

**SENATE. . . . . No. 2800**

Senate, May 23, 2024 – Text of the Senate amendment to the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4601) (being the text of Senate, No. 4, printed as amended).

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

**SECTION 1.** To provide for the operations of the several departments, boards, commissions and institutions of the commonwealth and other services of the commonwealth and for certain permanent improvements and to meet certain requirements of law, the sums set forth in this act, for the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified, are hereby appropriated from the General Fund unless specifically designated otherwise, subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds and the approval thereof for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. All sums appropriated under this act, including supplemental and deficiency budgets, shall be expended in a manner reflecting and encouraging a policy of nondiscrimination and equal opportunity for members of minority groups, women and persons with a disability. All officials and employees of an agency, board, department, commission or division receiving funds under this act shall take affirmative steps to ensure equality of opportunity in the internal affairs of state government and in their relations with the public, including those persons and organizations doing business with the commonwealth. Each agency, board, department, commission and division of the commonwealth, in spending appropriated sums and discharging its statutory responsibilities, shall adopt measures to ensure equal opportunity in the areas of hiring, promotion, demotion or transfer, recruitment, layoff or termination, rates of compensation, in-service or apprenticeship training programs and all other terms and conditions of employment.

**SECTION 1A.** In accordance with Articles LXIII and CVII of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth and section 6D of chapter 29 of the General Laws, it is hereby declared that the amounts of revenue set forth in this section, by source, for the respective funds

of the commonwealth for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 are necessary and sufficient to provide the means to defray the appropriations and expenditures from such funds for fiscal year 2025 as set forth and authorized in this act. The comptroller shall keep a distinct account of actual receipts from each such source by each such fund to furnish the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means with quarterly statements comparing those receipts with the projected receipts set forth in this section and shall include a full statement comparing the actual and projected receipts in the annual report for fiscal year 2025 pursuant to section 12 of chapter 7A of the General Laws. The quarterly and annual reports shall also include detailed statements of any other sources of revenue for the budgeted funds in addition to those specified in this section.

Revenue Source	All Budgeted Funds	General Fund	Commonwealth Transportation Fund	Other Major Funds	Other Funds
Alcoholic Beverages	\$102.9	\$102.9	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$
Banks	\$24.4	\$24.4	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$
Cigarettes	\$266.3	\$266.3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$
Corporations	\$4,280.5	\$4,280.5	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$
Deeds	\$336.3	\$336.3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$
Fair Share Income Surtax	\$1,300.0	\$1,050.0	\$250.0	\$0.0	\$
Income	\$22,761.0	\$22,761.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$
Inheritance and Estate	\$680.1	\$680.1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$
Insurance	\$735.7	\$708.7	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$2
Marijuana Excise	\$172.6	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$172.6	\$
Motor Fuel	\$727.5	\$0.0	\$726.5	\$0.0	\$
Public Utilities	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$
Room Occupancy	\$280.0	\$280.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$
Sales - Regular	\$6,834.0	\$4,513.1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$2,32
Sales - Meals	\$1,670.0	\$1,670.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$
Sales - Motor Vehicles	\$1,325.0	\$0.0	\$875.0	\$0.0	\$45
Miscellaneous	\$5.9	\$5.9	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$
<b>Fiscal Year 2025 Base Tax Revenue Estimate</b>	<b>\$41,502.0</b>	<b>\$36,679.0</b>	<b>\$1,851.6</b>	<b>\$172.6</b>	<b>\$2,79</b>
<b>Statutory Tax Transfers</b>					
Annual Contribution to the State Pension System	-\$4,499.9	-\$4,499.9	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$
Sales Tax Transfer to the MBTA	-\$1,465.4	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	-\$1,46
Sales Tax Transfer to the MSBA	-\$1,305.4	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	-\$1,30
UI Surcharge to the Workforce Training Trust Fund	-\$27.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	-\$2
Fair Share Surtax to Education and Transportation Fund	-\$1,050.0	-\$1,050.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$
Excess Capital Gains to the Stabilization Fund	-\$124.5	-\$124.5	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$
Excess Capital Gains to the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund	-\$6.9	-\$6.9	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$
Excess Capital Gains to the Pension Liability Fund	-\$6.9	-\$6.9	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$

<b>Total Statutory Tax Transfers</b>	<b>-\$8,486.1</b>	<b>-\$5,688.2</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>-\$2,79</b>
<b>Total Fiscal Year 2025 Consensus Tax Revenue Available for Budget</b>	<b>\$33,015.9</b>	<b>\$30,990.8</b>	<b>\$1,851.6</b>	<b>\$172.6</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Tax Initiatives and Other Tax Revenue</b>					
Tax-Related Settlements & Judgments	\$50.0	\$50.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$
Tax Amnesty Program	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$
Tax Enforcement Initiatives and Elimination of Tax Loopholes	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$
<b>Total Tax Initiatives and Other Tax Revenue</b>	<b>\$210.0</b>	<b>\$210.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Total Taxes for Budget</b>	<b>\$33,225.9</b>	<b>\$31,200.8</b>	<b>\$1,851.6</b>	<b>\$172.6</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Non-Tax Revenue</b>					
Federal Reimbursements	\$14,329.1	\$14,320.7	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$
Departmental Revenues	\$6,262.0	\$5,505.3	\$692.9	\$51.6	\$1
Consolidated Transfers	\$4,110.8	\$2,502.7	\$64.8	\$373.9	\$1,16
<b>Total Non-Tax Revenue</b>	<b>\$24,701.9</b>	<b>\$22,328.7</b>	<b>\$757.7</b>	<b>\$425.5</b>	<b>\$1,19</b>
<b>Fiscal Year 2025 Grand Total</b>	<b>\$57,927.8</b>	<b>\$53,529.5</b>	<b>\$2,609.2</b>	<b>\$598.1</b>	<b>\$1,19</b>

**SECTION 1B.** The comptroller shall keep a distinct account of actual receipts of non-tax revenues by each department, board, commission or institution to furnish the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means with quarterly statements comparing those receipts with projected receipts set forth in this section and to include a full statement comparing those receipts with projected receipts in the annual report for the fiscal year pursuant to section 12 of chapter 7A of the General Laws. The quarterly and annual reports shall also include detailed statements of any other sources of revenue for the budgeted funds in addition to those sources specified in this section.

<b>Non-Tax Revenue: Department Summary</b>	<b>Federal Revenues</b>	<b>Departmental Revenues</b>	<b>Budgeted Transfers</b>	<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total Restricted</b>
<b>Judiciary</b>					
Supreme Judicial Court	\$0	\$2,132,723	\$0	\$2,132,723	
Committee for Public Counsel	\$0	\$3,425,000	\$0	\$3,425,000	
Appeals Court	\$0	\$293,500	\$0	\$293,500	
Trial Court	\$0	\$61,191,183	\$0	\$61,191,183	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$67,042,406</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$67,042,406</b>	
<b>District Attorneys</b>					
Middlesex District Attorney's Office	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Worcester District Attorney's Office	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Plymouth District Attorney's Office	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	

	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	
<b>Secretary of the Commonwealth</b>						
	Secretary of the Commonwealth	\$0	\$278,616,269	\$0	\$278,601,269	\$15,000,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$278,616,269</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$278,601,269</b>	<b>\$15,000,000</b>
<b>Treasurer and Receiver General</b>						
	Office of the Treasurer	\$0	\$747,555,236	\$402,650,309	\$1,129,855,545	\$20,350,000
	Massachusetts Cultural Council	\$0	\$16,000	\$0	\$16,000	
	State Lottery Commission	\$0	\$31,200	\$1,477,419,651	\$1,477,450,851	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$747,602,436</b>	<b>\$1,880,069,960</b>	<b>\$2,607,322,396</b>	<b>\$20,350,000</b>
<b>Attorney General</b>						
	Office of the Attorney General	\$4,426,908	\$50,704,947	\$0	\$48,340,841	\$6,791,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,426,908</b>	<b>\$50,704,947</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$48,340,841</b>	<b>\$6,791,000</b>
<b>State Ethics Commission</b>						
	State Ethics Commission	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	
<b>Inspector General</b>						
	Office of the Inspector General	\$0	\$1,475,710	\$0	\$100,000	\$1,375,710
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,475,710</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$1,375,710</b>
<b>Office of Campaign and Political Finance</b>						
	Office of Campaign and Political Finance	\$0	\$54,500	\$0	\$54,500	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$54,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$54,500</b>	
<b>Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination</b>						
	Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination	\$2,500,000	\$410,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,910,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>	<b>\$410,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,910,000</b>
<b>Office of the State Comptroller</b>						
	Office of the State Comptroller	\$0	\$6,064,541	\$1,207,699,911	\$1,213,764,452	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,064,541</b>	<b>\$1,207,699,911</b>	<b>\$1,213,764,452</b>	
<b>Massachusetts Gaming Commission</b>						
	Massachusetts Gaming Commission	\$0	\$0	\$423,580,000	\$423,580,000	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$423,580,000</b>	<b>\$423,580,000</b>	
<b>Cannabis Control Commission</b>						
	Cannabis Control Commission	\$0	\$21,554,334	\$0	\$21,554,334	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$21,554,334</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$21,554,334</b>	
<b>Executive Office for Administration and Finance</b>						
	Secretary of Administration and Finance	\$0	\$1,150,000	\$50,000,000	\$51,150,000	
	Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance	\$0	\$4,570,073	\$11,295,016	\$4,570,073	\$11,295,000
	Civil Service Commission	\$0	\$12,500	\$0	\$12,500	
	Group Insurance Commission	\$0	\$1,031,322,965	\$390,547,281	\$1,419,673,500	\$2,196,700,000
	Division of Administrative Law Appeals	\$0	\$70,000	\$0	\$0	\$70,000
	Department of Revenue	\$59,694,521	\$175,660,962	\$0	\$228,588,232	\$6,767,200,000

Appellate Tax Board	\$0	\$2,985,306	\$0	\$2,585,306	\$400,000
Human Resources Division	\$0	\$1,110,000	\$0	\$1,110,000	
Operational Services Division	\$0	\$28,737,479	\$0	\$10,768,158	\$17,969,321
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$59,694,521</b>	<b>\$1,245,619,285</b>	<b>\$451,842,297</b>	<b>\$1,718,457,769</b>
<b>Executive Office of Technology Services and Security</b>					
Executive Office of Technology Services and Security	\$0	\$2,733,931	\$0	\$0	\$2,733,931
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,733,931</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,733,931</b>
<b>Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs</b>					
Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs	\$25,000	\$4,930,000	\$0	\$4,385,000	\$570,000
Department of Public Utilities	\$0	\$51,464,872	\$0	\$51,464,872	
Department of Environmental Protection	\$0	\$34,558,326	\$0	\$28,519,703	\$6,038,623
Department of Fish and Game	\$8,420,000	\$13,603,789	\$1,450,000	\$22,930,800	\$542,989
Department of Agricultural Resources	\$0	\$6,846,325	\$0	\$6,846,325	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$0	\$27,221,974	\$0	\$27,221,974	
Department of Energy Resources	\$0	\$9,842,281	\$0	\$9,842,281	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$8,445,000</b>	<b>\$148,467,567</b>	<b>\$1,450,000</b>	<b>\$7,151,000</b>
<b>Executive Office of Health and Human Services</b>					
Department of Veterans' Services	\$0	\$760,000	\$0	\$0	\$760,000
Secretary of Health and Human Services	\$11,243,637,996	\$2,148,919,038	\$20,500,000	\$13,108,057,034	\$305,000,000
Mass Commission for the Blind Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission	\$4,586,367	\$7,500	\$0	\$4,593,867	
Mass Commission for the Deaf	\$6,835,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$6,865,000	
Chelsea Soldiers' Home	\$243,936	\$3,500	\$0	\$247,436	
Holyoke Soldiers' Home	\$14,324,870	\$2,207,316	\$0	\$15,932,186	\$600,000
Department of Youth Services	\$7,374,885	\$1,918,702	\$0	\$8,019,390	\$1,274,100
Department of Transitional Assistance	\$10,015,284	\$130,000	\$0	\$10,145,284	
Department of Public Health	\$516,682,044	\$951,000	\$15,000,000	\$532,633,044	
Department of Children and Families	\$173,075,494	\$106,829,563	\$1,000,000	\$147,201,561	\$133,703,400
Department of Children and Families	\$311,101,418	\$2,658,000	\$700,000	\$307,538,817	\$6,920,600
Department of Mental Health	\$143,833,065	\$31,692,048	\$20,000,000	\$195,400,113	\$125,000,000
Department of Developmental Services	\$1,126,678,230	\$4,259,396	\$0	\$1,130,937,626	
Department of Elder Affairs	\$151,865,954	\$1,308,200	\$0	\$153,174,154	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$13,710,254,543</b>	<b>\$2,301,674,263</b>	<b>\$57,200,000</b>	<b>\$15,620,745,512</b>
<b>Health Policy Commission</b>					
Health Policy Commission	\$0	\$11,366,000	\$0	\$11,366,000	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$11,366,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$11,366,000</b>
<b>Center for Health Information and Analysis</b>					
Center for Health Information and Analysis	\$0	\$38,639,248	\$0	\$38,639,248	

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$38,639,248</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$38,639,248</b>	
<b>Board of Library Commissioners</b>					
Board of Library Commissioners	\$0	\$3,700	\$0	\$3,700	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,700</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,700</b>	
<b>Executive Office of Economic Development</b>					
Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation	\$0	\$1,802,885	\$0	\$994,984	\$807,901
Division of Banks	\$0	\$44,890,813	\$0	\$43,390,813	\$1,500,000
Division of Insurance	\$0	\$149,651,836	\$0	\$149,651,836	
Division of Professional Licensure	\$0	\$45,079,925	\$0	\$26,161,772	\$18,918,153
Division of Standards	\$0	\$3,217,538	\$0	\$2,380,704	\$836,834
Department of Telecommunications and Cable	\$0	\$5,343,669	\$0	\$5,343,669	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$249,986,666</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$227,923,778</b>	<b>\$22,062,888</b>
<b>Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities</b>					
Housing and Livable Communities	\$0	\$5,499,815	\$0	\$2,006,231	\$3,493,584
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,499,815</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,006,231</b>	<b>\$3,493,584</b>
<b>Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development</b>					
Labor and Workforce Development	\$0	\$2,426,302	\$22,660,526	\$24,645,710	\$441,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,426,302</b>	<b>\$22,660,526</b>	<b>\$24,645,710</b>	<b>\$441,100</b>
<b>Executive Office of Education</b>					
Department of Early Education and Care	\$280,361,722	\$781,992	\$0	\$280,623,714	\$520,000
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	\$0	\$7,293,892	\$0	\$4,681,454	\$2,612,438
Department of Higher Education	\$0	\$6,239,453	\$0	\$6,239,453	
University of Massachusetts	\$0	\$197,500,000	\$0	\$197,500,000	
Bridgewater State College	\$0	\$5,200	\$0	\$5,200	
Fitchburg State College	\$0	\$550,000	\$0	\$550,000	
Framingham State College	\$0	\$168,300	\$0	\$168,300	
Massachusetts College of Art and Design	\$0	\$11,000	\$0	\$11,000	
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	\$0	\$125,000	\$0	\$125,000	
Salem State College	\$0	\$912,500	\$0	\$912,500	
Westfield State College	\$0	\$541,440	\$0	\$541,440	
Worcester State College	\$0	\$425,000	\$0	\$425,000	
Berkshire Community College	\$0	\$157,500	\$0	\$157,500	
Bristol Community College	\$0	\$380,191	\$0	\$380,191	
Cape Cod Community College	\$0	\$267,868	\$0	\$267,868	
Greenfield Community College	\$0	\$99,000	\$0	\$99,000	
Holyoke Community College	\$0	\$574,000	\$0	\$574,000	
Mass Bay Community College	\$0	\$530,000	\$0	\$530,000	
Massasoit Community College	\$0	\$575,000	\$0	\$575,000	
Middlesex Community College	\$0	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000	
Mount Wachusett Community College	\$0	\$190,000	\$0	\$190,000	

Northern Essex Community College	\$0	\$240,000	\$0	\$240,000	
North Shore Community College	\$0	\$32,000	\$0	\$32,000	
Quinsigamond Community College	\$0	\$94,422	\$0	\$94,422	
Springfield Technical Community College	\$0	\$390,000	\$0	\$390,000	
Roxbury Community College	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,500,000
Bunker Hill Community College	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$280,361,722</b>	<b>\$220,983,758</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$495,713,042</b>
<b>Executive Office of Public Safety and Security</b>					
Executive Office of Public Safety and Security	\$0	\$2,100,000	\$0	\$2,100,000	
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner	\$0	\$6,888,617	\$0	\$0	\$6,888,617
Criminal History Systems Board	\$0	\$16,819,541	\$0	\$12,819,541	\$4,000,000
Department of State Police	\$1,935,922	\$93,783,000	\$0	\$2,763,000	\$92,955,922
Municipal Police Training Council	\$0	\$2,800,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,800,000
Department of Fire Services	\$0	\$56,483,708	\$0	\$54,175,298	\$2,308,410
Military Division	\$0	\$1,900,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,900,000
Emergency Management Agency	\$250,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$250,000,000	
Department of Corrections	\$1,500,000	\$8,700,000	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$14,200,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$253,435,922</b>	<b>\$189,474,866</b>	<b>\$4,000,000</b>	<b>\$321,857,839</b>
<b>Sheriffs</b>					
Hampden Sheriff's Office	\$850,000	\$3,681,252	\$0	\$900,000	\$3,631,252
Worcester Sheriff's Office	\$36,000	\$750	\$0	\$36,750	
Middlesex Sheriff's Office	\$16,400	\$193,340	\$0	\$34,740	\$175,000
Hampshire Sheriff's Office	\$28,900	\$6,800	\$0	\$35,700	
Berkshire Sheriff's Office	\$4,000	\$1,910,000	\$0	\$14,000	\$1,900,000
Franklin Sheriff's Office	\$86,200	\$7,000	\$0	\$93,200	
Essex Sheriff's Office	\$43,000	\$1,855,856	\$0	\$48,856	\$1,850,000
Barnstable Sheriff's Office	\$0	\$1,502,970	\$0	\$2,970	\$1,500,000
Bristol Sheriff's Office	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	
Dukes Sheriff's Office	\$0	\$319,585	\$0	\$19,585	\$300,000
Norfolk Sheriff's Office	\$720,000	\$215,430	\$0	\$720,000	\$215,430
Plymouth Sheriff's Office	\$8,240,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$8,240,000	\$300,000
Suffolk Sheriff's Office	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$200,000	\$1,800,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$10,024,500</b>	<b>\$12,067,983</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$10,420,801</b>
<b>Massachusetts Department of Transportation</b>					
Massachusetts Department of Transportation	\$0	\$659,421,409	\$62,300,000	\$721,721,409	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$659,421,409</b>	<b>\$62,300,000</b>	<b>\$721,721,409</b>
<b>Total Non-Tax Revenue</b>		<b>\$14,329,143,116</b>	<b>\$6,261,965,936</b>	<b>\$4,110,802,694</b>	<b>\$24,005,148,192</b>

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**JUDICIARY.**

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**Supreme Judicial Court.**

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0320-0003	For the operation of the supreme judicial court, including the salaries of the chief justice and the 6 associate justices.....	\$11,536,050
0320-0010	For the operation of the clerk's office of the supreme judicial court for Suffolk county .....	\$2,343,585
0321-0001	For the operation of the commission on judicial conduct.....	\$1,153,309
0321-0100	For the services of the board of bar examiners .....	\$2,226,234

**Committee for Public Counsel Services.**

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0321-1500	For the operation of the committee for public counsel services under chapter 211D of the General Laws; provided, that the committee shall maintain a system in which not less than 20 per cent of indigent clients shall be represented by public defenders; provided further, that to the extent feasible, the committee shall assign public defenders to district and superior courts; provided further, that not later than December 2, 2024, the committee shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to, the expected surplus or deficiency of items 0321-1500, 0321-1510 and 0321-1520 for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the committee shall submit an annual report to the house and senate committees on ways and means which shall be compared with data from the current period to the previous 2 fiscal years; and provided further, that the report shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the number of cases handled by the committee in each reporting period, delineated by public defender and private bar advocate; (ii) the average number of hours spent per case by public defenders; (iii) the number of public defenders currently employed by the committee and the total number employed by the committee at the end of each fiscal year, delineated by division; (iv) the number of public defender vacancies to be filled; (v) the average cost for public defender services rendered per case in the prior fiscal year; (vi) the number of cases assigned to private bar advocates; (vii) the average number of hours billed by private bar advocates; (viii) the average cost for private bar advocate services rendered per case in the prior fiscal year; (ix) the billable	
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hours of private counsel, delineated by travel time and time spent in court, including wait time and trial preparation time, including interview time, investigating time and research time; (x) any changes to the private bar billing system and any billing improvements that have been made; (xi) the total number of support staff, investigators, attorneys in charge and management personnel currently employed by the committee and the total number employed by the committee at the end of each fiscal year for the previous 2 fiscal years; and (xii) a summary of all spending for psychologists, psychiatrists and investigators, including the total number of hours billed, the number of unique vendors and the average number of hours billed.....\$89,000,000

0321-1510 For compensation paid to private counsel assigned to criminal and civil cases under subsection (b) of section 6 of chapter 211D of the General Laws, under section 11 of said chapter 211D; provided, that not more than \$2,000,000 from this item shall be expended for services rendered prior to fiscal year 2025 .....\$215,000,000

0321-1520 For fees and costs as defined in section 27A of chapter 261 of the General Laws, as ordered by a justice of the appeals court or a justice of a department of the trial court on behalf of persons who are indigent as defined in said section 27A of said chapter 261; provided, that not more than \$1,000,000 from this item shall be expended for services rendered prior to fiscal year 2025 .....\$35,000,000

**Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation.**

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0321-1600 For the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation to provide legal representation for indigent or otherwise disadvantaged residents of the commonwealth; provided, that not later than February 3, 2025, the corporation shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means using the most recent United States Census Bureau population data available that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the number of persons assisted by the programs funded by the corporation in the prior fiscal year; (ii) any proposed expansion of legal services, delineated by type of service, target population and cost; and (iii) the total number of indigent or otherwise disadvantaged residents who received services from the corporation, delineated by type of case and geographic location; provided further, that the corporation may contract with any organization to provide representation; and provided further, that notwithstanding the first paragraph of section 9 of chapter 221A of the General Laws, funds shall be expended for the Disability Benefits Project, the Medicare Advocacy Project and the Domestic Violence Legal Assistance Project.....\$49,000,000

**Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee.**

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0321-2000 For the operation of the mental health legal advisors committee and for certain programs for the indigent mentally ill established in section 34E of chapter 221 of the General Laws; provided, that funds shall be expended for the operations of a satellite office in the western region of the commonwealth .....\$3,132,657

**Prisoners' Legal Services.**

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0321-2100 For the expenses of Prisoners' Legal Services .....\$3,011,146

**New England Innocence Project.**

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0321-2200 For the expenses of the New England Innocence Project, Inc. to support exonerees.....\$250,000

**Social Law Library.**

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0321-2205 For the expenses of the social law library located in Suffolk county .....\$2,960,287

**Appeals Court.**

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0322-0100 For the appeals court, including the salaries, traveling allowances and expenses of the chief justice, recall justices and associate justices.....\$15,465,038

**Trial Court.**

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0330-0101 For the salaries of the justices of the 7 departments of the trial court .....\$88,179,084

0330-0300 For the central administration of the trial court, including costs associated with trial court nonemployee services, dental and vision health plan agreements for employees who are subject to a collective bargaining agreement, jury expenses, law libraries, statewide telecommunications, private and municipal court rentals and leases, operation of courthouse facilities, rental of county court facilities, witness fees, printing expenses, equipment maintenance and repairs, the court interpreter program, insurance and chargeback costs, the Massachusetts sentencing commission, court security and judicial training; provided, that 50 per cent of all fees payable under rules 15(d) and 30(c)(8) of the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure shall be paid from this item; provided further, that funds may be expended for training on domestic violence issues, the

maintenance of a domestic violence registry, evaluations of batterers' intervention programs and the risk assessment tool for domestic violence offenders under chapter 260 of the acts of 2014; provided further, that not less than \$378,000 shall be expended for the Race and Bias Initiative to expand the trial court's Office of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Experience and to provide additional diversity training for all court employees; provided further, that in planning and implementing the policies of the Race and Bias Initiative, the trial court's Office of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Experience shall solicit feedback from community stakeholders in order to identify any structural, organizational or cultural barriers to ensure equity in the justice system for people of racial, linguistic, cultural or sexual minorities and shall recommend methods to remove those barriers to guarantee the provision of competent representation and inclusive practices in each courtroom; provided further, that funds shall be expended for juvenile court investigators rates at an amount that at least maintains the rates established in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to ensure the maintenance of an interactive text response system to remind litigants, including all criminal defendants in the district, Boston municipal and superior courts, of their court dates; provided further, that not less than \$1,130,000 shall be expended to hire mental health clinicians; provided further, that said mental health clinicians shall be distributed to court facilities in a geographically equitable manner; provided further, that funds may be expended to provide information and assistance to self-represented litigants; provided further, that the trial court shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means on revenues collected by the trial court; provided further, that each report shall provide for the previous quarter for each court division and courthouse: (i) the total amount ordered in fees and fines; (ii) the total amount dismissed in fees and fines; (iii) the total amount paid in fees and fines; and (iv) the total amount outstanding in fees and fines; provided further, that notwithstanding section 9A of chapter 30 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the rights afforded to a veteran under said section 9A of said chapter 30, shall also be afforded to any such veteran who holds a trial court office or position in the service of the commonwealth not classified under chapter 31 of the General Laws, other than an elective office, an appointive office for a fixed term or an office or position under section 7 of said chapter 30 and who has: (a) held the office or position for not less than 1 year; and (b) completed 30 years of total creditable service to the commonwealth as defined in chapter 32 of the General Laws; and provided further, that not less than 15 days before the transfer of funds between items within the trial court, the court administrator shall submit a report to

	the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (1) the amount of funds transferred from any item of appropriation; (2) the item number of the appropriation making the transfer; (3) the item number of the appropriation receiving the transfer; and (4) the reason for the transfer .....	\$333,318,036
0330-0344	For the administration and transportation costs associated with a veterans court program .....	\$246,818
0330-0410	For the implementation of alternative dispute resolution programming; provided, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for online dispute resolution.....	\$1,332,273
0330-0441	For permanency mediation services in the probate and juvenile courts.....	\$500,000
0330-0500	For the use of video teleconferencing for court appearances by persons in the custody of the houses of correction .....	\$247,500
0330-0599	For a probation program that administers high-intensity supervision to promote successful probation outcomes and reduce recidivism; provided, that the office of the commissioner of probation may partner with the same external research organization in fiscal year 2025 as selected in fiscal year 2024 to: (i) monitor program fidelity and design; (ii) implement the model; and (iii) collect and analyze the outcome evaluation; and provided further, that not later than March 14, 2025, the office of the commissioner of probation shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to, any relevant data on participants and outcomes.....	\$1,333,169
0330-0601	For the operation of the specialty courts; provided, that no funds shall be transferred from this item to any other item in the trial court; and provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the trial court shall, in coordination with partner departments and agencies, submit reports on interdepartmental service agreements made with the partner departments and agencies to the court administrator and the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the amount of funds transferred to each specific agency or department for use in the specialty courts; (ii) the specific intent of the transfer in relation to specialty court operations; (iii) any additional services implemented by way of the transfer; and (iv) the amount of unspent funds from the transfer at the time of reporting.....	\$7,738,305

0330-0612 For the administration of the Massachusetts Community Justice Project to serve individuals with mental health and substance use disorders who are involved in the criminal justice system; provided, that the trial court shall continue to fund a project coordinator to oversee coordination and administration and to provide financial oversight of the sequential intercept model; and provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the project coordinator shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) design of the sequential intercept model mappings; (ii) locations of workshops held to advocate for the model; (iii) number of cases in which the model has been utilized; (iv) impact of the model on rehabilitation and recidivism; and (v) cost savings associated with the model .....\$221,472

0330-0613 For the implementation of the recommendations set forth by the Council of State Governments Justice Center - Massachusetts Criminal Justice Review including, but not limited to, the establishment of new programs and expansion of existing programs targeted at recidivism reduction; provided, that the trial court shall transfer funds to other state agencies and departments of the commonwealth as outlined in this item; provided further, that not less than 15 days before any such transfer, the trial court administrator shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that if no state agency or department is specifically designated to receive funds from this item, the trial court administrator shall distribute funding based on the recommendations of the Council of State Governments Justice Center - Massachusetts Criminal Justice Review; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, each state agency or department receiving funds from this item shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing, as applicable, participation, completion and recidivism rates, delineated by gender; provided further, that the department of correction shall expend not less than \$637,500 to expand recidivism reduction programming; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the department of correction shall submit a report to the executive office of public safety and security, the executive office for administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on the judiciary on the types of recidivism reduction programs provided, participation, completion and recidivism rates for said recidivism reduction programming; provided further, that the report shall be delineated by gender and include descriptions of new programs offered to women as a result of these funds; provided further, that not less than

\$345,000 shall be expended on grants administered by the executive office of public safety and security to support the expansion of evidence-based cognitive behavioral programs in county houses of correction and jails; provided further, that the secretary of public safety and security shall award grants on a competitive basis and applicants shall provide a plan for ensuring that proposed programs shall be implemented with fidelity to a research-based, evidence-based or evidence-informed program design; provided further, that if there is no existing research or evidence supporting the proposed program, applicants shall describe in detail how the program will be evaluated with sufficient rigor to add to existing research; provided further, that the sheriffs' offices that receive grant funds shall report participation, completion and recidivism rates annually to the executive office of public safety and security; provided further, that the report shall be delineated by gender and include descriptions of new programs offered to women as a result of these funds; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, copies of the report shall be provided to the executive office for administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on the judiciary; provided further, that not less than \$130,000 shall be expended to develop and implement a program to improve collaboration between the department of correction and the parole board to reduce delays in the release of incarcerated persons approved for parole; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the department of correction and the parole board shall submit a joint report to the executive office for administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on the judiciary detailing the: (i) implementation process; (ii) number of incarcerated persons who experienced delayed release in fiscal year 2024 compared to prior fiscal years; and (iii) average length of delays in fiscal year 2024 compared to prior fiscal years; provided further, that not less than \$130,000 shall be expended to: (a) evaluate the caseload of parole and probation officers; (b) hire new officers accordingly; and (c) expand programs and services at community corrections centers; provided further, that not less than \$2,300,000 shall be expended for a transitional youth early intervention probation pilot program to be administered by the office of the commissioner of probation; provided further, that not less than \$45,000 shall be expended to improve case management and data-tracking capacity in the office of the commissioner of probation; and provided further, that not less than \$5,075,000 shall be expended in conjunction with the executive office of health and human services to develop and implement a behavioral health

strategy, including statewide capacity to track the utilization of behavioral health care services and behavioral health outcomes for persons in the criminal justice system within the Medicaid management information system .....\$8,662,500

**Superior Court Department.**

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0331-0100 For the operation of the superior court department; provided, that funds shall be expended for medical malpractice tribunals under section 60B of chapter 231 of the General Laws; provided further, that the clerk of the court shall be responsible for the internal administration of the clerk's office, including personnel, staff services and record keeping; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to Bristol county for the restoration and replacement of the torch at the Bristol county superior court house in the city of Taunton; and provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to Bristol county for renewable and sustainable initiatives at the Bristol county superior courthouse in the city of Taunton .....\$40,482,752

**District Court Department.**

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0332-0100 For the operation of the district court department, including a civil conciliation program .....\$88,626,631

**Probate and Family Court Department.**

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0333-0002 For the operation of the probate and family court department; provided, that not less than \$848,014 shall be expended to continue the case management triage plan .....\$46,653,986

**Land Court Department.**

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0334-0001 For the operation of the land court department.....\$5,925,839

**Boston Municipal Court Department.**

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0335-0001 For the operation of the Boston municipal court department .....\$16,517,797

**Housing Court Department.**

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0336-0002 For the operation of the housing court department; provided, that funds shall be expended on court interpreter services .....\$14,288,451

**Juvenile Court Department.**

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0337-0002 For the operation of the juvenile court department.....\$25,296,828

**Office of the Commissioner of Probation.**

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0339-1001 For the office of the commissioner of probation; provided, that the office shall enter into an interagency service agreement with the department of revenue to verify income data and to utilize the department's wage reporting and bank match system for weekly tape-matching to determine an individual's eligibility for appointment of indigent counsel under chapter 211D of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than \$479,167 shall be expended for DNA testing; provided further, that not less than \$450,000 shall be expended for expanded drug testing capacity; provided further, that not less than \$222,000 shall be expended for increased sealing and expungement capacity; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for a caseload management software system for the juvenile and probate and family courts; provided further, that not less than \$641,000 shall be expended for a pretrial services unit; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended for increased electronic monitoring capacity; provided further, that not less than \$374,667 shall be expended for a probate and family court workload reduction project; provided further, that not less than \$160,000 shall be expended for the purchase of bulletproof vests for probation officers; provided further, that funds may be expended for increased lab-based testing, oral toxicology tests and new urine tests to detect additional substances; provided further, that funds shall be used for the ongoing development and implementation of the validated risk assessment tool to inform pre-adjudication decision making with regard to detention, release on personal recognizance or release under conditions of criminal defendants before the adult trial court; and provided further, that not later than November 1, 2024, the office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the status of the validated risk assessment tool; (ii) efforts to implement the risk assessment tool; (iii) further goals to expand the use of the risk assessment tool; and (iv) the outcomes associated with utilization of the risk assessment tool.....\$193,726,432

0339-1003 For the office of community corrections and performance-based contracts for the operation of community corrections centers; provided, that not later than March 3, 2025, the office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the performance standards used to evaluate community corrections centers; (ii) a description of how each community corrections center compares based on performance and utilization data; (iii) the amount of each contract awarded to community corrections centers on a per-client-day basis; (iv) the standards for terminating contracts with underperforming community corrections centers; and (v) plans for increasing the use

of community corrections centers by the courts, the department of correction and the sheriffs' offices; provided further, that the executive director of the office of community corrections may make funds available from this item for rehabilitative pilot programs that incorporate evidence-based corrections practices; provided further, that the office may provide re-entry services programs, which shall not operate as intermediate sanctions programs as defined in section 1 of chapter 211F of the General Laws, to any person released from incarceration including, but not limited to, any probationer or parolee; and provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the Ralph Gants Reentry Services Program for the purpose of supporting reentry, including providing reentry services programs .....\$32,687,672

0339-1005 For a competitive grant program to be administered by the office of the commissioner of probation for cities and towns, acting either individually or in concert, to pilot or expand multidisciplinary approaches to divert juveniles and young adults from the juvenile and criminal justice systems prior to arrest or arraignment through coordinated programs for prevention and intervention that serve youths and their families including, but not limited to: (i) connecting youths to mental health services; (ii) providing youth development activities and mentoring; (iii) promoting school safety, family home visits, juvenile diversion programs and restorative justice and mediation programs; and (iv) providing assistance for families and schools to navigate the legal system; provided, that eligible applicants may partner with nonprofit organizations to provide programs and services; provided further, that the office shall give preference to applications that: (a) clearly outline a comprehensive plan for municipalities to collaborate with law enforcement agencies, schools, community-based organizations and government agencies to address juvenile delinquency and young adult crime; (b) include written commitments of municipalities, law enforcement agencies, schools, community-based organizations and government agencies to collaborate; (c) make a written commitment to match grant funds with not less than a 25 per cent matching grant provided by either municipal or private contributions; and (d) identify a local governmental unit to serve as the fiscal agent for the proposed programs and services; provided further, that administrative costs for approved grant applications shall not exceed 5 per cent of the value of the grant; and provided further, that not later than March 14, 2025, the office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (1) the number of grant applications received; (2) the number of grants approved; (3) the amount of funds issued to each grantee; and (4) details regarding each grantee, including geographic location,

services offered, organizations with which the grantee collaborated, matching funds provided and the number of juveniles and young adults served.....\$500,000

0339-1011 For a grant program to be administered by the office of the commissioner of probation for community-based residential re-entry programs to reduce recidivism by providing transitional housing, workforce development and case management to individuals returning to the community from county correctional facilities and state prisons, including incarcerated persons under the supervision of state prisons and county correctional facilities approved under sections 49 and 86F of chapter 127 of the General Laws and individuals on parole or on probation; provided, that no funds shall be transferred from this item to any other item in the trial court; provided further, that said programs shall provide supervision and accountability as needed; provided further, that the funds shall be awarded through a competitive process to qualified nonprofit organizations with a documented history of providing comprehensive, evidence-based or evidence-informed community residential re-entry services; provided further, that applicants shall provide a plan for ensuring that proposed programs shall be implemented with fidelity to a research-based, evidence-based or evidence-informed program design; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be spent on women and elderly persons returning from incarceration; provided further, that not less than \$1,500,000 shall be awarded to the parole board for sober and transitional housing for parolees; and provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the outcomes and recidivism rates of the participants .....\$15,611,078

**Office of the Jury Commissioner.**

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0339-2100 For the office of jury commissioner under chapter 234A of the General Laws .....\$3,882,175

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**DISTRICT ATTORNEYS.**

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**Suffolk District Attorney.**

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0340-0100 For the Suffolk district attorney’s office, including the victim and witness assistance program, the child abuse and sexual assault prosecution program, the domestic violence unit and the children’s advocacy center; provided, that 50 per cent of fees payable under rules 15(d) and 30(c)(8) of the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure for appeals taken by the office shall be paid from this

item; and provided further, that no assistant district attorney shall be paid an annual salary of less than \$68,000 .....\$28,159,279

0340-0198 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Suffolk district attorney's office .....\$452,632

**Middlesex District Attorney.**

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0340-0200 For the Middlesex district attorney's office, including the victim and witness assistance program, the child abuse and sexual assault prosecution program and the domestic violence unit; provided, that 50 per cent of fees payable under rules 15(d) and 30(c)(8) of the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure for appeals taken by the office shall be paid from this item; and provided further, that no assistant district attorney shall be paid an annual salary of less than \$68,000.....\$23,964,355

0340-0298 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Middlesex district attorney's office .....\$670,694

**Eastern District Attorney.**

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0340-0300 For the Eastern district attorney's office, including the victim and witness assistance program, the child abuse and sexual assault prosecution program and the domestic violence unit; provided, that 50 per cent of fees payable under rules 15(d) and 30(c)(8) of the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure for appeals taken by the office shall be paid from this item; and provided further, that no assistant district attorney shall be paid an annual salary of less than \$68,000.....\$14,565,563

0340-0398 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Eastern district attorney's office .....\$644,322

**Worcester District Attorney.**

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0340-0400 For the Worcester district attorney's office, including the victim and witness assistance program, the child abuse and sexual assault prosecution program and the domestic violence unit; provided, that 50 per cent of fees payable under rules 15(d) and 30(c)(8) of the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure for appeals taken by the office shall be paid from this item; and provided further, that no assistant district attorney shall be paid an annual salary of less than \$68,000.....\$15,718,610

0340-0498 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Worcester district attorney's office.....\$555,729

**Hampden District Attorney.**

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0340-0500 For the Hampden district attorney's office, including the victim and witness assistance program, the child abuse and sexual assault prosecution program and the domestic violence unit; provided, that 50 per cent of fees payable under rules 15(d) and 30(c)(8) of the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure for appeals taken by the office shall be paid from this item; and provided further, that no assistant district attorney shall be paid an annual salary of less than \$68,000.....\$16,329,587

0340-0598 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Hampden district attorney's office.....\$551,653

**Northwestern District Attorney.**

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0340-0600 For the Northwestern district attorney's office, including the victim and witness assistance program, the child abuse and sexual assault prosecution program, the domestic violence unit and the anti-crime task force; provided, that 50 per cent of fees payable under rules 15(d) and 30(c)(8) of the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure for appeals taken by the office shall be paid from this item; and provided further, that no assistant district attorney shall be paid an annual salary of less than \$68,000 .....\$9,672,053

0340-0698 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Northwestern district attorney's office .....\$387,560

**Norfolk District Attorney.**

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0340-0700 For the Norfolk district attorney's office, including the victim and witness assistance program, the child abuse and sexual assault prosecution program and the domestic violence unit; provided, that 50 per cent of fees payable under rules 15(d) and 30(c)(8) of the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure for appeals taken by the office shall be paid from this item; and provided further, that no assistant district attorney shall be paid an annual salary of less than \$68,000.....\$14,334,182

0340-0798 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Norfolk district attorney's office .....\$534,207

**Plymouth District Attorney.**

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0340-0800 For the Plymouth district attorney’s office, including the victim and witness assistance program, the child abuse and sexual assault prosecution program and the domestic violence unit; provided, that 50 per cent of fees payable under rules 15(d) and 30(c)(8) of the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure for appeals taken by the office shall be paid from this item; and provided further, that no assistant district attorney shall be paid an annual salary of less than \$68,000.....\$12,579,372

0340-0898 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Plymouth district attorney’s office.....\$557,924

**Bristol District Attorney.**

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0340-0900 For the Bristol district attorney’s office, including the victim and witness assistance program, the child abuse and sexual assault prosecution program and the domestic violence unit; provided, that 50 per cent of fees payable under rules 15(d) and 30(c)(8) of the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure for appeals taken by the office shall be paid from this item; and provided further, that no assistant district attorney shall be paid an annual salary of less than \$68,000.....\$14,350,785

0340-0998 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Bristol district attorney’s office .....\$666,841

**Cape and Islands District Attorney.**

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0340-1000 For the Cape and Islands district attorney’s office, including the victim and witness assistance program, the child abuse and sexual assault prosecution program and the domestic violence unit; provided, that 50 per cent of fees payable under rules 15(d) and 30(c)(8) of the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure for appeals taken by the office shall be paid from this item; and provided further, that no assistant district attorney shall be paid an annual salary of less than \$68,000.....\$6,432,134

0340-1098 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Cape and Islands district attorney’s office.....\$368,984

**Berkshire District Attorney.**

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0340-1100 For the Berkshire district attorney’s office, including the victim and witness assistance program, the child abuse and sexual assault prosecution program, the drug task force, the domestic violence unit

and the Berkshire county law enforcement task force; provided, that 50 per cent of fees payable under rules 15(d) and 30(c)(8) of the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure for appeals taken by the office shall be paid from this item; and provided further, that no assistant district attorney shall be paid an annual salary of less than \$68,000.....\$5,958,632

0340-1198 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Berkshire district attorney’s office.....\$295,119

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**MASSACHUSETTS DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION.**

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0340-0203 For the implementation and administration of drug diversion programs for nonviolent young adult drug offenders; provided, that individuals using heroin or other opiate derivatives who are arrested for nonviolent crimes shall be eligible for such programs; provided further, that individuals charged with violent crimes shall not be eligible for participation in a drug diversion program; provided further, that a district attorney’s office may contract with any organization to administer a drug diversion program or an education program; provided further, that such programs shall be designed in consultation with the department of public health; provided further, that diversion program candidates without insurance coverage for the services under the programs shall not be denied access to the program based on the inability to pay; provided further, that not less than 60 days before the distribution of funds, the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (i) the amount to be given to each district attorney’s office; (ii) the methodology for the distribution; and (iii) the administration and cost of the program; and provided further, that no funds from this item shall be expended on the administrative costs of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association.....\$499,950

0340-2100 For the operation of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association, including the implementation and related expenses of the district attorneys’ offices automation, case management and tracking system; provided, that expenses associated with the system may be charged directly to this item; provided further, that the association shall work in conjunction with the disabled persons protection commission and the 11 district attorneys' offices to prepare a report that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the number of abuse cases that are referred to each district attorney’s office for further investigation; (ii) the number of those referrals resulting in the filing of criminal charges, delineated by type of charge; (iii) the number of cases referred to each district attorney's

office that remain open as of the date for submission of the report; and (iv) the number of cases that resulted in a criminal prosecution and the disposition of each such prosecution; provided further, that not later than March 14, 2025, the report shall be submitted to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the clerks of the senate and house of representatives; provided further, that not later than January 30, 2025, the association shall work in conjunction with the 11 district attorneys' offices to prepare and submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the clerks of the senate and house of representatives; provided further, that the association shall provide the offices with an agreed-upon template for the report to be filled out; provided further, that the offices shall submit the report in a standard electronic format; and provided further, that the template shall include, delineated by charge type: (a) the number of criminal cases initiated by arraignment in each department of the trial court; (b) the number of criminal cases disposed of in each department of the trial court; (c) the number of cases appealed to the appeals courts, the supreme judicial court, a single justice of the appeals court or of the supreme judicial court or any other appeals; (d) the number of cases reviewed but not charged; and (e) the number of cases under active management where the case includes charges for drug offenses under chapter 94C of the General Laws, motor vehicle offenses under chapter 90 of the General Laws or firearm offenses under chapter 140 of the General Laws .....\$2,562,065

