation power
330 purchase agreements previously approved by the department following a competitive solicitation
331 and procurement conducted under section 83D of chapter 169 of the acts of 2008 in connection
332 with a change in law in the state of Maine, subsequently causing suspension of development
333 construction; provided, however, that if the department elects to allow such recovery, it shall
334 allow recovery for such expenditures and payments that the department determines to be
335 associated with the subsequent construction delay.

336 SECTION 28. (a) Notwithstanding sections 32 to 37, inclusive, of chapter 7C of the
337 General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner of capital
338 asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the court administrator of the trial

339 court, may convey certain adjacent parcels of land in the city of Framingham acquired for the
340 construction of a building for the first district court of southern Middlesex for nominal
341 consideration to the city of Framingham; provided, however, that the commissioner shall not
342 convey the parcels prior to: (i) the completion of a regional justice center at 121 Union avenue in
343 the city of Framingham; and (ii) a determination by the commissioner, in consultation with the
344 court administrator of the trial court, that the parcels are surplus to the needs of the trial court.
345 The parcels are located at 600 and 602 Concord street in the city of Framingham and are
346 described in deeds recorded in the Middlesex southern district registry of deeds in book 7816,
347 page 107 and book 9859, page 328. The parcels shall be conveyed by deed without warranties or
348 representations by the commonwealth and without restrictions on use or future conveyance by
349 the city; provided, however, that the conveyance may be subject to such additional conditions
350 and restrictions as the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance, in
351 consultation with the court administrator of the trial court, may determine. The commissioner
352 may, in consultation with the court administrator of the trial court, determine the exact
353 boundaries of the parcels prior to conveyance.

354 (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, if the city of Framingham
355 elects to purchase the parcels pursuant to subsection (a), the city shall be responsible for all costs
356 and expenses of any transactions authorized in this section as determined by the commissioner of
357 capital asset management and maintenance including, but not limited to, the costs of any
358 engineering, surveys, appraisals, title examinations, recording fees and deed preparation.

359 SECTION 29. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, items funded
360 in this act, including appropriations in section 2A, shall be supported through the General Fund
361 and the Transitional Escrow Fund established in section 16 of chapter 76 of the acts of 2021, at

362 the discretion of the secretary of administration and finance. Not later than September 30, 2023,
363 the secretary shall, submit a report to the senate and house committees on ways and means
364 detailing the source of revenue matched or expected to be matched to each item in this act.

365 SECTION 30. Notwithstanding section 23 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, section 31
366 of chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, a city or
367 town may amortize over fiscal years 2025 to 2027, inclusive, in equal installments or more
368 rapidly, the amount of its 2024 major disaster related deficit. The local appropriating authority,
369 as defined in section 21C of said chapter 59, shall adopt a deficit amortization schedule in
370 accordance with this section before setting the municipality's fiscal year 2025 tax rate. The
371 commissioner of revenue may issue guidelines or instructions for reporting the amortization of
372 deficits authorized by this section.