0340-2117 For the retention of assistant district attorneys and non-attorney staff with not less than 3 years of experience; provided, that the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association shall transfer funds to the AA object class in each of the 11 district attorneys' offices; provided further, that the association shall develop a formula for the distribution of these funds; provided further, that funds distributed from this item to the district attorneys' offices shall be used for retention purposes and shall not be transferred out of the AA object class; provided further, that not more than \$125,000 shall be distributed to any 1 district attorney's office for such purpose; provided further, that not less than 60 days before the distribution of funds, the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (i) the methodology used to determine the amount to be disbursed; (ii) the amount to be given to each district attorney's office; (iii) the methodology for the distribution; and (iv) the number of assistant district attorneys and non-attorney staff from each office who would receive funds from this item; and provided further, that no funds from this item shall be expended for the administrative costs of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association.....\$1,000,000



0340-8908 For the costs associated with maintaining the Massachusetts District  
Attorneys Association's wide area network .....\$3,344,464

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**EXECUTIVE.**

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0411-1000 For the offices of the governor, the lieutenant governor and the  
governor's council; provided, that the amount appropriated in this  
item may be used at the discretion of the governor for the payment  
of extraordinary expenses not otherwise provided for and for  
transfers to appropriation items where the amounts otherwise  
available may be insufficient .....\$6,173,602

0411-1020 For the operation of the office of climate innovation and resilience .....\$500,000

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**SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.**

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0511-0000	For the operation of the office of the secretary of the commonwealth; provided, that the secretary may transfer funds between items 0540-0900, 0540-1000, 0540-1100, 0540-1200, 0540-1300, 0540-1400, 0540-1500, 0540-1600, 0540-1700, 0540-1800, 0540-1900, 0540-2000 and 0540-2100 under an allocation schedule which shall be submitted to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days before the transfer; and provided further, that each register of deeds using electronic record books shall ensure that all methods of electronically recording instruments conform to the regulations or standards established by the secretary and the records conservation board.....	\$8,387,778
0511-0001	For the secretary of the commonwealth, who may expend not more than \$15,000 in revenues collected from the sale of merchandise at the state house gift shop to restock gift shop inventory.....	\$15,000
0511-0002	For the operation of the corporations division; provided, that the division shall implement a corporate dissolution program; and provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the secretary of the commonwealth shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the total number of reports filed as a result of this program and the amount of revenue generated for the commonwealth .....	\$590,868
0511-0200	For the operation of the archives division; provided, that the secretary of the commonwealth shall expend not less than the amounts expended in fiscal year 2024 for preservation matching grants for municipalities and nonprofit organizations to preserve veterans' monuments, memorials and other significant sites and historic documents; and provided further, that the program shall be administered by the state historic records advisory board.....	\$875,822
0511-0230	For the operation of the records center .....	\$68,349
0511-0250	For the operation of the archives facility .....	\$841,955
0511-0260	For the operation of the commonwealth museum.....	\$278,488
0511-0270	For the secretary of the commonwealth, who shall contract with the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute to provide the commonwealth with technical assistance on United States census data and to prepare annual population estimates .....	\$1,015,258
0511-0280	For the secretary of the commonwealth, who may expend not more than \$500,000 in revenues collected from fees assessed upon communication technology service providers for administration and	

	monitoring of the remote online notarization program under subsection (i) of section 28 of chapter 222 of the General Laws; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the secretary may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.....	\$500,000
0511-0420	For the operation of the address confidentiality program.....	\$273,153
0517-0000	For the printing of public documents.....	\$571,276
0521-0000	For the operation of the elections division, including preparation, printing and distribution of ballots and for other miscellaneous expenses for primary and other elections; provided, that the secretary of the commonwealth may award grants for voter registration and education; and provided further, that the registration and education activities may be conducted by community-based voter registration and education organizations .....	\$24,768,806
0521-0001	For the operation of the central voter registration computer system; provided, that not later than January 31, 2025, the secretary of the commonwealth shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing voter registration activity and a breakdown, by region, of active voters in the commonwealth.....	\$11,414,907
0521-0002	For implementing early voting in the commonwealth as required by section 25B of chapter 54 of the General Laws.....	\$8,000,000
0524-0000	For providing information to voters.....	\$2,229,036
0526-0100	For the operation of the Massachusetts historical commission .....	\$1,107,223
0527-0100	For the operation of the ballot law commission.....	\$10,384
0528-0100	For the operation of the records conservation board .....	\$36,396
0540-0900	For the registry of deeds located in the city of Lawrence.....	\$1,389,390
0540-1000	For the registry of deeds located in the city of Salem.....	\$3,151,656
0540-1100	For the registry of deeds located in the county of Franklin .....	\$690,710
0540-1200	For the registry of deeds located in the county of Hampden .....	\$2,165,791
0540-1300	For the registry of deeds located in the county of Hampshire .....	\$864,575
0540-1400	For the registry of deeds located in the city of Lowell .....	\$1,318,503

0540-1500	For the registry of deeds located in the city of Cambridge.....	\$4,453,525
0540-1600	For the registry of deeds located in the town of Adams .....	\$461,265
0540-1700	For the registry of deeds located in the city of Pittsfield .....	\$623,818
0540-1800	For the registry of deeds located in the town of Great Barrington .....	\$370,163
0540-1900	For the registry of deeds located in the county of Suffolk.....	\$2,406,086
0540-2000	For the registry of deeds located in the city of Fitchburg .....	\$802,559
0540-2100	For the registry of deeds located in the city of Worcester .....	\$2,580,969

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**TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL.**

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**Office of the Treasurer and Receiver General.**

0610-0000	For the office of the treasurer and receiver general .....	\$12,325,491
0610-0010	For the office of economic empowerment; provided, that funds from this item may be transferred to the Economic Empowerment Trust Fund established in section 35QQ of chapter 10 of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the MIDAS Collaborative, Inc. as a fiscal intermediary for matched-savings programs, which help to close critical racial and other wealth gaps of low-to-moderate-income households, in partnership with financial institutions, community development corporations, community foundations and other community-based organizations.....	\$1,376,701
0610-0050	For the administration of the alcoholic beverages control commission in its efforts to regulate and control the conduct and condition of traffic in alcoholic beverages; provided, that the commission shall maintain at least 1 chief investigator and other investigators as may be necessary for the regulation and control of trafficking of alcoholic beverages; provided further, that the commission shall work and cooperate with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in the United States Department of Justice and other relevant federal agencies to assist in its efforts to regulate and control trafficking of alcoholic beverages; and provided further, that the commission shall seek out matching federal funds and apply for federal grants that may be available to assist in the enforcement of laws pertaining to the trafficking of alcoholic beverages.....	\$5,546,211

0610-0051	For the operation of the alcoholic beverages control commission relative to the prevention of underage drinking and related programs including, but not limited to, applying for and obtaining Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in the United States Department of Justice funds, grants and other federal appropriations; provided, that the commission may expend not more than \$350,000 in revenues collected from fees generated by the commission; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the commission may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....	\$350,000
0610-0060	For the costs associated with the investigation and enforcement division of the alcoholic beverages control commission's implementation of the enhanced liquor enforcement programs known as the safe campus, safe holidays, safe prom and safe summer programs; provided, that funds from this item shall not support other operating costs of item 0610-0050.....	\$348,780
0610-2000	For payments made to veterans under section 1 of chapter 646 of the acts of 1968, section 16 of chapter 130 of the acts of 2005 and section 11 of chapter 132 of the acts of 2009; provided, that the office of the state treasurer may expend not more than \$300,000 for costs incurred in the administration of these payments; and provided further, that not later than September 2, 2024, the state treasurer shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (i) the number of veterans applying for the payments, delineated by in-person and online applications; and (ii) how many payments were approved in the prior fiscal year .....	\$2,803,626
0611-1000	For bonus payments to war veterans.....	\$44,500
0612-0105	For payment of the public safety employee killed in the line of duty benefit established in section 100A of chapter 32 of the General Laws; provided, that the office of the state treasurer shall provide immediate written notification to the secretary of administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means upon the expenditure of the funds appropriated in this item; and provided further, that at the written request of the state treasurer, the comptroller shall transfer uncommitted and unobligated funds from item 1599-3384 to this item .....	\$600,000

**Lottery Commission.**

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0640-0000	For the operation of the state lottery commission and arts lottery; provided, that no funds shall be expended from this item for costs associated with the promotion or advertising of lottery games; provided further, that positions funded from this item shall not be subject to chapters 30 and 31 of the General Laws; and provided further, that 25 per cent of the amount appropriated in this item shall be transferred quarterly from the State Lottery and Gaming Fund, established in section 35 of chapter 10 of the General Laws, to the General Fund.....	\$108,276,295
0640-0005	For the costs associated with monitor games; provided, that 25 per cent of the amount appropriated in this item shall be transferred quarterly from the State Lottery and Gaming Fund, established in section 35 of chapter 10 of the General Laws, to the General Fund.....	\$3,242,859
0640-0010	For the promotional activities associated with the state lottery program; provided, that not later than June 30, 2025, the state lottery commission shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing additional revenues generated as a result of promotional activities funded from this item; and provided further, that 25 per cent of the amount appropriated in this item shall be transferred quarterly from the State Lottery and Gaming Fund, established in section 35 of chapter 10 of the General Laws, to the General Fund.....	\$5,000,000
0640-0096	For the commonwealth’s fiscal year 2025 contributions to the health and welfare fund established under the collective bargaining agreement between the state lottery commission and the Service Employees International Union, Local 888, AFL-CIO; provided, that the contributions shall be paid to the fund on such basis as the collective bargaining agreement provides; and provided further, that 25 per cent of the amount appropriated in this item shall be transferred quarterly from the State Lottery and Gaming Fund, established in section 35 of chapter 10 of the General Laws, to the General Fund.....	\$618,509

**Massachusetts Cultural Council.**

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0640-0300	For the services and operations of the Massachusetts cultural council, including grants to or contracts with public and nonpublic entities; provided, that the council may expend the amounts appropriated in this item for the council as provided in sections 52 to 58, inclusive, of chapter 10 of the General Laws; provided further, that 25 per cent of the amount appropriated in this item shall be transferred quarterly from the State Lottery and Gaming Fund,
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established in section 35 of said chapter 10, to the General Fund; provided further, that a person employed under this item shall be considered an employee within the meaning of section 1 of chapter 150E of the General Laws and shall be placed in the appropriate bargaining unit; provided further, that the council shall expend from any source an amount not less than 75 per cent of the amount of this item on grants and subsidies to further the achievement of the goals of the council’s 3-year strategic plan, including: (i) stewarding programmatic practices that advance equity, diversity and inclusion; (ii) advancing the creative and cultural sector through building partnerships, identifying recommendations and storytelling; and (iii) ensuring internal systems, structures and ways of working reflect the council’s values of creativity, public service and inclusion and advance the sector’s needs; provided further, that not later than November 1, 2024, the council shall submit its board-approved fiscal year 2025 spending plan to the office of the state treasurer, the executive office for administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on tourism, arts and cultural development including, but not limited to, the amounts to be expended on: (a) grants and subsidies; (b) personnel; (c) leases and utilities; and (d) travel, delineated by in-state and board-approved out-of-state travel; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Hope for Youth and Families, Inc. to expand arts opportunities for youth and increase the capacity of existing arts organizations in the city of Springfield; and provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Elevated Thought Inc. to create murals in the city of Lawrence .....\$25,646,197

**Debt Service.**

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0699-0005	For the state treasurer, who may retain and expend not more than \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 from premiums paid on the sales of revenue anticipation notes and expend those premium payments to pay the principal and interest on account of the revenue anticipation notes .....	\$20,000,000
0699-0014	For the payment of interest, discount and principal on certain indebtedness incurred under chapter 233 of the acts of 2008 for financing the accelerated bridge program.....	\$280,691,541
	Commonwealth Transportation Fund .....	100%
0699-0015	For the payment of interest, discount and principal on certain bonded debt and the sale of bonds of the commonwealth; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the state treasurer may make payments under section 38C of chapter 29 of the General Laws from this item and items 0699-9100, 0699-2005 and 0699-0014; provided further, that the payments shall pertain to the bonds, notes or other obligations authorized to be paid from each item; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the comptroller may transfer the amounts that would otherwise be unexpended on June 30, 2025 from this item to items 0699-9100, 0699-2005 and 0699-0014 or from said items 0699-9100, 0699-2005 and 0699-0014 to this item which would otherwise have insufficient amounts to meet debt service obligations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; provided further, that each amount transferred shall be charged to the funds as specified in the item to which the amount is transferred; provided further, that payments on bonds issued under section 20 of said chapter 29 shall be paid from this item and shall be charged to the infrastructure subfund of the Commonwealth Transportation Fund; provided further, that notwithstanding this item or any general or special law to the contrary, the comptroller may charge the payments authorized in the item to the appropriate budgetary or other fund subject to a plan which the comptroller shall submit to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 10 days in advance of charging such payments; and provided further, that the state treasurer may expend from the Technology Education Fund under items 7070-6606 and 7070-6607 in the state accounting system, payments to the University of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for interest accrued in fiscal year 2025 and prior fiscal years on bonds held pursuant to section 4 of the Morrill Land-Grants Act, Public Law 37-130 .....	\$2,268,558,671



General Fund..... 51.73%  
 Commonwealth Transportation Fund ..... 48.27%

0699-2005 For the payment of interest, discount and principal on certain indebtedness that may be incurred for financing the central artery/third harbor tunnel funding shortfall .....\$83,480,343

Commonwealth Transportation Fund ..... 100%

0699-9100 For the payment of costs associated with any bonds, notes or other obligations of the commonwealth, including issuance costs, interest on bonds, bond and revenue anticipation notes, commercial paper and other notes under sections 47 and 49B of chapter 29 of the General Laws and for the payment to the United States under Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 148, of any rebate amount or yield reduction payment owed with respect to any bonds or notes or other obligations of the commonwealth; provided, that the state treasurer shall certify to the comptroller a schedule of the distribution of costs among the various funds of the commonwealth; provided further, that not more than \$400,000 shall be expended from this item for the costs of personnel at the debt department of the office of the state treasurer; provided further, that the comptroller shall charge costs to the funds in accordance with the schedule; and provided further, that any deficit in this item at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 shall be charged to the various funds or to the General Fund or the Commonwealth Transportation Fund debt service reserves .....\$28,681,484

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**OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR.**

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0710-0000 For the office of the state auditor, including the review and monitoring of privatization contracts under sections 52 to 55, inclusive, of chapter 7 of the General Laws .....\$19,611,878

0710-0100 For the operation of the division of local mandates.....\$431,002

0710-0200 For the operation of the bureau of special investigations; provided, that the office of the state auditor shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the total amount of fraudulently obtained benefits identified by the bureau, the total value of settlement restitution payments, actual monthly collections and any circumstances that produce shortfalls in collections .....\$2,523,385

0710-0225	For the operation of the Medicaid audit unit within the division of audit operations to prevent and identify fraud and abuse in the MassHealth system; provided, that the federal reimbursement for any expenditure from this item shall not be less than 50 per cent; provided further, that not later than March 1, 2025, the division shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing all findings on activities and payments made through the MassHealth system; provided further, that the report shall include, to the extent available, a review of all post-audit efforts undertaken by MassHealth to recoup payments owed to the commonwealth due to identified fraud and abuse; provided further, that the report shall include the responses of MassHealth to the most recent post-audit review survey, including the status of recoupment efforts; and provided further, that the report shall include the unit's recommendations to enhance recoupment efforts.....	\$1,440,504
0710-0300	For costs related to the use of data analytic techniques to identify fraud by the bureau of special investigations.....	\$541,480
0710-0400	For the operation of an information technology audit unit within the office of the state auditor in order to conduct audits of high risk information technology related activities including, cybersecurity, data access, systems operations, data integrity and regulatory compliance .....	\$840,310

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**POLICE REFORM COMMISSION.**

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0800-0000	For the operation of the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission; provided, that not later than March 14, 2025, the commission shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the commission's current caseload for fiscal year 2025; (ii) the number of complaints concerning police officer conduct received by the commission; (iii) patterns of unprofessional police conduct identified by the commission; and (iv) the number of police officers suspended by the commission and the reason for the suspension.....	\$8,660,002
0800-0001	For the operation of the commission on the status of African Americans .....	\$150,000
0800-0002	For the operation of the commission on the status of Latinos and Latinas.....	\$150,000
0800-0003	For the operation of the commission on the status of persons with disabilities .....	\$150,000

0800-0004 For the operation of the commission on the social status of Black men and boys .....\$150,000

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**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.**

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0810-0000 For the office of the attorney general, including the administration of the local consumer aid fund established in section 11G of chapter 12 of the General Laws, the operation of the anti-trust division, all regional offices, a high-tech crime unit and the victim and witness assistance program; provided, that the victim and witness assistance program shall be administered under chapters 258B and 258C of the General Laws; and provided further, that funds shall be expended to support the services of the student loan ombudsman within the office who will serve as an independent mediator for student loan borrowers in the commonwealth.....\$42,167,880

0810-0004 For compensation to victims of violent crimes; provided, that notwithstanding chapter 258C of the General Laws, if a claimant is 60 years of age or older at the time of the crime and is not employed or receiving unemployment compensation, such claimant shall be eligible for compensation under said chapter 258C even if the claimant has suffered no out-of-pocket loss; provided further, that compensation to such claimant shall be limited to a maximum of \$50; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, victims of the crime of rape shall be notified of all available services designed to assist rape victims including, but not limited to, the services provided under section 5 of chapter 258B of the General Laws .....\$3,426,323

0810-0013 For the office of the attorney general, which may expend for a false claims program not more than \$4,129,388 in revenues collected from enforcement of sections 5A to 5O, inclusive, the false claims law; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$4,129,388

0810-0014 For the operation of the office of ratepayer advocacy within the office of the attorney general under section 11E of chapter 12 of the General Laws; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the amount assessed under said section 11E of said chapter 12 shall equal the amount expended from this item and

the associated fringe benefit costs for personnel paid from this item; and provided further, that funds shall be expended for the expenses of legal and technical personnel and associated administrative and travel expenses relative to participation in regulatory proceedings at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on behalf of ratepayers in the commonwealth.....\$2,939,320

0810-0016 For the office of the attorney general, which may expend not more than \$618,200 in revenues collected from costs of litigation, including reasonable attorney and expert witness fees as awarded to the attorney general by the court or as agreed upon by the parties in settlement of any claims brought pursuant to the acts enforced in this item, for the development and prosecution of claims for enforcement by the commonwealth of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq., the federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq., the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300f et seq., the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq., the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, 42 U.S.C 11001 et seq., the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq. and the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq. including, but not limited to, the investigation of such claims, personnel and litigation costs, the engagement of experts, the administration of studies or related activities and the enforcement of settlements; provided, that penalties payable to the commonwealth under the General Laws that are recovered by the commonwealth in the course of prosecuting claims for enforcement of federal law shall be deposited into the General Fund; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.....\$618,200

0810-0021 For the operation of the Medicaid fraud control unit; provided, that the federal reimbursement for any expenditure from this item shall not be less than 75 per cent of the expenditure; and provided further, that funds shall continue to be used specifically for the investigation and prosecution of abuse, neglect, mistreatment and misappropriation based on referrals from the department of public health under section 72H of chapter 111 of the General Laws.....\$5,047,180

0810-0045 For the wage enforcement program; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a nonmanagement position funded by this item shall be considered a job title in a

collective bargaining unit as prescribed by the labor relations commission and shall be subject to chapter 150E of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the operation and administration of a specialized prevailing wage and construction investigatory and enforcement unit within the wage enforcement program; provided further, that the unit shall consist of not less than 2 investigators assigned to eastern Massachusetts, 2 investigators assigned to central Massachusetts and 2 investigators assigned to western Massachusetts; provided further, that the specialized unit shall be supervised by at least 1 supervising investigator and 1 assistant attorney general in the wage enforcement program's Boston office who shall have significant experience investigating violations of the commonwealth's prevailing wage and construction laws; and provided further, that not later than February 28, 2025, the specialized unit shall submit a report on its annual enforcement actions and violation trends within the construction industry to the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives .....\$6,752,822

0810-0061 For the funding of existing and future litigation committed to obtaining significant recoveries for the commonwealth.....\$3,506,198

0810-0098 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the office of the attorney general; provided, that other costs associated with the officers shall not be funded from this item; and provided further, that no expenditures shall be made on or after the effective date of this item that would cause the commonwealth's obligation under this item to exceed the amount appropriated in this item .....\$779,625

0810-0201 For the costs incurred in administrative or judicial proceedings on insurance under section 11F of chapter 12 of the General Laws; provided, that funds made available in this item may be used to supplement the automobile insurance fraud unit and the workers' compensation fraud unit in the office of the attorney general; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the amount assessed for these costs shall be equal to the amount expended from this item and the associated fringe benefit costs for personnel paid from this item; and provided further, that funds may be expended for costs associated with health insurance rate hearings.....\$1,848,211

0810-0338 For the investigation and prosecution of automobile insurance fraud; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the amount assessed for these costs shall be equal to the amount appropriated in this item and the associated fringe benefit costs for personnel paid from this item.....\$564,594

- 0810-0399 For the investigation and prosecution of workers' compensation fraud; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the amount assessed for these costs shall be equal to the amount appropriated in this item and the associated fringe benefit costs for personnel paid from this item; provided further, that the office of the attorney general shall investigate and prosecute, when appropriate, employers who fail to provide workers' compensation insurance as required by law and those employers or employees who may seek to defraud the system; and provided further, that the unit shall investigate and report on all companies not in compliance with chapter 152 of the General Laws .....\$371,216
- 0810-1204 For the costs of the division of gaming enforcement under section 11M of chapter 12 of the General Laws; provided, that the gaming commission shall reimburse the General Fund for the total amount of this appropriation and associated fringe benefit costs under said section 11M of said chapter 12 .....\$579,392
- 0810-1205 For programs established to combatting opioid addiction including, but not limited to, the investigation and enforcement of opioid dispensing practices and fraudulent prescribing practices; provided, that not later than January 31, 2025, the office of the attorney general shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the results of the program including, but not limited to, the effectiveness of investigations, opioid and trafficking settlements pursued and long-term plans for the program.....\$2,609,123
- 0810-1206 For the office of the attorney general, which may expend for a civil penalties revolving fund an amount not to exceed \$2,043,426 from revenues collected from enforcement of civil law; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.....\$2,043,426

**Victim and Witness Assistance Board.**

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- 0840-0100 For the operation of the victim and witness assistance board; provided, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the operation and administration of trainings and educational programming that advances the goals of the Massachusetts office for victim assistance; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to RIA, Inc. for support to survivors of

commercial sex trafficking and exploitation to promote emotional and economic empowerment .....\$1,505,525

0840-0101 For the salaries and administration of the SAFEPLAN advocacy program to be administered by the Massachusetts office for victim assistance; provided, that not later than January 31, 2025, the office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the effectiveness of contracting for the program including, but not limited to, the: (i) expansion of the program’s services to new courthouses throughout the commonwealth; (ii) number and types of incidents to which the advocates responded; (iii) types of services and service referrals provided by domestic violence advocates; (iv) cost of providing such services; and (v) extent of coordination with other service providers and state agencies; and provided further, that SAFEPLAN services shall be maintained at not less than the levels provided in fiscal year 2024.....\$2,445,132

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**STATE ETHICS COMMISSION.**

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0900-0100 For the operation of the state ethics commission.....\$3,664,121

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**OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.**

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0910-0200 For the operation of the office of the inspector general.....\$5,584,969

0910-0210 For the office of the inspector general, which may expend revenues collected up to \$1,375,710 from the fees charged to participants in the OIG Academy, including the Massachusetts public purchasing official certification program for the operation of such programs; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$1,375,710

0910-0220 For the operation of the bureau of program integrity established in section 16V of chapter 6A of the General Laws.....\$789,635

0910-0230 For the operation of the data analytics unit within the office of the inspector general .....\$608,673

0910-0300 For the operation of the internal special audit unit established in section 9 of chapter 6C of the General Laws.....\$1,235,004

0910-0330 For the operation of the division of state police oversight established in section 72 of chapter 22C of the General Laws .....\$454,285

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**OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN AND POLITICAL FINANCE.**

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0920-0300 For the operation of the office of campaign and political finance .....\$2,201,861

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**OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE.**

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0930-0100 For the operation of the office of the child advocate; provided, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended on efforts to ensure that transition-age youth who are aging out of the care or custody of the department of children and families or the department of youth services are well-prepared for and supported in their transition into adulthood; provided further, that such services shall include, but not be limited to, staff support through case management and the provision of direct housing services.....\$3,892,352

0930-0101 For the operation of the state center on child wellbeing and trauma .....\$3,750,000

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**MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION.**

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0940-0100 For the Massachusetts commission against discrimination; provided, that the commission shall pursue the highest allowable rate of federal reimbursement; provided further, that not later than March 5, 2025, the commission shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the: (i) number of currently pending cases and the number of cases under investigation and in post-probable cause, with the number of post-probable cause cases delineated by the number of cases in the conciliation, pre-public hearing and post-public hearing stages; (ii) number of cases pending before the commission in which a state agency or state authority is named as a respondent, delineating those cases by agency or authority; (iii) number of new cases filed in fiscal year 2024; (iv) number of cases closed by the commission in fiscal year 2024; and (v) average duration of cases closed by the commission in fiscal year 2024, delineated by cases that reached the conciliation, pre-public hearing and post-public hearing stages; provided further, that funds made available in this item shall be in addition to funds available in items 0940-0101 and 0940-0103; and provided further, that all nonclerical positions shall be exempt from chapter 31 of the General Laws .....\$8,367,888



- 0940-0101 For the Massachusetts commission against discrimination, which may expend not more than \$1,100,000 in revenues collected from fees and federal reimbursements received for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's fair housing programs during fiscal year 2025 and for federal reimbursements received for this and other programs in prior fiscal years; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the commission may also expend revenues generated through the collection of fees and costs so authorized; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the commission may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$1,100,000
- 0940-0102 For the Massachusetts commission against discrimination, which may expend not more than \$410,000 in revenues collected from fees charged for training and monitoring programs; provided, that the commission shall work with the office of access and opportunity and the office of diversity and equal opportunity to design and deliver training to executive branch staff; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the commission may also expend revenues generated through the collection of fees and costs so authorized; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the commission may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$410,000
- 0940-0103 For the Massachusetts commission against discrimination, which may expend not more than \$1,400,000 in revenues from fees and federal reimbursements received in fiscal year 2025 and prior fiscal years for the purposes of United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission fair employment programs; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the commission may also expend revenues generated through the collection of fees and costs so authorized; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the commission may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate, as reported in the state accounting system .....\$1,400,000

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**COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN.**

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0950-0000 For the commission on the status of women established in section  
66 of chapter 3 of the General Laws .....\$958,785

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**COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF GRANDPARENTS RAISING  
GRANDCHILDREN.**

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0950-0030 For the commission on the status of grandparents raising  
grandchildren established in section 69 of chapter 3 of the General  
Laws .....\$277,615

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**MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION ON LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL,  
TRANSGENDER, QUEER AND QUESTIONING YOUTH.**

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0950-0050 For the commission on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer  
and questioning youth established in section 67 of chapter 3 of the  
General Laws .....\$1,100,000

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**COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS.**

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0950-0080 For the commission on the status of citizens of Asian and Pacific Islander descent established in section 68 of chapter 3 of the General Laws .....\$582,753

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**OFFICE OF THE VETERAN ADVOCATE.**

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0960-1000 For the operation of the office of the veteran advocate .....\$765,000

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**OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER.**

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1000-0001 For the office of the comptroller for the management of the accounting, payroll, related financial systems and annual financial reports, including prescribing the books and manner of accounting and internal control guidance for all agencies of the commonwealth to promote accountability, integrity and clarity in the commonwealth's business, fiscal and administrative enterprises and to mitigate the risk of fraud, waste and abuse of the commonwealth's resources; provided, that the comptroller shall submit quarterly reports to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means which shall include, for each state agency for which the commonwealth is billing, the eligible state services and the full-year estimate of revenues and collected revenues; provided further, that the comptroller shall make expenditures for an enhanced intercept collections of delinquent debt program; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the comptroller may take any necessary actions to secure financial and payroll data including, but not limited to, restricting certain data released under section 20 of chapter 66 of the General Laws .....\$10,875,347

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**CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION.**

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1070-0840 For the operation of the cannabis control commission .....\$16,354,564

Marijuana Regulation Fund ..... 100%

1070-0842 For the cannabis control commission's oversight of the medical marijuana industry .....\$3,451,738

Marijuana Regulation Fund ..... 100%

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE.**

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**Office of the Secretary.**

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1100-1100 For the office of the secretary of administration and finance; provided, that the secretary shall provide biannual reports, the first of which shall be submitted not later than January 30, 2025 and the second of which shall be submitted not later than May 29, 2025, to the house and senate committees on ways and means summarizing existing and proposed collective bargaining agreements in an electronic format; provided further, that, for each agreement, the reports shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the session law for the previously agreed upon collective bargaining agreement; (ii) the current agreement status; (iii) the collective bargaining unit and unit number; (iv) the number of full-time equivalent employees subject to the agreement, by item; (v) a description of the membership of the unit; (vi) the total salary base of the most recent previous agreement; (vii) the start date and expiration date of the most recent agreement; (viii) the estimated total fiscal impact of the agreement compared to the previous agreement; (ix) the base salary increases required by the agreement, by effective time; and (x) the funding status of the agreement; provided further, that the reports shall detail, by bargaining unit, the costs to the commonwealth resulting from the collective bargaining agreements with various public employees' unions, delineated by item; provided further, that the reports shall include, but not be limited to, the: (a) effective date of any new negotiations or renegotiations; (b) end date of the contract; (c) number of employees in the bargaining unit, by department; and (d) costs associated with any new negotiations or renegotiations, including salary adjustments, step increases, statutory benefits and other non-salary costs for the current and subsequent fiscal years for the life of the contract; provided further, that the executive office for administration and finance shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing federal grant applications submitted and federal grants received by executive branch agencies during the applicable reporting period; and provided further, that not later than December 2, 2024, the executive office for administration and finance shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means evaluating the stress impacts of varying economic scenarios for the next 2 fiscal years including, but not limited to, the: (1) potential effects of economic changes on tax revenue collections; and (2) sufficiency of the Commonwealth Stabilization Fund established in section 2H of chapter 29 of the General Laws and other reserve balances in offsetting potential revenue declines .....\$4,775,425

1100-1201	For supporting activities relating to accountability and transparency including, but not limited to, economic forecasting, adoption of uniform procedures across state agencies and departments and maximizing federal revenue opportunities.....	\$562,304
1100-1700	For the provision of information technology services within the executive office for administration and finance.....	\$35,464,741
1100-2200	For the state infrastructure implementation coordinator and the operation of the federal funds and infrastructure development office; provided, that the office shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means on its activities including, but not limited to: (i) federal competitive funds awarded to the commonwealth; (ii) federal competitive funds being pursued; and (iii) the status of pending applications submitted for federal competitive funds.....	\$1,997,515
1106-0064	For the caseload and economic forecasting office; provided, that the office shall forecast: (i) MassHealth enrollment by group and coverage type; (ii) participation in state-subsidized child care provided through items 3000-3060 and 3000-4060; (iii) participation in emergency assistance and housing programs provided through items 7004-0101, 7004-0102, 7004-0108 and 7004-9316; (iv) enrollment of both active members and dependents in the group insurance commission; (v) recipients of direct benefits provided by the department of transitional assistance through items 4400-1004, 4403-2000, 4405-2000 and 4408-1000; (vi) participation in programs provided by the department of children and families through items 4800-0038 and 4800-0041; and (vii) other related economic forecasts; provided further, that not later than October 31, 2024, the office shall report its fiscal year 2024 actuals, fiscal year 2025 year-to-date actuals and forecasts and fiscal year 2026 forecasts to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means; and provided further, that not later than March 14, 2025, the office shall submit updated forecasts to the executive office and to the house and senate committees on ways and means.....	\$245,641

**Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance.**

1102-3199	For the operation of the office of facilities management and maintenance, including the cost of utilities and associated contracts for properties managed by the division of capital asset management and maintenance.....	\$31,870,886
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- 1102-3205 For the division of capital asset management and maintenance, which may expend for the maintenance and operation of the Massachusetts information technology center and other state buildings not more than \$11,295,016 in revenues collected from rentals, commissions, fees and any other sources pertaining to the operations of such facilities; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the division may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.....\$11,295,016
- 1102-3233 For the division of capital asset management and maintenance for the certification of contractors and subcontractors .....\$961,324

**Bureau of the State House.**

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- 1102-1128 For state house accessibility coordination, including communications access to public hearings and meetings; provided, that access shall include interpreter services for the deaf and hard of hearing.....\$157,783
- 1102-3331 For the operation of the bureau of the state house; provided, that the superintendent, director of operations and other employees of the bureau shall work in conjunction with the business manager of the house of representatives and the chief financial officer of the senate on the maintenance, repair, purchases and payments for materials and services; and provided further, that funds shall be expended for full-time maintenance coverage of elevators at the state house.....\$4,559,731
- 1102-3400 For security operations at the bureau of the state house .....\$250,000

**Massachusetts Office on Disability.**

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- 1107-2400 For the Massachusetts office on disability.....\$1,349,782

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**DISABLED PERSONS PROTECTION COMMISSION.**

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- 1107-2501 For the disabled persons protection commission including, but not limited to, the costs of maintaining a computerized registry system of persons who have been substantiated for registrable abuse of a person with an intellectual or developmental disability; provided, that the commission shall facilitate compliance by the department of mental health and the department of developmental services with uniform investigative standards; provided further, that the commission shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the number of claims of abuse by caretakers made by employees or contracted service employees of the department of developmental services, the department of mental health and the Massachusetts rehabilitation commission; provided further, that the report shall include the number of: (i) substantiated claims; (ii) unsubstantiated claims; and (iii) false claims reported as a result of intentional and malicious action; and provided further, that all persons who call the commission's 24-hour hotline shall be provided with the opportunity to elect that the call not be recorded.....\$11,894,570

**Civil Service Commission.**

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- 1108-1011 For the civil service commission; provided, that the General Fund shall be reimbursed for the appropriation in this item through a fee

charged on a per-claim basis; provided further, that the commission shall develop and implement regulations to provide for reimbursement to the General Fund; and provided further, that the commission may assess a fee upon the appointing authority when inappropriate action has occurred .....\$1,295,711



**Group Insurance Commission.**

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1108-5100 For the operation of the group insurance commission; provided, that on a monthly basis, the commission shall provide the caseload forecasting office with enrollment data and any other information pertinent to caseload forecasting; provided further, that the commission shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) any proposed plan changes accompanied by a detailed rationale for such changes; (ii) a detailed delineation of any estimated deficiencies or reversions in the current fiscal year, detailed by item; and (iii) a projection of any funding changes for the following fiscal year, detailed by item; and provided further, that the commission shall provide all materials presented at any public meetings hosted by the commission to the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than 15 days after the public meeting.....\$5,469,260

1108-5200 For the commonwealth’s share of the group insurance premium and plan costs incurred in fiscal year 2025; provided, that funds may be expended from this item for the commonwealth’s share of group insurance premium and plan costs provided to employees and retirees in prior fiscal years; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, funds in this item shall not be available during the accounts payable period of fiscal year 2025 and any unexpended balance in this item shall revert to the General Fund on June 30, 2025; provided further, that the group insurance commission shall obtain reimbursement for premium and administrative expenses from other agencies and authorities not funded by state appropriations; provided further, that the secretary of administration and finance shall charge the department of unemployment assistance and other departments, authorities, agencies and divisions which have federal or other funds allocated to them for this purpose for that portion of insurance premium and plan costs as the secretary determines shall be borne by such funds and shall notify the comptroller of the amounts to be transferred, after similar determination, from the several state or other funds and amounts received in payment of all such charges or transfers shall be credited to the General Fund; provided further, that the secretary of administration and finance may charge all agencies for the commonwealth’s share of the health insurance costs incurred on behalf of any employees of those agencies who are on leave of absence for a period of more than 1 year; provided further, that the amounts received in payment for the charges shall be credited to the General Fund; provided further, that notwithstanding section 26 of chapter 29 of the General Laws, the commission may negotiate, purchase and execute contracts before July 1 of each year for policies of group insurance under chapter 32A of the General Laws; provided further, that the rules for determining the commonwealth’s share of the group insurance premiums for active and retired state

employees shall be the same as the standards in effect on July 1, 2012; provided further, that funds may be expended from this item for elderly retired governmental employees and retired municipal teachers; provided further, that not less than 90 days before any changes in coverage, benefits or the schedule of copayments and deductibles for plans offered by the group insurance commission, the commission shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the commission may pay premium and plan costs for municipal employees and retirees who are enrolled in the commission's health plans under the commission's regulations; and provided further, that not later than March 7, 2025, the commission shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on: (i) the average full cost premium equivalent per enrollee; (ii) the average actual cost per enrollee for enrollees from participating municipalities; (iii) the contribution ratios for each participating municipality for fiscal year 2025; (iv) the number of members in high deductible health plans; (v) the premium reimbursement paid by each municipality per active enrollee by plan; (vi) the average employee premium contribution by plan for each municipality; (vii) estimates for the total premium per active enrollee by plan for each municipality; (viii) the average employee out-of-pocket expenditure and premium contribution by salary level of employees; (ix) a comparison of the total premium estimate with the sum total of municipality reimbursement and average employee premium contribution; (x) the total amount spent on pharmaceutical drugs; and (xi) the cost of the commonwealth's projected share of premiums for the next fiscal year .....\$2,169,893,912

1108-5201 For the costs incurred by the group insurance commission associated with providing municipal health insurance coverage under section 19 of chapter 32B of the General Laws; provided, that the commission may expend not more than \$2,196,746 from revenue received from administrative fees associated with providing municipal health insurance coverage under said section 19 of said chapter 32B; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the commission may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$2,196,746

1108-5500 For the costs, notwithstanding chapter 32A of the General Laws, of dental and vision benefits for active state employees, not including employees of authorities or any other political subdivision, who are not otherwise provided those benefits under a separate item or by the terms of a contract or collective bargaining agreement; provided, that such employees shall pay 15 per cent of the monthly premiums established by the group insurance commission for the benefits.....\$12,028,142

**Division of Administrative Law Appeals.**

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- 1110-1000 For the operation of the division of administrative law appeals; provided, that the division shall maintain, to the fullest extent practicable, a complete physical and technological separation from any agency, department, board, commission or program the decisions, determinations or actions of which may be appealed to it; and provided further, that a decision issued by a commissioner or other head of an agency or by such person's designee following the issuance of a recommended decision by an administrative law judge shall be an agency decision subject to judicial review under chapter 30A of the General Laws .....\$1,858,130
- 1110-1002 For the division of administrative law appeals, which may expend not more than \$70,000 in revenues from fees charged to appellants upon the filing of claims, for the operation of the services provided .....\$70,000

**George Fingold Library.**

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- 1120-4005 For the administration of the George Fingold Library.....\$1,593,151

**Department of Revenue.**

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- 1201-0100 For the operation of the department of revenue, including tax collection administration, audits of certain foreign corporations and the division of local services; provided, that the department may allocate funds to the office of the attorney general for the tax prosecution unit; provided further, that the department may charge the expenses for computer services, including the costs of personnel and other support costs provided to the child support enforcement unit, from this item to item 1201-0160 consistent with the costs attributable to that unit; provided further, that the department shall provide the general court with access to the municipal data bank; provided further, that notwithstanding section 1 of chapter 31 of the General Laws, seasonal positions funded by this item shall be positions requiring the services of an incumbent, on either a full-time or less than full-time basis, beginning not earlier than December 1 and ending not later than November 30; provided further, that seasonal positions funded by this item shall not be filled by an incumbent for more than 10 months within a 12-month period; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the department's tax expenditure commission established in section 14 of chapter 14 of the General Laws; and provided further, that not less than \$820,000 shall be expended to organizations providing tax assistance services to individuals and families qualifying for the

volunteer income tax assistance program, in partnership with the Internal Revenue Service, for the provision of such services .....\$99,013,826

1201-0122 For grants to qualified low-income taxpayer clinics established in section 13 of chapter 14 of the General Laws; provided, that not later than March 5, 2025, the department of revenue shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the: (i) number of grant applications; (ii) number of rejected applications; (iii) reasons for those rejections; (iv) estimated number of taxpayers served by each approved grant; (v) geographic location of the approved grant recipient clinic; and (vi) average size of approved grants.....\$500,000

1201-0130 For the department of revenue, which may expend for the operation of the department not more than \$27,938,953 from revenues collected by the additional auditors for an enhanced audit program; provided, that the auditors shall: (i) locate and identify persons who are delinquent either in the filing of a tax return or the payment of a tax due and payable to the commonwealth; (ii) obtain the delinquent returns; and (iii) collect the delinquent taxes; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$27,938,953

1201-0160 For the child support enforcement division; provided, that the department of revenue may allocate funds appropriated in this item to other state agencies for the performance of certain child support enforcement activities and those agencies may expend funds for the purposes of this item; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, all such allocations shall be reported to the house and senate committees on ways and means upon the allocation of the funds; provided further, that federal receipts associated with the child support computer network shall be drawn down at the highest possible rate of reimbursement and deposited into a revolving account to be expended for the network; provided further, that federal receipts associated with child support enforcement grants shall be deposited into a revolving account to be drawn down at the highest possible rate of reimbursement and shall be expended for the grant authority; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the balance, year-to-date and projected receipts and year-to-date and projected expenditures, by subsidiary, of the child support trust fund established in section

9 of chapter 119A of the General Laws; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system for federal incentives and the network in items 1201-0165, 1201-0410 and 1201-0412 .....\$45,930,045

1201-0164 For the child support enforcement division, which may expend not more than \$6,767,251 from the federal reimbursements awarded for personnel and lower subsidiary-related expenditures; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the division may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$6,767,251

1201-0400 For the operation of the multi-agency illegal tobacco task force established in section 40 of chapter 64C of the General Laws .....\$1,182,322

1201-0911 For the costs associated with expert witnesses retained by the department of revenue to resolve tax disputes; provided, that expenditures from this item shall be the lesser of \$294,030 or the amount certified by the secretary of administration and finance under section 156 of chapter 139 of the acts of 2012 .....\$294,030

1232-0100 For underground storage tank reimbursements to parties that have remediated spills of petroleum products under chapter 21J of the General Laws; provided, that priority for payment of approved claims shall be given to claimants who own or formerly owned not more than 4 dispensing facilities.....\$8,490,000

Underground Storage Tank Petroleum  
Product Cleanup Fund..... 100%

1232-0200 For the Underground Storage Tank Petroleum Cleanup Fund Administrative Review Board established in section 8 of chapter 21J of the General Laws and for the administration of the underground storage tank program associated with the implementation of said chapter 21J; provided, that notwithstanding section 4 of said chapter 21J or any other general or special law to the contrary, appropriations made in this item shall be sufficient to cover the administrative expenses of the underground storage tank program;

and provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the board shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the status of the underground storage tank program including, but not limited to, the: (i) number of municipal grants made for the removal and replacement of underground storage tanks; (ii) reimbursements for remediated petroleum spills; (iii) number of backlog claims; (iv) average waiting period for claims granted in the past year; and (v) number of tanks not in compliance with said chapter 21J.....\$1,860,532

Underground Storage Tank Petroleum  
Product Cleanup Fund..... 100%

1233-2000 For the tax abatement program for certain veterans, widows, blind persons and the elderly; provided, that cities and towns shall be reimbursed for the abatements granted under clauses Seventeenth, Twenty-second, Twenty-second A, Twenty-second B, Twenty-second C, Twenty-second D, Twenty-second E, Twenty-second F, Thirty-seventh, Thirty-seventh A, Forty-first, Forty-first B, Forty-first C, Forty-first C 1/2 and Fifty-second of section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws; provided further, that the commonwealth shall reimburse each city or town that accepts said clause Forty-first B or said clause Forty-first C of said section 5 of said chapter 59 for additional costs incurred in determining eligibility of applicants under said clause Forty-first B or said clause Forty-first C of said section 5 of said chapter 59 not more than \$2 per exemption granted; and provided further, that funds in this item shall be available for reimbursements to cities and towns for additional exemptions granted from the motor vehicle excise under the seventh paragraph of section 1 of chapter 60A of the General Laws .....\$24,038,075

1233-2350 For the distribution to cities and towns of the balance of the State Lottery and Gaming Fund under clause (c) of the second paragraph of section 35 of chapter 10 of the General Laws and additional aid to municipalities as provided for in section 3 .....\$1,308,713,668

General Fund..... 80.32%  
Gaming Local Aid Fund ..... 19.68%

1233-2400 For reimbursements to cities and towns in lieu of taxes on state-owned land under sections 13 to 17, inclusive, of chapter 58 of the General Laws .....\$53,000,000

1233-2401 For reimbursements to qualifying cities and towns for additional educational costs under chapter 40S of the General Laws .....\$750,000

**Appellate Tax Board.**

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1310-1000	For the operation of the appellate tax board .....	\$2,562,613
1310-1001	For the appellate tax board, which may expend not more than \$400,000 in revenues collected from fees; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the board may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.....	\$400,000

**Health Policy Commission.**

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1450-1200	For the operation of the health policy commission; provided, that the commission shall provide all materials presented at any public meetings hosted by the committee to the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than 15 days after the public meeting.....	\$12,028,078
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**Reserves.**

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1599-0026	For a reserve to support municipal improvements; provided, that not less than \$3,000,000 shall be expended for the District Local Technical Assistance Fund established under section 2XXX of chapter 29 of the General Laws, for initiatives, including projects that encourage regionalization, to be administered by the division of local services within the department of revenue and distributed through the District Local Technical Assistance Fund; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be provided to regional planning agencies to assist municipalities with identifying and applying for federal and state grant opportunities; provided, that not less than \$6,000,000 shall be transferred to the executive office of public safety and security for a competitive grant program for public safety and emergency staffing to be administered by the executive office; provided further, that the grants shall be awarded to communities using the same methodology and criteria used in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that grant funds under this item shall only be provided to communities that submitted qualifying applications that were approved by the executive office in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that not more than 4 per cent of funds appropriated for the grant program shall be expended for the administrative costs of the program; provided further, that not later than February 14, 2025, each state entity administering grant funds through this item shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing grants awarded through	
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this item and the criteria used for distribution; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for the survey, analysis and design plans for drainage improvements on Robin road in the town of Sharon; provided further, that not less than \$90,000 shall be expended to the town of Danvers for wayfinding signage improvements; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for paving needs in the town of Phillipston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for town hall upgrades in the town of Hardwick; provided further, that not less than \$85,000 shall be expended to refurbish and maintain the old town hall in the town of Walpole; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for capital improvements to municipally-owned buildings in the town of Westwood; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Palmer for the animal center program to purchase a specialized vehicle; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for capital assessment and planning in the town of Dedham; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for handicap accessibility improvements at Silver Lake park in the town of Bellingham; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for the design and permitting of the Claybrook road culvert at Trout brook in the town of Dover; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for upgrades to the sprinkler system at the town hall in the town of Milford; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the digitization of municipal files in the town of Millis; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the repair and expansion of the council on aging parking lot in the town of Norfolk; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the installation of upgraded water meters in the town of Plainville; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for water quality and infrastructure improvements in the town of Sherborn.....\$12,965,000

1599-0093 For contract assistance to the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust including, but not limited to, the debt service obligations of the trust, principal forgiveness, interest rate reduction and other subsidies or financial assistance under sections 6 and 18 of chapter 29C of the General Laws .....\$63,383,680

1599-0105 For a reserve for costs associated with the delivery of medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder at county correctional facilities under section 98 of chapter 208 of the acts of 2018; provided, that the secretary of administration and finance, in consultation with the commissioner of public health, may transfer funds from this item to state agencies as defined in section 1 of



chapter 29 of the General Laws; and provided further, that not less than 30 days before any such transfer, the secretary shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the amount to be given to each state agency, delineated by item .....\$18,500,000

1599-1211 For a reserve to meet the expenses associated with the implementation of chapter 253 of the acts of 2020, including the shared administrative costs of the permanent commissions established in sections 72 to 75, inclusive, of chapter 3 of the General Laws; provided, that the secretary of administration and finance may transfer funds from this item to state agencies as defined in section 1 of chapter 29 of the General Laws; and provided further, that the secretary shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on any such transfer.....\$200,000

1599-1970 For a reserve for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to defray the costs of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, or its successor, incurred in fiscal year 2025 under section 138 of chapter 27 of the acts of 2009.....\$125,000,000

Commonwealth Transportation Fund ..... 100%

1599-1977 For contract assistance and other payments to the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency for payment of debt service and related obligations in connection with bonds issued by the agency under chapter 293 of the acts of 2006, as amended by chapter 129 of the acts of 2008, chapter 238 of the acts of 2012, chapter 287 of the acts of 2014 and chapter 219 of the acts of 2016; provided, that not later than January 31, 2025, the secretary of administration and finance shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the estimated contract assistance and other payments to be required under said chapter 293 of the acts of 2006, said chapter 238 of the acts of 2012, said chapter 287 of the acts of 2014 and said chapter 219 of the acts of 2016 for obligations existing not later than July 1, 2024, in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 and an estimate of anticipated contract assistance and other payments arising out of potential agreements reasonably expected to be entered into after July 1, 2024, in fiscal years 2026 and 2027.....\$13,000,000

1599-2003 For the Uniform Law Commission; provided, that prior fiscal year payments may be payable from this item .....\$66,780

1599-3234 For the South Essex sewerage district debt service assessment .....\$33,914

For a reserve for the payment on behalf of a state agency as defined under section 1 of chapter 29 of the General Laws under regulations promulgated by the comptroller, of certain court judgments, settlements and legal fees that were ordered to be paid in the current fiscal year or a prior fiscal year; provided, that the office of the comptroller shall not pay attorneys' fees to outside counsel representing a state agency, including a state official or employee who is sued for actions undertaken within that individual's scope of employment for the commonwealth, in litigation before a court until the office of the attorney general has reviewed and provided written approval for the outside counsel's bills, which may be reviewed in redacted form if warranted because of a conflict of interest; provided further, that the office of the comptroller shall not pay attorneys' fees for outside counsel representing a state agency in such litigation that exceeds a cumulative amount of \$250,000 until the secretary of administration and finance or a designee has reviewed and provided written approval for such attorneys' fees for outside counsel; provided further, that before a state official or employee who is sued for actions undertaken within that individual's scope of employment for the commonwealth may seek reimbursement from this item, that individual shall obtain written approval from the office of the attorney general in a form to be approved by the office of the comptroller; provided further, that the office of the comptroller shall not pay a settlement of litigation before a court on behalf of a state agency that is not within an executive office identified under section 2 of chapter 6A of the General Laws, including a state official or employee who is sued for actions undertaken within that individual's scope of employment for the commonwealth, until the office of the attorney general has reviewed and provided written approval for such a settlement; provided further, that the office of the comptroller shall not pay a settlement of litigation before a court that exceeds \$250,000 on behalf of a state agency that is not within an executive office identified under said section 2 of said chapter 6A, including a state official or employee who is sued for actions undertaken within that individual's scope of employment for the commonwealth, until the secretary of administration and finance or a designee has reviewed and provided written approval for such a settlement; provided further, that the office of the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the 5-year historical expenditure average as certified by the secretary of administration and finance or the current appropriation, whichever is greater; provided further, that the comptroller shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the amounts expended from this item, delineated by item; and provided further, that upon written notification to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on

ways and means, uncommitted and unobligated funds from this item may be transferred to item 0612-0105 upon the request of the state treasurer.....\$1,000,000

1599-4417 For the Edward J. Collins Jr. Center for Public Management in the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies at the University of Massachusetts at Boston .....\$250,000

1599-6903 For the fiscal year 2025 costs of rate implementations under chapter 257 of the acts of 2008; provided, that rate implementations under said chapter 257 may include, but shall not be limited to, costs associated with any court order or settlement between providers of services and the commonwealth related to the rate implementation process; provided further, that home care workers shall be eligible for funding from this item; provided further, that workers from shelters and programs that serve homeless individuals and families that were previously contracted through the department of transitional assistance and the department of public health who are currently contracted with the executive office of housing and livable communities and direct care workers that serve homeless veterans through the executive office of veterans' services shall be eligible for funding from this item; provided further, that no funds from this item shall be allocated to special education programs under chapter 71B of the General Laws, contracts for early education and care services or programs for which payment rates are negotiated and paid as class rates as established by the executive office of health and human services; provided further, that no funds shall be allocated from this item to contracts funded exclusively by federal grants as delineated in section 2D; provided further, that the secretary of administration and finance may transfer from the sum appropriated in this item to other items of appropriation and allocations thereof for fiscal year 2025, amounts that are necessary to meet these costs where the amounts otherwise available are insufficient for the purpose; provided further, that the executive office for administration and finance shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means on transfers made from this item; provided further, that the report shall identify, by item and service class, all transfers made from this item as of the date of the report and all transfers expected to be made before the end of the fiscal year; provided further, that not later than February 3, 2025, the executive office of health and human services shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means on the implementation of rates under chapter 257 of the acts of 2008, including, the: (i) state costs for rates promulgated as of July 1, 2024, by regulation, department and program; (ii) state costs for rates

promulgated as of January 1, 2025, by regulation, department and program; (iii) per cent of increase in state funding for rates to be reviewed between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025, by regulation, department and program; and (iv) fiscal impact for increases in state funding versus prior fiscal year actual costs for rates to be reviewed between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025, by regulation, department and program; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the executive office of health and human services shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means on the implementation of ongoing and proposed initiatives to promote equitable salaries for human services workers, direct care workers, nurses, clinicians or other comparable employees employed by state-operated human services providers and equitable rates paid to human service provider employees in community-based human services organizations funded by the executive office of health and human services, the executive office of elder affairs or the executive office of housing and livable communities; provided further, that said report shall include, but not be limited to: (a) average uniform financial report provider data on employee tax and fringe benefit information of the preceding 2 state fiscal years, as validated with information from the uniform financial report or a method determined by the executive office; (b) median salary and compensation information of the preceding 2 state fiscal years classified by direct care and front-line staff, medical and clinical staff and management staff, as validated with information from the uniform financial report or a method determined by the executive office; (c) a comparison of the median salary for each classification of staff position with the seventy-fifth percentile wage estimate for that position as determined by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics for the commonwealth using the available data for that rate review; and provided further, that any human service provider receiving revenue under said chapter 257 shall use not less than 75 per cent of received funds for compensation for their direct care, front-line and medical and clinical staff, which may include, but shall not be limited to, hourly rate increases, wraparound benefits, shift differentials, overtime, hiring and retention bonuses or recruitment, as defined by the executive office .....\$390,000,000

1599-7106 For the Warren Conference Center and Inn to support academic and professional training opportunities in the fields of hospitality and tourism management.....\$1,500,000

**Human Resources Division.**

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1750-0100	For the operation of the human resources division and the costs of administration, training and customer support related to the commonwealth’s human resources and compensation management system and the human resource modernization initiative; provided, that any employee of the commonwealth who chooses to participate in a bone marrow donor program shall be granted a leave of absence without loss or reduction in pay to undergo the medical procedure and for associated physical recovery time, but such leave shall not exceed 5 days .....	\$12,370,033
1750-0103	For the operation of the Training and Career Ladder Program .....	\$783,956
1750-0104	For the human resources division, which may expend for the administration of the civil service examination program, examinations for non-civil service positions and implementation of the medical and physical fitness standards programs .....	\$5,923,157
1750-0119	For payment of workers’ compensation benefits to certain former employees of Middlesex and Worcester counties; provided, that the human resources division shall routinely recertify the former employees under current workers’ compensation procedures .....	\$54,666
1750-0300	For the commonwealth’s contributions in fiscal year 2025 to health and welfare funds established under certain collective bargaining agreements; provided, that the contributions shall be calculated as provided under the applicable collective bargaining agreements and shall be paid to the health and welfare trust funds on a monthly basis or on such other basis as the applicable collective bargaining agreement shall provide .....	\$37,102,410
1750-0928	For the cost to lease or rent space to administer the civil service physical abilities tests and to revalidate civil service exams, including police and fire medical standards.....	\$774,722

**Operational Services Division.**

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1775-0115	For the operational services division, which may expend not more than \$16,361,499 in revenues collected from the statewide contract administrative fee to procure, manage and administer statewide contracts; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the division may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this
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authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.....\$16,361,499

1775-0124 For the operational services division, which may expend not more than \$122,249 from revenues collected in the recovery of cost reimbursement and nonreimbursable overbilling and recoupment for health and human service agencies and as a result of administrative reviews as determined during the division’s audits and reviews of providers under section 22N of chapter 7 of the General Laws; provided, that the division may only retain revenues collected in excess of \$100,000; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the division may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$122,249

1775-0600 For the operational services division, which may expend not more than \$463,573 in revenues collected from the sale of state surplus personal property and the disposal of surplus motor vehicles including, but not limited to, state police vehicles from vehicle accident and damage claims and from manufacturer warranties, rebates and settlements for the payment, expenses and liabilities for the acquisition, warehousing, allocation and distribution of surplus property and the purchase of motor vehicles; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the division may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system, including the costs of personnel.....\$463,573

1775-0700 For the operational services division, which may expend not more than \$1,000,000 in revenues collected in addition to the amount authorized in item 1775-1000 of section 2B for printing, photocopying, mailing, related graphic art or design work and other reprographic goods and services provided to the general public, including all necessary or incidental expenses; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the division may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$1,000,000

1775-0900 For the operational services division, which may expend not more than \$22,000 in revenues collected under chapter 449 of the acts of 1984 and section 4L of chapter 7 of the General Laws, including the costs of personnel, from the sale of federal surplus property, including the payment, expenses and liabilities for the acquisition, warehousing, allocation and distribution of federal surplus property; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the division may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$22,000

**Supplier Diversity Office.**

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1780-0100 For the operation and administration of the supplier diversity office; provided, that the office shall provide training and other services to diverse businesses, as defined in section 58 of chapter 7 of the General Laws, and certified by the office that allow those businesses to better compete for state contracts and ensure that equitable practices and policies in the public marketplace are maintained; provided further, that the office shall administer an electronic business certification application which shall be accessible to business applicants through the internet; provided further, that the office shall ensure the integrity and security of personal and financial information transmitted by electronic application; and provided further, that the office shall use all existing available resources to provide certification services to all applicants, within or outside of the commonwealth, qualified to apply with the supplier diversity office, as applicable .....\$4,537,917

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES.**

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1410-0010 For the operation of the executive office of veterans' services; provided, that the secretary of veterans' services may transfer funds between 1410-0010, 1410-0012, 1410-0015, 1410-0018, 1410-0024, 1410-0075, 1410-0251, 1410-0400, 1410-0630, 1410-1616 and 1410-1700; provided further, that funds may be transferred from said items to items 4180-0100, and 4190-0100; provided further, that not less than 30 days in advance of any such transfer, the secretary shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Military Support Foundation, Inc. to support the distribution of food to veterans in need in the counties of Barnstable and Bristol; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Fidelity Post 1011 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S., Inc. in the city of Peabody for repairs; provided further, that not less than \$914,000 shall be expended to the Disabled American Veterans Department of Massachusetts Service Fund, Inc. to combat veterans homelessness by maintaining and operating 3 veterans homes and to provide counseling and benefits, including wraparound assistance, to disabled veterans and their families; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Ludlow department of veterans' services for services including, but not limited to, monthly veterans' lunches, food pantry supports and outreach programming .....\$12,293,113

1410-0012 For services to veterans, including the maintenance and operation of outreach centers; provided, that said outreach centers shall provide



counseling to incarcerated veterans and to Vietnam war era veterans who may have been exposed to agent orange and the families of those veterans; provided further, that said outreach centers shall provide services to veterans who were discharged after September 11, 2001 and the families of those veterans; provided further, that the executive office of veterans' services shall make a payment of not less than the amount appropriated for each outreach center funded by this item in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the executive office shall submit a comprehensive report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing for each outreach center receiving funds under this item: (i) the number of veterans served annually; and (ii) the cost and types of programs, including evidence-based or evidence-informed programs, offered to veterans; and provided further, that not less than \$2,500,000 shall be expended for clinical care, education and training in veterans' mental and behavioral health issues, including post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, substance use disorder and suicide prevention administered by the Massachusetts General Hospital Home Base Program; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended as a grant to the Veterans' Association of Bristol County, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$53,000 shall be expended to the Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Center, Inc. for veterans' housing and homelessness prevention, food security and transportation services, including a contract for services with the Cape Cod & Islands regional group of the Blinded Veterans Association; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for Vietnam Veterans of Massachusetts, Inc. to aid veterans in filing claims for medical and financial benefits; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the city of Easthampton for a pilot program to improve overall veteran wellness and quality of life; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 207, Westport, Massachusetts, Inc. for transportation improvements and upgrades necessary to support and service veterans in Bristol county; and provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Falmouth Community Veterans Center to support its continued operations and improvements .....\$9,348,622

1410-0015 For the women veterans' outreach program .....\$724,239

1410-0018 For the executive office of veterans' services, which may expend not more than \$760,000 for the maintenance and operation of veterans' cemeteries in the town of Winchendon and in the city known as the town of Agawam from revenue collected from fees, grants, gifts and other contributions to the cemeteries .....\$760,000

1410-0024	For the training and certification of veterans' benefits and services officers .....	\$377,496
1410-0075	For the Train Vets to Treat Vets program; provided, that the executive office of veterans' services shall work in conjunction with William James College, Inc. to administer a behavioral health career development program for returning veterans.....	\$275,000
1410-0250	For veterans' homelessness services; provided, that the executive office of veterans' services shall expend not less than the amount appropriated for each veterans' homelessness service funded by this item in fiscal year 2024; and provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the executive office shall submit a comprehensive report to the joint committee on veterans and federal affairs and the house and senate committees on ways and means including, but not limited to, the: (i) the list of veterans' homelessness services receiving funds through this account in the current fiscal year; (ii) the amount of funding received by each veterans' homelessness service; (iii) the number of veterans served annually by each veterans' homelessness service; and (iv) the estimated percentage of homeless veterans receiving homelessness services per county in the current year .....	\$3,992,315
1410-0251	For the maintenance and operation of homeless shelters and transitional housing for veterans at the New England Center and Home for Veterans located in the city of Boston.....	\$3,750,000
1410-0400	For reimbursements to cities and towns for money expended for veterans' benefits and for payments to certain veterans under section 6 of chapter 115 of the General Laws and for the payment of annuities to certain disabled veterans and the parents and un-remarried spouses of certain deceased veterans, including deceased veterans who were residents of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts, located in the city of Chelsea, and the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke whose death occurred due to the 2019 novel coronavirus; provided, that annuity payments made under this item shall be made under sections 6A, 6B and 6C of said chapter 115; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, 100 per cent of the amounts of veterans' benefits paid by cities and towns to residents of a soldiers' home, homeless shelter or transitional housing facility shall be paid by the commonwealth to said cities and towns; provided further, that under section 9 of said chapter 115, the executive office of veterans' services shall reimburse cities and towns for the cost of United States flags placed on the graves of veterans on Memorial Day; provided further, that	

notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive office of veterans' services shall continue a training program for veterans' agents and directors of veterans' services in cities and towns; provided further, that the executive office of veterans' services shall provide such training in several locations across the commonwealth; provided further, that such training shall be provided annually and on an as-needed basis to veterans' service organizations to provide information and education regarding the benefits available under said chapter 115 and all other benefits to which a veteran or a veteran's dependents may be entitled; provided further, that any person applying for veterans' benefits to pay for services available under chapter 118E of the General Laws shall also apply for medical assistance under said chapter 118E to minimize costs to the commonwealth and its municipalities; provided further, that veterans' agents shall complete applications authorized by the executive office of veterans' services under said chapter 118E for a veteran, surviving spouse or dependent applying for medical assistance under said chapter 115; provided further, that the veterans' agent shall file the application for the veteran, surviving spouse or dependent for assistance under said chapter 118E; provided further, that the executive office of health and human services shall act on all chapter 118E applications and advise the applicant and the veterans' agent of the applicant's eligibility for said chapter 118E health care; provided further, that the veterans' agent shall advise the applicant of the right to assistance for medical benefits under said chapter 115 pending approval of the application for assistance under said chapter 118E of the General Laws by the executive office of health and human services; provided further, that the secretary of veterans' services may supplement health care under said chapter 118E with health care coverage under said chapter 115 if the secretary determines that supplemental coverage is necessary to afford the veteran, surviving spouse or dependent sufficient relief and support; provided further, that payments to, or on behalf of, a veteran, surviving spouse or dependent under said chapter 115 shall not be considered income for determining eligibility under said chapter 118E; and provided further, that benefits awarded under said section 6B of said chapter 115 shall be considered countable income

.....\$70,409,878

1410-0630 For the administration of the veterans' cemeteries in the town of Winchendon and in the city known as the town of Agawam .....\$1,437,876

1410-1616 For war memorials; provided, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the U.S.S. Massachusetts Memorial Committee, Incorporated for the maintenance and care of historic naval vessels; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for

the refurbishment and maintenance of the Braintree Town Hall Green military veteran and war memorials located in the city known as the town of Braintree; and provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for the East Longmeadow Veterans Memorial Committee for the construction of a veterans memorial in the town of East Longmeadow .....\$425,000

1410-1700 For the provision of information technology services within the executive office of veterans' services.....\$3,813,492

**Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts.**

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4180-0100 For the maintenance and operation of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts, located in the city of Chelsea, including a specialized unit for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease patients.....\$53,086,687

4180-1100 For the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts, located in the city of Chelsea, which may expend not more than \$600,000 in revenues for facility maintenance and patient care, including personnel costs; provided, that 60 per cent of all revenues generated under section 2 of chapter 90 of the General Laws through the purchase of license plates with the designation VETERAN by eligible veterans of the commonwealth, after compensating the registry of motor vehicles for the costs associated with the license plates, shall be deposited into the retained revenue item of the Soldiers' Home; provided further, that the Soldiers' Home may accept gifts, grants, donations and bequests; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the Soldiers' Home may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system; and provided further, that if the registrar of motor vehicles projects that total revenues from the purchase of license plates with the designation VETERAN will exceed the amounts appropriated in this item and item 4190-1100, the registrar shall notify the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means, prior appropriation continued .....\$600,000

**Soldiers' Home in Holyoke.**

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4190-0100 For the maintenance and operation of the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke; provided, that funds shall be expended for the operation of an ombudsman's office at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke to act

	as an independent, impartial and confidential resource for the community .....	\$33,437,909
4190-0103	For the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, which may expend not more than \$50,000 for its operation from the sale of goods to residents and visitors of the home.....	\$50,000
4190-0300	For the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, which may expend not more than \$824,197 for the operation of 12 long-term care beds from revenue generated through the occupancy of said beds; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the Soldiers' Home may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system, prior appropriation continued .....	\$824,197
4190-1100	For the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, which may expend not more than \$400,000 for facility maintenance and patient care, including personnel costs; provided, that 40 per cent of all revenues generated under section 2 of chapter 90 of the General Laws through the purchase of license plates with the designation VETERAN by eligible veterans of the commonwealth, after compensating the registry of motor vehicles for the costs associated with the license plates, shall be deposited into the retained revenue item of the Soldiers' Home; provided further, that the Soldiers' Home may accept gifts, grants, donations and bequests; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the Soldiers' Home may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system, prior appropriation continued .....	\$400,000

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND SECURITY.**

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1790-0100	For the operation of the executive office of technology services and security; provided, that the executive office shall continue a chargeback system for its information technology services; provided further, that the comptroller shall establish accounts and procedures as the comptroller deems necessary and appropriate to assist in accomplishing the purposes of this item; provided further, that the executive office may establish rules and procedures necessary to implement this item; provided further, that the chief information
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officer shall review and approve any planned information technology development project or purchase by any agency under the authority of the governor for which the total projected cost exceeds \$200,000, including the cost of any related hardware, software or consulting fees and regardless of fiscal year or source of funds, before the agency may obligate funds for the project or purchase; provided further, that not later than June 23, 2025, the secretary of technology services and security shall submit to the office of the state auditor, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on state administration and regulatory oversight a complete accounting of and justification for all project-related expenditures totaling \$250,000 or more over the previous 12-month period regardless of source of funds or authorization for such expenditure; and provided further, that not later than February 17, 2025, the executive office shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance, the office of the state auditor and the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) financial statements detailing savings and, where applicable, additional expenses realized from the consolidation of information technology services within each executive office and other initiatives; (ii) the number of personnel assigned to information technology services within each executive office; (iii) efficiencies that have been achieved from the sharing of resources; (iv) the status of the centralization of the commonwealth's information technology staffing, infrastructure and network and cloud hosting; (v) the status of the commonwealth's cybersecurity; and (vi) strategies and initiatives to further improve the: (a) efficiency and security of the commonwealth's information technology; and (b) transparency of the executive office of technology services and security with the general court, other executive branch agencies and the general public.....\$3,518,050

1790-0300 For the executive office of technology services and security, which may expend not more than \$2,733,931 in revenues collected from the provision of computer resources and services to the general public for the costs of the bureau of computer services, including the purchase, lease or rental of telecommunications lines, services and equipment; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the executive office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$2,733,931

1790-1700 For core technology services and security, including those previously funded through item 1790-0200 in prior fiscal years.....\$95,545,717

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS.**

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**Office of the Secretary.**

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2000-0100 For the operation of the office of the secretary of energy and environmental affairs, including the water resources commission, the hazardous waste facility site safety council, the coastal zone management program and environmental impact reviews conducted under chapter 30 of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for a coastal water quality and natural resource monitoring program in Buzzards Bay and Vineyard Sound administered by Buzzards Bay Coalition, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$750,000 shall be expended to the town of Belmont for environmental remediation and environmental compliance costs, including the cost of natural refrigerants and related capital project expenses; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to enter into an agreement with the metropolitan area planning district established in section 26 of chapter 40B of the General Laws to support the development of regional drought management and drinking supply resilience plans in Essex county; and provided further, that funds may be used for administrative costs but such costs shall not exceed 10 per cent of the value of the agreement .....\$19,698,482

2000-0101 For the executive office of energy and environmental affairs to coordinate and implement strategies for climate change adaptation and preparedness including, but not limited to: (i) the resiliency of the commonwealth's transportation, energy and public health infrastructures; (ii) built environments; (iii) municipal assistance; (iv) improved data collection and analysis; (v) enhanced planning; and (vi) improved resiliency through the strengthening and revitalization of natural resources, including marshes and other wetlands; provided, that the executive office may enter into interagency service agreements to facilitate and accomplish these efforts .....\$9,982,295

2000-0102 For the executive office of energy and environmental affairs to implement an environmental justice strategy and promote and secure environmental justice; provided, that funds shall be expended on language translation services to ensure adequate access during public comment periods; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means including, but not limited to:

(i) the number of personnel hired to support environmental justice initiatives; (ii) efforts to expand language access through verbal and written materials, including the languages in which environmental justice policy and materials have been translated; and (iii) the impact of language access initiatives on participation in public hearings and public comment periods; provided further, that funds shall be expended on mapping technology to overlay environmental and public health data; and provided further, that funds shall be expended to study strategies for easing the impact of extreme heat and other climate events on older adults and persons with disabilities including, but not limited to, the feasibility of providing Medicaid recipients with supports to keep them safe during climate events; provided further, that the agency shall review the Oregon Framework for Addressing Rapid Climate Change model as part of the study to help the commonwealth establish an adaptation plan to keep vulnerable populations safe during climate events.....\$8,752,655

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

2000-0125 For the purposes of dam safety technical assistance program for public and private dam owners; provided, that the program will support compliance with existing dam safety requirements .....\$1,000,000

2000-1011 For the office of environmental law enforcement, which may expend not more than \$40,000 from the administrative handling charge revenues received from electronic transactions processed through its online licensing and registration systems; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.....\$40,000

2000-1700 For the operation of information technology services within the executive office of energy and environmental affairs.....\$21,664,402

2030-1000 For the operation of the office of environmental law enforcement; provided, that environmental police officers shall provide monitoring under the National Shellfish Sanitation Program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the office to increase its patrols in and around the Flint pond area of Lake Quinsigamond to improve public safety and reduce public nuisance; provided further, that the office, at its discretion, may distribute such funds to the Worcester police department or the



Shrewsbury police department to conduct such patrols in place of the office; and provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended for the protection of right whales by increasing the patrols of the office and its officers' ability to identify and remove abandoned fishing gear and enforce speed restrictions through the use of drone technologies to minimize potentially harmful interactions between vessels and right whales.....\$16,609,738

2030-1004 For environmental police private details; provided, that the office of environmental law enforcement may expend not more than \$530,000 in revenues collected from the fees charged for private details; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$530,000

**Department of Public Utilities.**

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2100-0012 For the operation of the department of public utilities; provided, that notwithstanding the second sentence of the first paragraph of section 18 of chapter 25 of the General Laws, the assessments levied for fiscal year 2025 under said first paragraph of said section 18 of said chapter 25 shall be made at a rate sufficient to produce the amount expended from this item and the associated fringe benefit costs for personnel paid from this item .....\$20,534,183

2100-0013 For the operation of the transportation oversight division.....\$1,034,707

2100-0016 For the department of public utilities to regulate steam distribution companies; provided, that, notwithstanding section 18A of chapter 25 of the General Laws, the assessments levied for fiscal year 2025 shall be made at a rate sufficient to produce the amount expended from this item and the associated fringe benefit costs for personnel paid from this item.....\$440,175

2100-0017 For the operation of the division of transportation network services; provided, that the amount assessed under section 23 of chapter 25 of the General Laws shall be made at a rate sufficient to produce the amount expended from this item and the associated fringe benefit costs for personnel paid from this item.....\$4,159,463

**Department of Environmental Protection.**

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- 2200-0100 For the operation of the department of environmental protection, including the environmental strike force, the bureau of planning and evaluation, the bureau of resource protection, the bureau of waste prevention, the Senator William X. Wall Experiment Station and a contract with the University of Massachusetts for environmental research; provided, that section 3B of chapter 7 of the General Laws shall not apply to fees established in section 18 of chapter 21A of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the department of environmental protection to conduct a study related to the creation of a statewide program to ensure safe drinking water for residents relying on private wells; provided further, that not later than January 1, 2025, the department shall submit report to the joint committee on environment and natural resources and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the findings of the safe drinking water study; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the department of environmental protection to conduct a study to evaluate the impacts of transmission lines and substations on groundwater and to identify specific actions needed to protect affected communities, including environmental justice communities; provided further, that not later than May 5, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on public health, the joint committee on environment and natural resources and the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy detailing the results of said study; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Merrimack River Watershed Council, Inc. for a regional approach to reducing combined sewer overflows in the Merrimack river .....\$54,359,482
- 2200-0102 For the department of environmental protection, which may expend not more than \$650,150 in revenues collected from fees for wetland permits; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$650,150
- 2200-0107 For technical assistance, grants and support of efforts consistent with the Massachusetts Recycling and Solid Waste Master Plan and the Massachusetts Climate Protection Plan; provided, that funds may be expended for a recycling industries reimbursement grant program under section 241 of chapter 43 of the acts of 1997; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to

the department of environmental protection to develop and administer a grant program for small businesses to support alternatives to single-use plastics; provided further, that grants may be used by grantees to purchase biodegradable, compostable or reusable food service ware, water bottles, bags, packaging or other similar single-use plastics reduction efforts or activities; provided further, that small businesses located in low-income communities shall be prioritized in the grant application review process; provided further, that not later than June 30, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the senate and house committees on ways and means and the joint committee on environment and natural resources on the implementation of the grant program which shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the names and locations of the grantees; (ii) the grant amounts distributed; (iii) the implemented plastic reduction efforts through utilization of grant funds; and (iv) if possible, the estimated amount of single-use plastics reduced; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the department of conservation and recreation for a study on improving public and emergency access to the Elm Bank reservation, which shall include, but not be limited to the: (i) potential purchase of private land; (ii) maintenance, construction and rehabilitation of current state-owned land; and (iii) long-term expansion and rehabilitation of the current Elm Bank reservation to maximize public use; provided further, that not later than June 30, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the joint committee on the environment and natural resources, the house and senate committee on ways and means and the clerks of the house and senate detailing the results of the study; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the city of Salem, in consultation with the Friends of The Salem Common, Inc., for improvements to the main entrance of the Salem common; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the department of environmental protection to develop an employment social enterprise impact pilot program to provide funding for at least 1 nonprofit entity to provide recycling services with the overall goal of fostering job security for individuals facing barriers to employment through the provision of mattress recycling work opportunities; provided further, that eligible applicants shall have a demonstrated history of providing mattress recycling services in the commonwealth as an approved vendor to the department for not less than 5 years; provided further, that contracts through the program may be awarded for periods of not more than 5 years with options for renewal; and provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Rochester for improvements to the town's transfer station; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Westport for improvements to the town's transfer station.....\$1,299,997

- 2200-0109 For the department of environmental protection to ensure sufficient staff for timely permit decisions and compliance assurance .....\$2,500,000
- 2200-0112 For the department of environmental protection, which may expend not more than \$2,500,000 in revenues collected from permit and compliance fees to ensure sufficient staff for timely permit decisions and compliance assurance; provided, that if this item is eliminated or reduced in fiscal year 2025 or operational funding for the department falls below the level authorized in the general appropriations act for fiscal year 2015, excluding appropriations for earmarks and nonrecurring operating costs, the fee increase supporting this item shall terminate; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$2,500,000
- 2210-0106 For the department of environmental protection, which may expend for the administration and implementation of the Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Act, under chapter 21I of the General Laws, not more than \$2,888,473 in revenues collected from fees, penalties, grants and tuition under said chapter 21I; provided, that not later than February 3, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the status of the department’s progress in meeting the statutory and regulatory deadlines associated with said chapter 21I and detailing the number of full-time equivalent positions assigned to various implementation requirements of said chapter 21I; provided further, that not less than \$1,629,860 from this item shall be made available for the operation of the Toxics Use Reduction Institute program at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell; provided further, that the department shall enter into an interagency service agreement with the University of Massachusetts to make such funding available for this purpose; provided further, that not less than \$644,096 from this item shall be made available for toxics use reduction technical assistance and technology under said chapter 21I; provided further, that the department shall enter into an interagency service agreement with the executive office of energy and environmental affairs to make such funding available for this purpose; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment

amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$2,888,473

2220-2220 For the administration and implementation of the Clean Air Act under 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq., including the operating permit program, the emissions banking program, the auto-related state implementation program, the low emission vehicle program, the non-auto-related state implementation program and the commonwealth’s commitments under the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers Regional Climate Change Action Plan for reducing acid rain deposition and mercury emissions .....\$961,618

2220-2221 For the administration and implementation of the operating permit and compliance program required under the Clean Air Act under 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.....\$1,760,327

2250-2000 For the administration and implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 under section 18A of chapter 21A of the General Laws; provided, that the department of environmental protection may expend funds for the study and remediation of lead in public school drinking water.....\$2,417,753

2260-8870 For the expenses of the hazardous waste cleanup and underground storage tank programs including, but not limited to, monitoring unlined landfills, notwithstanding section 4 of chapter 21J of the General Laws; provided, that the department of environmental protection shall provide the department of revenue with information necessary for the completion of the report required in item 1232-0200 including, but not limited to, the number of tanks out of compliance with said chapter 21J .....\$16,088,565

2260-8872 For the brownfields site audit program.....\$1,419,765

2260-8881 For the operation of the board of registration of hazardous waste site cleanup professionals, notwithstanding section 19A of chapter 21A of the General Laws .....\$423,900

**Department of Fish and Game.**

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2300-0100 For the office of the commissioner of fish and game; provided, that the commissioner’s office shall assess and receive payments from the division of marine fisheries, the division of fisheries and wildlife, the office of fishing and boating access, the division of ecological restoration, the riverways program and all other programs under the control of the department of fish and game; provided further, that those assessments shall be used to cover appropriate

administrative costs of the department including, but not limited to, payroll, personnel, legal and budgetary costs; and provided further, that the amount and contribution from each division or program shall be determined by the commissioner; provided further, that the George L. Darey Inland Fisheries and Game Fund shall be reimbursed annually from the General Fund for all lost revenue attributed to the issuance of discounted and free hunting and fishing licenses; and provided further, that funds shall be expended for efforts to increase biodiversity and to protect and prepare vulnerable maritime ecosystems from climate impacts and unlock their potential for carbon sequestration .....\$1,997,635

2300-0101 For the division of ecological restoration and the riverways program and for the promotion of public access to rivers and wetland restoration, including grants to public and nonpublic entities; provided, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended as a grant to the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District to support the management of the Assawompset pond complex and contributing and interconnected watersheds within the region including, but not limited to, sedimentation, mitigation, design, permitting, water supply preservation and flood management efforts; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended as a grant to the Long Pond Association, Inc. in the town of Lakeville for the management and eradication of invasive weeds in Long Pond; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, Inc. for the implementation of environmental preservation programs.....\$5,456,476

2310-0200 For the administration of the division of fisheries and wildlife, including expenses of the fisheries and wildlife board, the administration of game farms and wildlife restoration projects, wildlife research and management, the administration of fish hatcheries, the improvement and management of lakes, ponds and rivers, fish and wildlife restoration projects, the commonwealth's share of certain cooperative fisheries and wildlife programs and for certain programs reimbursable under the Aid to Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act; provided, that the division may expend the amount necessary to restore anadromous fish in the Connecticut and Merrimack river systems; and provided further, that no funds shall be spent on the restoration of catadromous fish in the Connecticut and Merrimack river systems unless considered necessary by the division.....\$17,641,649

Inland Fisheries and Game Fund ..... 100%

2310-0300	For the operation of the natural heritage and endangered species program.....	\$1,576,192
2310-0306	For the hunter safety training program .....	\$540,861
	Inland Fisheries and Game Fund .....	100%
2310-0316	For the purchase of land containing wildlife habitats and for the costs of the division of fisheries and wildlife directly related to the administration of the wildlands stamp program under sections 2A and 2C of chapter 131 of the General Laws .....	\$1,500,000
	Inland Fisheries and Game Fund .....	100%
2310-0317	For the waterfowl management program established in section 11 of chapter 131 of the General Laws .....	\$65,000
	Inland Fisheries and Game Fund .....	100%
2320-0100	For the administration of the office of fishing and boating access, including the maintenance, operation and improvement of public access land and water areas; provided, that positions funded by this item shall not be subject to chapter 31 of the General Laws .....	\$894,003
2330-0100	For the operation of the division of marine fisheries; provided, that the division may expend funds for the Annisquam river marine research laboratory, marine research programs, a commercial fisheries program, a shellfish management program, including coastal area classification, mapping and technical assistance, the operation of the Newburyport shellfish purification plant and a shellfish classification program; provided further, that funds shall be expended on a recreational fisheries program to be reimbursed by federal funds; provided further, that the division shall continue to develop strategies to improve federal regulations governing the commercial fishing industry and to promote sustainable fisheries; provided further, that the division shall expend an amount not less than the amount expended in the prior fiscal year for the operation of the Newburyport shellfish purification plant; provided further, that the division shall offer wet storage and desanding services at the Newburyport shellfish purification plant as laid out in the report dated March 1, 2012; provided further, that for functions not being performed by the plant prior to July 1, 2012, the division may solicit competitive proposals for the utilization of excess processing capacity at the Newburyport shellfish purification plant, which may include proposals to offer wet storage and desanding services at the plant as described in the shellfish purification plant management	

plan dated March 1, 2012; provided further, that the division shall be under no obligation to consider or implement any proposal that the division determines would displace, impede or otherwise hinder the existing functions of the plant; provided further, that the division may enter into contracts based on proposals received; provided further, that not less than 60 days before entering into contracts, the division shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that funds shall be expended for a program of collaborative research by the division of marine fisheries through the Marine Fisheries Institute, in collaboration with the School for Marine Science and Technology at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, that applies innovative technology to assess the biomass of fish in the region managed by the New England Fishery Management Council; and provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for marsh restoration and revitalization including, but not limited to: (i) a green crab trapping program for applied research and product development; (ii) high-resolution drone mapping of the great marsh deterioration; (iii) the continuation of microplastic and macroplastics sampling; and (iv) academic study and processing for water column, beach environment, marsh peat and eel grass .....\$9,466,449

2330-0120 For the division of marine fisheries for a program to enhance and develop marine recreational fishing and related programs and activities, including the cost of equipment, maintenance and staff and the maintenance and updating of data.....\$981,753

2330-0121 For the division of marine fisheries to utilize reimbursable Sport Fish Restoration Program funds to further develop marine recreational fishing and related programs, including the costs of activities that increase public access for marine recreational fishing, support research on artificial reefs and otherwise provide for the development of marine recreational fishing; provided, that the division may expend not more than \$217,989 in revenues collected from Sport Fish Restoration Program funds and from the sale of materials which promote marine recreational fishing; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the division may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$217,989

2330-0150 For the operation and maintenance of the Newburyport shellfish purification plant, which may expend not more than \$75,000 from



revenues collected from fees generated by operations; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the division of marine fisheries may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$75,000

2330-0199 For conducting surveys to monitor and forecast an abundance of commercially-important invertebrate species in the commonwealth’s waters, including a ventless lobster trap employing the services of contracted commercial lobster fishing vessels in the commonwealth; provided, that the division of marine fisheries may expend not more than \$250,000 in revenues collected from fees generated by the sale of lobster permits; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the division may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$250,000

2330-0300 For the administration and operation of the recreational saltwater fishing permit program under section 17C of chapter 130 of the General Laws .....\$2,182,018

Marine Recreational Fisheries Development Fund..... 100%

**Department of Agricultural Resources.**

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2511-0100 For the operation of the department of agricultural resources, including the division of administration, the integrated pest management program, the board of agriculture, the division of agricultural markets, the division of animal health, the division of agricultural conservation and technical assistance, the division of crop and pest services, including a program of laboratory services at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, the expenses of the pesticide board and agency costs associated with the administration of other boards, commissions and committees chaired by the department; provided, that not less than \$120,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Farm to School Project, LLC; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Food Trust Program established in section 65 of chapter 23A of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than

\$175,000 shall be expended for the apiary inspection program; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Invasive Insects Program; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be allocated for a grant program to be administered by the department in consultation with the Massachusetts food policy council to support local food policy councils; provided further, that not less than \$570,000 shall be expended to support the department’s agricultural marketing division; provided further, that not less than \$800,000 shall be expended to enhance the Buy Local effort in western, central, northeastern and southeastern Massachusetts; provided further, that any buy local effort included in this item shall include locally-harvested seafood including, but not limited to, fish and shellfish; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Homeless Animal Prevention and Care Fund established in section 35WW of chapter 10 of the General Laws.....\$11,970,744

2511-0103 For the costs associated with agricultural oversight of hemp and cannabis.....\$1,075,496

Marijuana Regulation Fund ..... 100%

2511-0105 For the purchase of supplemental foods for the emergency food assistance program within the Feeding America nationally-certified food bank system; provided, that funds appropriated in this item shall reflect the Feeding America allocation formula in order to benefit the commonwealth’s 4 regional food banks; provided further, that the department of agricultural resources may assess an administrative charge not to exceed 2 per cent of the total appropriation in this item; provided further, that \$1,250,000 shall be expended to the commonwealth’s 4 regional food banks for operating funds to distribute food for the Massachusetts emergency food assistance program; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to the Women's Lunch Place, Inc. to provide nutritious food and individualized services for women who are experiencing homelessness or poverty; and provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Project Just Because, Inc. ....\$42,075,000

2511-0107 For the advancement of community food security and the protection of public access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for programming at the Braintree Holidays - Friends, Inc. located at the Marge Crispin Center located in the city known as the town of Braintree; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for Acton Community Supper and Food Pantry, Inc. to

make improvements to its facility; provided further that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for World Farmers, Inc. to improve its agricultural production; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Centro Las Americas Inc. for the operation of its food pantry program; provided further, that not less than \$85,000 shall be expended to the Charles River Regional Chamber, Inc. to provide grants, in coordination with the Brookline Chamber of Commerce, Inc., to independent restaurants located in the city of Newton and the town of Brookline to supply prepared meals and other food products to food banks serving the city of Newton and the town of Brookline and to senior and other programs addressing food insecurity needs of individuals in the city of Newton and the town of Brookline; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 of such funds shall be allocated for grants to independent restaurants in the city of Newton; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 of such funds shall be allocated for grants to independent restaurants in the town of Brookline; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Wellesley Food Pantry, Inc. for programming and supports for food insecure families and individuals in the town of Wellesley; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Somebody Cares New England, Inc. in the city of Haverhill for the operation of its food pantry and to combat food insecurity in the community; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Regional Environmental Council, Inc. to support programs and operations; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for food services at the Veterans Food Bank in the city known as the town of Winthrop; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for food services at the Grace Church Federated in the East Boston section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for food services at the Friday Night Supper Program, Inc. in the Back Bay section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for food services at the Women's Lunch Place, Inc. in the Back Bay section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the food pantry at the First Congregational Church of Revere in the city of Revere; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Lower Cape Outreach Council, Inc. for food pantry renovations and improvements; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Harvest on Vine's food pantry in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston to provide food resources and services; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Rose's Bounty Food Pantry to help fulfill food insecurity needs for residents of the southwest section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$45,000 shall be expended for the food

pantry run by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul located behind Saint Joseph church in the town of Lincoln ; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for capital equipment to facilitate the acquisition and distribution of locally sourced agricultural and fish products by the Open Door food pantry serving the cities of Gloucester and Lynn and the towns of Rockport, Essex, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Ipswich, Rowley, Topsfield, Boxford, Hamilton and Wenham and by Our Neighbors' Table, Inc. serving the cities of Amesbury and Newburyport, the town of Salisbury and other communities in northeastern Essex county; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to Ginny's Helping Hand, Inc. for infrastructure upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Lunenburg Community Food Pantry, Inc. for infrastructure upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the operation of the Catholic Charities food pantry in the city of Lynn; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Food Link, Inc. to address food insecurity in the city of Woburn and the towns of Arlington, Billerica, Burlington and Lexington.....\$1,450,000

- 2511-0111 For the food security infrastructure grant program, to support equitable access to healthy, local food and to strengthen food supply and distribution systems; provided further, that not later than February 18, 2025, the department of agricultural resources shall submit a report to the joint committee on agriculture and the house and senate committees on ways and means including, but not limited to: (i) established grant criteria for the program; (ii) the number of grant applicants; and (iii) a list of successful grant applicants, including summaries of the projects being funded and the grant amounts; and provided further, that in the distribution of grants, the executive office shall prioritize geographic equity .....\$10,000,000
- 2511-3002 For the integrated pest management program.....\$80,614

**Department of Conservation and Recreation.**

- 2800-0100 For the operation of the department of conservation and recreation; provided, that notwithstanding section 3B of chapter 7 of the General Laws, the department shall establish or renegotiate fees, licenses, permits, rents and leases and adjust or develop other revenue sources to fund the maintenance, operation and administration of the department .....\$6,806,755
- 2800-0101 For the watershed management program to operate and maintain reservoirs, watershed lands and related infrastructure of the department of conservation and recreation and the office of water

resources in the department; provided, that the amount of the payment shall be charged to the General Fund and shall not be included in the amount of the annual determination of fiscal year charges to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority assessed to the authority under the General Laws; provided further, that the department shall continue to make payments under chapter 616 of the acts of 1957, as amended by section 89 of chapter 801 of the acts of 1963; and provided further, that the department shall continue to make payments under chapter 307 of the acts of 1987 for the use of certain land.....\$1,623,450

2800-0401 For a program to provide stormwater management for all properties and roadways under the care, custody and control of the department of conservation and recreation .....\$3,334,317

2800-0500 For the existing maintenance, operational and infrastructure needs of the metropolitan beaches under section 70 of chapter 3 of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than \$900,000 shall be expended for the metropolitan beaches in the cities of Lynn, Revere and Quincy, the towns of Nahant and Hull, the city known as the town of Winthrop and the East Boston, South Boston and Dorchester sections of the city of Boston to be fully maintained and seasonally staffed as recommended by the metropolitan beaches commission in coordination with the department of conservation and recreation; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Save the Harbor, Save the Bay, Inc.’s staff time, consultants and direct expenses to support the ongoing work of the commission on the future of metropolitan beaches; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the cleanup of Pilayella algae; provided further, that not less than \$290,000 shall be expended for matching grants to public and nonpublic entities to support free public events and programs on the metropolitan beaches as part of Save the Harbor, Save the Bay, Inc.’s Better Beaches Grants program as recommended by the metropolitan beaches commission; and provided further, that not less than \$55,000 shall be expended for the maintenance of Red Rock park on Lynn Shore drive in the city of Lynn.....\$1,460,231

2800-0501 For the operation of the beaches, pools and spray pools under the control of the department of conservation and recreation; provided, that the seasonal hires of the department’s parks, beaches, pools and spray pools shall be paid from this item; provided further, that the beaches, pools and spray pools shall remain open and staffed from Memorial Day to Labor Day, inclusive; provided further, that said beaches, pools and spray pools shall be fully maintained; provided further, that seasonal employees who are hired before the second

Sunday preceding Memorial Day, whose employment continues beyond the Saturday following Labor Day and who received health insurance benefits in fiscal year 2024, shall continue to receive such benefits in fiscal year 2025 during the period of said employees' seasonal employment; provided further, that notwithstanding section 1 of chapter 31 of the General Laws, seasonal positions funded by this item shall be positions requiring the services of an incumbent, on either a full-time or less than full-time basis, beginning not earlier than April 1 and ending not later than November 30 or beginning not earlier than September 1 and ending not later than April 30; and provided further, that notwithstanding said section 1 of said chapter 31, seasonal positions funded by this item shall not be filled by an incumbent for more than 8 months within a 12-month period; and provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for equipment upgrades to support beach operations at Horseneck beach state reservation .....\$28,545,635

2800-0700 For the office of dam safety; provided, that the office shall, in collaboration with the department of environmental protection and the department of fish and game, establish and maintain a comprehensive inventory of all dams and develop a coordinated permitting and regulatory approach to dam removal for stream restoration and public safety .....\$709,179

2810-0100 For the operation of the division of state parks and recreation; provided, that funds appropriated in this item shall be used to: (i) operate all of the division's parks, parkways, boulevards, roadways, bridges and related appurtenances under the care, custody and control of the division, flood control activities of the division, reservations, campgrounds, beaches and pools; (ii) oversee skating rinks; and (iii) protect and manage the division's lands and natural resources, including the forest and parks conservation services and the bureau of forestry development; provided further, that all properties that were open in fiscal year 2024 shall be open in fiscal year 2025; provided further, that the crossing guards located at department of conservation and recreation intersections shall continue to perform the duties where state police previously performed such duties; provided further, that the division may issue grants to public and nonpublic entities from this item; provided further, that up to \$3,000,000 may be used to support the costs of snow and ice removal; provided further, that the department shall take steps to address personnel needs in a manner that is geographically equitable; provided further, that not later than January 30, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the hires made for division personnel in fiscal year 2025; provided further, that

notwithstanding any general or special law, rule, regulation, or administrative directive to the contrary, the commissioner of conservation and recreation may fill not more than 1,300 full-time positions; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the purpose of planting new trees and beautifying the Jamaica way from the intersection of Jamaica way and Pond street in the Jamaica Plain section of the city of Boston to the intersection of Jamaica way and state highway route 9 in the Jamaica Plain section of the city of Boston; and provided further, that local youth programs and nonprofit organizations shall get first preference in scheduling on all playing fields and hockey rinks operated by the department .....\$110,134,560

2810-0122 For special projects relating to the commonwealth’s state parks and recreational areas; provided, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the Blue Hills Trailside Museum in the town of Milton; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for tree replanting in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Worcester Regional Strategic Opportunities Foundation, Inc. for the operation of the Worcester Green Corps program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Grafton for the removal of invasive plants; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Roslindale Gateway Path project located in the Roslindale section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Waltham Land Trust, Inc. for climate resilience projects and trail improvements; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the testing and treatment of cyanobacteria and related contaminants in Monponsett pond in the town of Halifax; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Central Plymouth County Water District commission annual budget for the improvement and management of lakes and ponds in the Central Plymouth County Water District; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the town of Andover for improvements to the bandstand and gazebo at The Park on the corner of Chestnut street and Bartlet street; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the city of Haverhill for infrastructure, landscaping and security improvements at Winnekenni park conservation area; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the town of Merrimac for drainage improvements; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of North Andover for accessibility improvements at public playgrounds; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended to the city of Lynn for park repairs and maintenance; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall

be expended to the city of Malden for Bike to the Sea, Inc. to construct a shelter near the bike kitchen on the Northern Strand trail in the city of Malden; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the town of Mendon for sports field upgrades and maintenance; provided further, that not less than \$95,000 shall be expended to the city of Peabody for the purchase of automated external defibrillators for use in parks within the city; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust, Inc. in the city of Lowell for accessible trails, habitat restoration and parking at Pawtucket farm; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for the study and implementation of environmental restoration efforts to the Chebacco lake watershed in the town of Essex; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for roof replacement at the historic Lower Green house in the town of Newbury; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended to the town of Shirley to conduct an engineering study to determine the compliance of the Fredonian park pond walkway with the Americans with Disabilities Act; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for maintenance and improvements for Torbert Macdonald state park in the city of Medford; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to Southampton Youth Athletic Association, Inc. for facility improvements; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to West Springfield high school to support the school's unified sports teams programs; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Somerville Homeless Coalition Incorporated to provide for a basic needs closet program at Project SOUP in the city of Somerville; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Big Hope Project Inc. to reduce recidivism through record expungement and workforce education and to conduct outreach for the Massachusetts Social Equity Program to increase opportunities for social equity in the cannabis industry for underrepresented communities in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for Community Against Substance Abuse, Inc. (CASA) to support substance use treatment programs in the city known as the town of Winthrop; provided further, that not less than \$61,500 shall be expended for restorations and improvements to the public baseball fields in the town of Rockland; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the planning, designing and permitting of youth outdoor recreational areas in the town of Abington; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Webster Lake Association Inc. for costs associated with infrastructure projects and maintenance at Webster lake in the town of Webster .....\$1,866,500



- 2820-0101 For the costs associated with the department of conservation and recreation’s park rangers specific to the security of the state house; provided, that funds appropriated in this item shall only be expended for the costs of security and park rangers at the state house .....\$2,864,567
- 2820-2000 For the operation of street lighting and the expenses of maintaining the parkways of the department of conservation and recreation.....\$4,330,000

**Department of Energy Resources.**

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- 7006-1001 For the Massachusetts residential conservation service program under chapter 465 of the acts of 1980 and the Massachusetts commercial and apartment conservation service program under section 11A of chapter 25A of the General Laws; provided, that the assessments levied for fiscal year 2025 under said chapter 465 shall be made at a rate sufficient to produce the amount expended from this item and the associated fringe benefit costs for personnel paid from this item.....\$258,841
- 7006-1003 For the operation of the department of energy resources; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the amount assessed under section 11H of chapter 25A of the General Laws shall be made at a rate sufficient to produce the amount expended from this item and the associated fringe benefit costs for personnel paid from this item .....\$5,514,742

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION.**

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**Department of Early Education and Care.**

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- 3000-1000 For the administration of the department of early education and care; provided, that the department shall report on the first business day of each month to the joint committee on education, the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the executive office for administration and finance on the unduplicated number of children on waiting lists for state-subsidized early education and care programs and services, including supportive child care services; provided further, that notwithstanding chapter 66A of the General Laws, the department of early education and care, the child care resource and referral agencies, the department of elementary and secondary education, the department of transitional assistance, the department of children and families, the executive office of housing and livable communities, the Children’s Trust Fund established in section 50 of chapter 10 of the General Laws, the disabled persons protection commission, the district attorneys’

offices and the early intervention program within the department of public health may share with each other personal data regarding the parents and children who receive services provided under early education and care programs administered by the commonwealth for waitlist management, program implementation and evaluation, reporting and policy development purposes; provided further, that the department shall issue monthly reports detailing the number and average cost of voucher and contracted slots funded by the department for items 3000-3060 and 3000-4060 delineated by age category; provided further, that said reports shall include the number of recipients subject to subsection (f) of section 110 of chapter 5 of the acts of 1995; provided further, that the department of early education and care shall provide the caseload forecasting office and the house and senate committees on ways and means with enrollment data and any other information pertinent to caseload forecasting that is requested on a monthly basis; provided further, that the information shall be provided in a manner that meets all applicable federal and state privacy and security requirements; provided further, that the commissioner of early education and care may transfer funds between items 3000-3060 and 3000-4060, as necessary, for this purpose, under an allocation plan that shall detail, by object class, the distribution of the funds to be transferred and which shall be submitted to the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days before any such transfer; and provided further, that not less than \$450,000 shall be expended to Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc. to support evidence-based early childhood education programs that promote language, literacy and social emotional skill development for preschool children from underserved communities and the expanded scope of work provided by Jumpstart to address the early education workforce shortage .....\$12,639,926

3000-1020 For early education and care quality supports to improve and sustain educational quality among providers of early education and care and to assist early educators and providers in attaining higher levels of proficiency, skill and quality; provided, that supports funded through this item shall include, but not be limited to, program quality improvements related to meeting the Massachusetts Quality Rating and Improvement System standards; provided further, that costs related to department of early education and care personnel who support quality improvement may be funded from this item, including the department's licensing staff and other personnel who ensure compliance with state and federal requirements for inspections, monitoring and training; provided further, that funds from this item may support the Massachusetts universal pre-kindergarten program and early childhood mental health consultation services; provided further, that supports funded

through this item may include, but shall not be limited to: (i) the development and purchase of curricula; (ii) the development and implementation of early childhood assessment systems; (iii) incentives for programs to recruit, develop and retain highly qualified educators; (iv) activities that encourage providers to obtain associate and bachelor's degrees; (v) payment of fees; (vi) direct assistance to programs seeking accreditation by agencies approved by the board of early education and care; and (vii) professional development courses; provided further, that any payment made under any such grant to a school district shall be deposited with the treasurer of the city, town or regional school district and held as a separate account and, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, shall be expended by the school committee of such city, town or regional school district without municipal appropriation; and provided further, that funds may be expended for Summer Step Up to support children entering kindergarten and elementary school with academic and enrichment activities during the summer.....\$53,603,764

3000-1045

For grants to support and stabilize the early education and care workforce and address varied operational costs at state child care programs supervised by the department of early education and care; provided, that the distribution of stabilization grants shall prioritize equity and early education programs with higher percentages of state subsidized enrollment and head start and early head start programs; provided further, that an early education and care provider that is not an eligible organization as defined in section 18 of chapter 15D of the General Laws and that, directly or through an affiliate, operates more than 10 center-based programs in the commonwealth shall: (i) not receive funds through this item that total more than 1 per cent of the sum of this item and item 1596-2410, unless the provider is granted a waiver by the commissioner deeming such allocation to be in the best interest of the commonwealth; (ii) demonstrate a willingness to accept children receiving child care financial assistance at each program location operated by the provider or an affiliate of the provider in proportion to the provider's size, as determined by the department; (iii) dedicate a certain percentage of the funds that the provider receives through this line item, as determined by the department, to increasing compensation for their early educators; and (iv) annually provide the department with an audited financial statement detailing how the provider has spent funds received through this item; provided further, that the department shall collect data from participating programs, including, but not limited to, the: (i) number of enrolled children; (ii) number of educators employed; (iii) efforts to recruit and retain employees; (iv) available demographic data of the families served by participating providers; and (v) percentage of

grant funding spent on salaries, compensation, workforce training and facilities improvements; provided further, that the department shall submit quarterly reports on the distribution of funds from this item to the executive office for administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education; provided further, that each report shall include, but not be limited to: (a) a description of the formula through which funding is allocated to providers; (b) an analysis of the incorporation of equity into said formula, including the projected disbursement of funding to state subsidized and nonstate subsidized child care programs; (c) an analysis of the demographic data of the families served by participating programs including, but not limited to, the number of children served in: (1) communities identified as high-need through an equity-based index of local opportunities and resources; and (2) communities with a significant number of families with income below 85 per cent of the state median income; and (d) a description of the efforts undertaken to improve the distribution of funds to providers serving high-needs populations; provided further, that funds may be expended by the department for technical assistance related to the administration and distribution of funding; and provided further, that funds may be expended to support data collection technology, personnel and supports related to this item.....\$325,000,000

High-Quality Early Education & Care  
 Affordability Fund ..... 81.54%  
 General Fund..... 18.46%

3000-1049 For the department of early education and care, in consultation with the executive office of economic development, to establish a competitive matching grant pilot program to increase access to high quality and affordable child care by incentivizing employer investments; provided, that said program shall be open to applications from a Massachusetts employer, a group of Massachusetts employers or an early education and care provider partnering with a Massachusetts employer or group of Massachusetts employers; provided further, that said program shall fund investments in infrastructure, startup, employment, and other related costs to establish new early education and care slots or increase the number of children that can be served by at least one provider; provided further, that an applicant shall: (i) commit to investing not less than 50 per cent of the expected cost of infrastructure, startup, employment, or other costs related to creating new early education and care slots; (ii) certify that early educators who serve children in slots funded by this program are paid pursuant to salary and compensation guidelines established by the

department; and (iii) ensure that early education and care providers funded through this program enroll or commit to enrolling children receiving child care financial assistance; provided further, that the department shall seek to maximize equity when reviewing and selecting grant applicants, including prioritizing applications that: (1) support higher numbers of children from low-income families; (2) present a plan for maintaining affordable tuition prices for families; (3) are from applicants located in rural areas or in areas with a short of early education and care slots; (4) support historically underserved populations, infants, toddlers, families with nontraditional work hours, and families with children with high needs; (5) promote equity in other ways as deemed appropriate by the department; and (6) support high-demand and low wage industries; provided further, that an early education and care provider shall not be eligible to participate in the pilot program unless the provider is a non-profit organization, an organization in which a non-profit organization has a controlling financial or managerial interest or a licensed family home-based early education and care provider; provided further, that, not later than December 2, 2024, the department of early education and care shall file a report on the pilot program with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the senate and house committees on ways and means, and the joint committee on education; and provided further, the report shall include, but not be limited to: (a) number of program participants; (b) number of early education and care slots support by this line item; (c) percentage of slots filled by children receiving child care financial assistance; and (d) guidelines for a potential permanent program .....\$2,500,000

3000-2000 For the regional administration and coordination of services provided by child care resource and referral agencies.....\$20,000,000

3000-2050 For the administration of the Children’s Trust Fund established in section 50 of chapter 10 of the General Laws; provided, that the department of early education and care shall not exercise any supervision or control with respect to the board of the trust fund; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for a Stop Abuse For Every (SAFE) Child community pilot program to provide, coordinate and expand core services for families; provided further, that core services shall include, but not be limited to, home visiting, social and behavioral health services, substance use treatment and parental resiliency programs; provided further, that the pilot program shall support the coordination of services and referrals using existing resources; and provided further, that not later than December 16, 2024, the Children’s Trust Fund shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and

the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities on the progress of the pilot program and the mobilization of services at the family centers.....\$2,391,367

3000-2060 For evidence-informed, adult-focused child sexual abuse prevention initiatives that provide technical assistance to communities, youth-serving organizations and schools to: (i) organize local coalitions dedicated to preventing child sexual abuse; (ii) recruit, train and certify local volunteers to provide free prevention education for parents, students and professionals; and (iii) strengthen the core standards around the screening of prospective employees, the development of codes of conduct, the assessment and modification of physical spaces to reduce opportunities for sexual abuse, the responding to and reporting of boundary-violating behaviors and suspected acts of sexual abuse and the training of staff and volunteers on ways to prevent adult perpetration and child-on-child sexual abuse; provided further, that initiatives supported through this item shall be administered by the Children’s Trust Fund established in section 50 of chapter 10 of the General Laws and the office of the child advocate; and provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for Massachusetts Citizens for Children, Inc. To provide technical assistance to and training for schools and communities .....\$2,351,044

3000-3060 For early education and care services for children with active cases at the department of children and families, for families currently involved with, or transitioning from, transitional aid to families with dependent children and for families participating in education and training services funded by the supplemental nutrition assistance program; provided, that providers shall be reimbursed for subsidized child care services funded under this item based on enrollment; provided further, that the department of early education and care, in collaboration with the department of children and families, shall maintain a centralized list detailing the number of children eligible for services under this item, the number of supportive slots filled and the number of supportive slots available; provided further, that for children with active cases at the department of children and families, funds may be used to provide services during a transition period of not less than 12 months upon the closure of the family’s case with the department of children and families; provided further, that in the case of families involved with transitional aid to families with dependent children, early education and care shall be available to: (i) recipients of transitional aid to families with dependent children benefits; (ii) former recipients who are working or are engaged in an approved service need activity for up to 1 year after termination of their benefits; (iii) participants who are working or

are engaged in an approved service need activity for up to 1 year after the transitional period; and (iv) parents who are under 18 years of age who are currently enrolled in a job training program and who would qualify for benefits under chapter 118 of the General Laws but for the consideration of the grandparents' income; provided further, that all teens eligible for year-round, full-time early education and care services shall be participating in school, education, work and training-related activities or a combination thereof for at least the minimum number of hours required by applicable regulations; provided further, that recipients of transitional aid to families with dependent children shall not be charged fees for care provided under this item; provided further, that early education and care services for families involved with transitional aid to families with dependent children funded from this item shall be distributed geographically in a manner that provides fair and adequate access to early education and care for all eligible individuals; provided further, that informal early education and care benefits for families involved with transitional aid to families with dependent children may be funded from this item; provided further, that the commissioner of early education and care may transfer funds to this item from item 3000-4060, as necessary, under an allocation plan, which shall detail by object class the distribution of the funds to be transferred and which the commissioner shall submit to the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days prior to the transfer; provided further, that not later than April 16, 2025, the commissioner shall submit a preliminary report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the executive office for administration and finance on the projected expenses for the program that shall include, but not be limited to, the expected surplus or deficiency for the program; provided further, that not later than June 30, 2025, if the department determines that the available appropriation for this program will be insufficient to meet projected expenses, the commissioner shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the executive office for administration and finance detailing the amount of appropriation needed to address the deficiency; provided further, that reimbursements for services rendered in prior fiscal years may be expended from this item; provided further, that the department of early education and care shall recoup funds owed related to payments made by the department in prior fiscal years by reducing payments for services related to this item in fiscal year 2025; and provided further, that all children eligible for services under this item shall receive such services .....\$356,587,135

3000-4060 For income-eligible early education and care programs; provided, that providers shall be reimbursed for subsidized child care services

funded under this item based on enrollment; provided further, that teen parents and homeless families identified as likely to become eligible for transitional aid to families with dependent children may be paid from this item; provided further, that informal early education and care benefits for families meeting income-eligibility criteria may be funded from this item; provided further, that early education and care services funded under this item shall be distributed geographically in a manner that provides fair and adequate access to early education and care for all eligible individuals; provided further, that the commissioner of early education and care may transfer funds to this item from item 3000-3060, as necessary, pursuant to an allocation plan, which shall detail, by object class, the distribution of the funds to be transferred and which the commissioner shall submit to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the executive office for administration and finance not less than 30 days prior to the transfer; provided further, that not more than 3 per cent of the funds appropriated in this item may be transferred in fiscal year 2025 as set forth in a plan submitted by the department of early education and care; provided further, that said plan shall be submitted to the joint committee on education, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the executive office for administration and finance; provided further, that not later than April 16, 2025, the commissioner shall submit a preliminary report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the executive office for administration and finance on the projected expenses for the program that shall include, but not be limited to, the expected surplus or deficiency for the program; provided further, that not later than June 30, 2025, if the department determines that the available appropriation for this program will be insufficient to meet projected expenses, the commissioner shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the executive office for administration and finance detailing the amount of appropriation needed to address such deficiency; provided further, that reimbursements for services rendered in prior fiscal years may be expended from this item; provided further, that the department shall recoup funds owed related to payments made by the department in prior fiscal years by reducing payments for services related to this item rendered in fiscal year 2025; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any payment made under any such grant with a school district shall be deposited with the treasurer of the city, town or regional school district and held as a separate account and shall be expended by the school committee of such city, town or regional school district without municipal appropriation.....\$417,188,233



- 3000-5000 For grants to head start programs; provided, that funds from this item may be expended on early head start programs.....\$18,500,000
- 3000-6025 For grants in fiscal year 2025 to support planning and implementation activities in cities, towns, regional school districts or educational collaboratives to expand pre-kindergarten or preschool opportunities on a voluntary basis to children who will be eligible for kindergarten by September 2026; provided, that planning and implementation grants may be awarded through a competitive process established by the department of early education and care utilizing the Massachusetts Preschool Expansion Grant public-private partnership model; provided further, that preference in awarding grants shall be given to districts serving high percentages of high-needs students; provided further, that additional preference in awarding planning grants may be given to districts to update strategic expansion plans completed in prior fiscal years; provided further, that additional preference in awarding implementation grants shall be given to districts that have completed strategic planning efforts that support expanding access to high-quality preschool through the Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative; provided further, that not later than March 15, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the joint committee on education and the house and senate committees on ways and means on the status of planning and implementation activities supported through this item and item 1596-2412, which shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) districts that submitted applications for grant funding; (ii) recipients of grant funding; (iii) anticipated number of children served by recipients; (iv) size of awarded grants by recipient; and (v) recipients' workforce development efforts; provided further, that funds from this item may be used to provide administrative support to grantees, including technical assistance and program evaluation; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, funds distributed from this item shall be deposited with the treasurer of the city, town, regional school district or educational collaborative and held in a separate account and shall be expended by the school committee of such city, town, regional school district or educational collaborative without further appropriation; and provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months.....\$17,523,127
- 3000-6075 For early childhood mental health consultation services in early education and care programs in the commonwealth; provided, that preference shall be given to those services designed to limit the number of expulsions and suspensions from the programs and to early education and care programs serving high percentages of high-needs students; provided further, that funding may be used to

support programming and services to address mental health concerns including, but not limited to, outreach, training for educators to respond to mental health challenges, support for educators, including peer group support, and an expansion of current services; and provided further, that eligible recipients for such grants shall include municipal school districts, regional school districts, educational collaboratives, head start programs, licensed child care providers, child care resource and referral centers and other qualified entities.....\$5,000,000

Behavioral Health Outreach, Access and Support  
Trust Fund..... 100%

3000-7000 For statewide neonatal and postnatal home parenting education and home visiting programs for at-risk newborns to be administered by the Children’s Trust Fund, established in section 50 of chapter 10 of the General Laws; provided, that such services shall be made available statewide to parents who are under 24 years of age; provided further, that the department of early education and care shall collaborate with the Children's Trust Fund, when appropriate, to coordinate services provided through this item with services provided through item 3000-7050 to ensure that parents receiving services through this item are aware of all opportunities available to them and their children through the department; provided further, that the Children’s Trust Fund shall oversee the maintenance of a participant data system; and provided further, that priority for such services shall be given to low-income parents.....\$17,684,101

3000-7040 For the department of early education and care, which may expend not more than \$520,000 for contingency contracts related to pursuing federal reimbursement or avoiding costs in its capacity as the single state agency under Title IV, Part E, of the Social Security Act, as codified at 42 U.S.C. chapter 7, subchapter IV, part E; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, these contingency contracts shall not exceed 3 years except with prior review and approval by the executive office for administration and finance; and provided further, that for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$520,000

3000-7050 For the coordinated family and community engagement grant program, which shall establish a statewide network of supports for early education; provided, that the department of early education

and care shall distribute grants not later than August 31, 2024 in order to allow a full year of service for families involved in these programs; provided further, that the department shall, to the maximum extent feasible, coordinate services provided through this item with services provided through item 3000-7000 in order to ensure that parents receiving services through this item are aware of all opportunities available to them and their children through the department; provided further, that eligible recipients for such grants shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the Massachusetts Family Networks program; (ii) municipal school districts; (iii) regional school districts; (iv) educational collaboratives; (v) the parent-child plus program; (vi) head start programs; (vii) other school readiness and family support programs; (viii) licensed child care providers; and (ix) child care resource and referral centers; provided further, that supports funded through this item shall be in alignment with the quality requirements of the Massachusetts universal pre-kindergarten program and the Massachusetts Quality Rating and Improvement System; and provided further, that the department may expend funds from this item on grants for supplemental services for children with individualized education plans.....\$11,859,190

3000-7052 For the parent-child plus program, also known as the parent-child home program .....\$4,250,000

3000-7055 For the Neighborhood Villages Inc. Pilot program to provide high-quality, economically-integrated infant and toddler classrooms that demonstrate best practices for supporting children, families and the early childhood workforce and establish infrastructure to facilitate wraparound health and wellness programming for children and families; provided, that funds shall be used to support high-quality early education and care classroom instruction and workforce development training; provided further, that funds shall be used to allow for the enhancement, coordination and alignment of early learning programs with community-based health providers and those resources that impact outcomes across health and early learning; and provided further, that the pilot program shall serve to identify resources and promising practices that inform efforts to support school-readiness and ensure the healthy development and well-being of children and families .....\$1,000,000

3000-7070 For Reach Out and Read, Inc.; provided, that the funds distributed through Reach Out and Read, Inc. Shall be contingent upon a match of not less than \$1 in private or corporate contributions for every \$1 in state grant funding .....\$1,000,000

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.**

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**Office of the Secretary.**

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- 4000-0005 For youth violence prevention program grants administered by the executive office of health and human services; provided, that the grants shall be targeted at reducing youth violence among young persons at the highest annual risk of being perpetrators or victims of gun and community violence; provided further, that these funds shall be available to those municipalities with the highest number of annual youth homicides and serious assaults as determined by the executive office; provided further, that funds may be set aside for the administration of these programs; and provided further, that not later than February 7, 2025, the secretary of health and human services shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (i) successful grant applications; (ii) the criteria used in selecting grant recipients; (iii) a set of clearly-defined goals and benchmarks on which grant recipients shall be evaluated; and (iv) outcomes and findings that demonstrate program success from the grant awards for fiscal year 2024; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, Inc. for the operation of comprehensive educational programming on gun violence and gun violence prevention; and provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to BAGLY, Inc. to provide innovative job training and wraparound support to LGBTQ+ homeless youth .....\$13,300,000
- 4000-0007 For housing and supportive services for unaccompanied youth under section 16X of chapter 6A of the General Laws; provided, that not later than February 14, 2025, the executive office of health and human services shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on: (i) the number of youths served through this item; (ii) the types of services received by participating youths; (iii) the number of youths who transition into stabilized housing and the zip code of the stabilized housing; (iv) the number of youths who remain in stabilized housing after 90 days, when applicable; (v) other quantifiable data related to client outcomes as determined by the secretary; (vi) the number of youths turned away from the program; and (vii) the amount of funding awarded to vendors for the delivery of services and the names of each vendor .....\$10,545,850
- 4000-0009 For the office of health equity established in section 16AA of chapter 6A of the General Laws; provided, that the office may enter into service agreements with the department of public health to fulfill the obligations of the office; provided further, that not later than December 20, 2024, the office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on its development within the executive office of health and human services and the implementation of programming as set forth in said section 16AA

of said chapter 6A, including personnel costs and an organizational structure plan; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Coalition for a Healthy Greater Worcester for the implementation of racial equity strategies in the Greater Worcester Community Health Improvement Plan .....\$150,000

4000-0014 For the Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center, Inc. to provide training to community health workers who serve as the patient link to medical and social services for the disenfranchised population throughout the Worcester and MetroWest regions .....\$200,000

4000-0020 For the nursing and allied health workforce development initiative, to develop and support strategies that increase the number of public higher education faculty members and students who participate in programs that support careers in fields related to the nursing and allied health workforce; provided, that funds in this item may be transferred to the Massachusetts Nursing and Allied Health Workforce Development Trust Fund established in section 33 of chapter 305 of the acts of 2008; provided further, that funds shall be transferred to the fund according to an allotment schedule adopted by the executive office for administration and finance; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to establish a partnership incentive grant program between public higher education institutions and health care providers for the purpose of expanding the nursing and allied health workforce; provided further, that the grant program shall support financial incentives to health care providers that partner with public higher education institutions by offering clinical partnerships, the use of health care staff to teach courses and other innovative supports to increase the nursing and allied health workforce pipeline; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 of said funds shall be expended to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth for the purpose of partnering with the Southcoast Hospitals Group, Inc. to develop and implement innovative strategies to increase the nursing and allied health workforce pipeline; provided further, that not later than March 7, 2025, the executive office of health and human services shall submit a report to the joint committee on public health, the joint committee on health care financing, the joint committee on higher education and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the expenditures from the Massachusetts Nursing and Allied Health Workforce Development Trust Fund and short- and long-term strategies to increase the number of public and private higher education faculty and students who participate in programs that support careers in fields related to nursing and allied health; and provided further, that the report shall include details on the grant program, including, but not limited to: (i) established grant criteria;

	(ii) a list of grant recipients, including grant amounts; and (iii) summaries of the successful grant proposals .....	\$1,400,000
4000-0050	For the operation of the PCA quality home care workforce council established in section 71 of chapter 118E of the General Laws .....	\$3,515,395
4000-0051	For the operation and support of the network of child and family service programs throughout the commonwealth, including family resource centers supported through this item and item 4800-0200; provided, that centers within this item shall: (i) be consistent with the requirements under section 16U of chapter 6A of the General Laws; (ii) demonstrate adherence to an evidence-based model of service; and (iii) use measurable outcomes to assess quality; provided further, that the secretary of health and human services shall maintain the fiscal year 2024 contract with a third-party administration service organization to oversee the execution of, and the agency's compliance with, subsection (b) of said section 16U of said chapter 6A; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the executive office of health and human services shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance, the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities and the house and senate committees on ways and means including, but not limited to: (i) the number of children and families served at each center; (ii) the types of programs; (iii) program outcomes; (iv) client feedback; and (v) progress on data sharing between centers; and provided further, that the network of child and family service programs shall coordinate with the executive office, the department of early education and care and municipal police departments to provide emergency assistance to missing or absent children at times when the juvenile court is not open, consistent with the requirements under section 39H of chapter 119 of the General Laws.....	\$500,000
4000-0250	For the executive office of health and human services, which may expend not more than \$15,000,000 from monies received from the commonwealth health insurance connector authority for the costs of the operation and maintenance of the health insurance exchange; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenue and related expenditures, the executive office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.....	\$15,000,000
4000-0300	For the operation of the office of the executive office of health and human services; provided, that funds appropriated in this item shall be expended for administrative and contracted services related to the implementation and operation of programs under chapter 118E of	

the General Laws; provided further, that no expenditures, whether made by the executive office or another commonwealth entity, shall be made that are not federally reimbursable, including those related to Titles XIX or XXI of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. chapter 7, subchapters XIX or XXI, the MassHealth demonstration waiver approved under subsection (a) of section 1115 of Title XI of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1315(a), or the community first section 1115 demonstration waiver under said section 1115 of said Title XI of the Social Security Act, except as required for: (i) the administration of the executive office; (ii) the equivalent of MassHealth Standard benefits for children under 21 years of age who are in the care or custody of the department of youth services or the department of children and families; (iii) dental benefits provided to clients of the department of developmental services who are 21 years of age or older; (iv) the payments related to services delivered in institutions for mental disease for which federal financial participation is not otherwise available; (v) cost-containment efforts, the purposes and amounts of which shall be submitted to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days before making these expenditures; or (vi) otherwise as explicitly authorized with the prior written approval of the secretary of administration and finance; provided further, that the office of Medicaid shall coordinate with the health policy commission in the development of care delivery and payment models in the MassHealth program, including patient-centered medical homes and accountable care organizations, in order to ensure alignment of such models with the commission's certification programs under sections 14 and 15 of chapter 6D of the General Laws; provided further, that in consultation with the center for health information and analysis, no rate increase shall be provided to existing Medicaid provider rates without taking all measures possible under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. chapter 7, subchapter XIX, to ensure that rates of payment to providers shall not exceed the rates that are necessary to meet the cost of efficiently and economically operated providers in order to provide services of adequate quality; provided further, that, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner of mental health shall approve any prior authorization or other restriction on medication used to treat mental illness under written policies, procedures and regulations of the department of mental health; provided further, that the division shall contract with Health Care For All, Inc. to work with community-based organizations in high need areas of the state to conduct health coverage enrollment assistance, as well as coordinate and support health outreach and education efforts; provided further, that the executive office of health and human services may continue to recover provider overpayments made in the current and prior fiscal years through the Medicaid management information system and these recoveries shall be considered current fiscal year expenditure refunds; provided further, that the executive office may collect

directly from a liable third party any amounts paid to contracted providers under said chapter 118E for which the executive office later discovers another third party is liable if no other course of recoupment is possible; provided further, that not later than December 20, 2024, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on health care financing detailing utilization in fiscal year 2024 of the Health Safety Net Trust Fund, established in section 66 of said chapter 118E, including the: (a) number of persons whose medical expenses were billed to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund; (b) total dollar amount billed to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund; (c) age, income level and insurance status of recipients using the Health Safety Net Trust Fund; (d) types of services paid for out of the Health Safety Net Trust Fund; and (e) amount disbursed from the Health Safety Net Trust Fund to each hospital and community health center; provided further, that not later than March 7, 2025, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on health care financing on: (1) total spending related to pharmaceutical utilization for fiscal year 2024; (2) estimated spending related to pharmaceutical utilization for fiscal year 2025; (3) the actual and estimated revenue amounts, both in the form of supplemental rebates and federal financial participation, received in fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025 as a result of total pharmaceutical spending; (4) total or projected savings amounts delivered from supplemental rebate negotiations in fiscal year 2025; and (5) the relative impact of price and utilization of pharmaceutical drugs added to the MassHealth drug list within fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not later than March 7, 2025, the executive office of health and human services, in consultation with office of Medicaid, shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance, the joint committee on health care financing and the house and senate committees on ways and means on the review of wage payment rates for the provision of continuous skilled nursing care, as established in 101 CMR 350.04, 101 CMR 361, and 101 CMR 453, including: (A) an aggregated overview of the wage payment rates paid by home health agencies to staff or contracted nurses providing continuous skilled nursing care, including any increases in said wage rates resulting from increases in Medicaid rates paid to home health agencies for continuous skilled nursing care; (B) an aggregated overview of the proportion of the Medicaid reimbursement rate paid directly as wages and benefits to nurses providing continuous skilled nursing care through a home health agency that contracts with MassHealth; (C) an aggregated breakdown of said wage rates as applied to the acuity level of patients receiving continuous skilled nursing care; (D) an aggregated breakdown of said wage rates as applied to the licensure level of the providers of continuous skilled nursing care; (E) state costs for wage rates promulgated in state fiscal years 2020 to 2024, inclusive, by regulation, department and program; (F) the fiscal



impact of increases in state funding versus prior fiscal year actual costs for wage rates promulgated for state fiscal years 2020 to 2024, inclusive, by regulation, department and program; and (G) recommendations on information to be included in any future reporting by home health agencies receiving an increase of continuous skilled nursing care rates provided by the office of Medicaid; provided further, that home health agencies providing continuous skilled nursing care shall provide all information and documentation requested by the executive office of health and human services to compile the required report; provided further, that the executive office shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on health care financing summarizing the projected total costs for the next fiscal year of pharmaceutical pipeline drugs identified by the executive office and expected to be made available for utilization within a 12-month period from the submission date of the report; provided further, that said report shall not identify the specific drugs, manufacturer identities or wholesale acquisition costs of individual drugs identified by the department; provided further, that the executive office shall submit monthly MassHealth caseload reports in a searchable electronic format to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that not less than \$1,500,000 shall be transferred to the Criminal Justice and Community Support Trust Fund established in section 2QQQQQ of chapter 29 of the General Laws for the continuation of a pilot program to establish a county restoration center and program overseen by the Middlesex county restoration center commission to divert persons suffering from mental illness or substance use disorder who interact with law enforcement or the court system during a pre-arrest investigation or the pre-adjudication process from lock-up facilities and hospital emergency departments to appropriate treatment; provided further, that not less than \$650,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Consultation Service for Treatment of Addiction and Pain to provide case management and care navigation support to assist health care facilities, individual practitioners and other health care providers including, but not limited to, nurse case managers, social workers and recovery coaches, in providing care and identifying community-based providers for referral for pain management and treatment of substance use disorder; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to Fall River Emergency Medical Services for home health visits to support emergency room diversion; and provided further, that any unexpended balance in these accounts shall revert to the General Fund on June 30, 2025; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the Brookline Community Mental Health Center, Inc. to expand the healthy lives program; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Southern Berkshire Volunteer Ambulance Squad, Inc. to provide out of hospital advanced life support care to communities in western Massachusetts; provided further, that not

less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Advocates for Autism of Massachusetts for a 6-month pilot program to provide workforce training in applied behavior analysis for department of developmental services and MassHealth day programs to train staff serving adults with complex behavioral needs; provided further, that not later than May 1, 2025, Advocates for Autism of Massachusetts shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities detailing: (i) the number of individuals who received training under the pilot program; (ii) the cost of services to individuals provided by staff who participated in the pilot program; and (iii) aggregated benefits to individuals served by staff who participated in the pilot program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Baystate Wing Hospital Corporation in the town of Palmer to ensure health equity by creating open access hours for emergency department mental health patient follow-up services in the hospital and to establish an open walk-in clinic for patients with mental health issues; and provided further, that funds shall be expended to the Nantucket Cottage Hospital and Martha's Vineyard Hospital for off-island medical transportation, including the transportation of patients with behavioral health conditions. ....\$146,824,925

4000-0320 For the executive office of health and human services, which may expend not more than \$225,000,000 for medical care and assistance rendered in the current year from the monies received from recoveries and collections of any current or prior year expenditures; provided, that, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the balance of any personal needs accounts collected from nursing and other medical institutions upon the death of a medical assistance recipient and held by the executive office for more than 3 years may be credited to this item.....\$225,000,000

4000-0321 For the executive office of health and human services, which may expend not more than \$65,000,000 for contingency fee contracts related to pursuing federal reimbursement or avoiding costs in its capacity as the single state agency under Titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act and as the principal agency for all of the agencies within the executive office and other federally-assisted programs administered by the executive office; provided, that such contingency contracts shall not exceed 3 years except with prior review and approval by the executive office for administration and finance; provided further, that after providing payments due under the terms of the contingency contracts, the executive office of health and human services may use available funds to support special MassHealth projects that will receive enhanced federal revenue opportunities, including MassHealth eligibility operations and systems enhancements that support reforms and improvements to MassHealth programs; provided further, that any enhanced federal financial participation received for these special projects, including the Implementation Advanced Planning Documents or other

eligibility operations and systems enhancements that support reforms and improvements to MassHealth shall be deposited into this item; provided further, that, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of revenues and payments required under contingency contracts, the comptroller shall certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system; provided further, that the secretary of health and human services may negotiate contingency fees for activities and services related to pursuing federal reimbursement or avoiding costs, and the comptroller shall certify these fees and pay them upon the receipt of this revenue, reimbursement or demonstration of costs avoided; provided further, that, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive office may enter into interdepartmental service agreements with the University of Massachusetts medical school to perform activities that the secretary of health and human services, in consultation with the comptroller, determines to be within the scope of the proper administration of said Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act and other federal funding provisions to support the programs and activities of the executive office; provided further, that said activities may include providing: (i) administrative services including, but not limited to, utilization management activities and eligibility determinations based on disability and supporting case management activities and similar initiatives; (ii) consulting services related to quality assurance, program evaluation and development, integrity and soundness and project management; and (iii) activities and services to pursue federal reimbursement, avoid costs or identify third-party liability and recoup payments made to third parties; provided further, that federal reimbursement for any expenditure made by the University of Massachusetts medical school for federally-reimbursable services the university provides under these interdepartmental service agreements or other contracts with the executive office shall be distributed to the university and recorded distinctly in the state accounting system; provided further, that contingency fees paid to the University of Massachusetts medical school shall not exceed \$40,000,000 for state fiscal year 2025 except for contingency fees paid under interdepartmental service agreements for recoveries related to special disability workload projects; and provided further, that not later than December 20, 2024, the secretary of health and human services shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (a) the amounts of the agreements; (b) a delineation of all ongoing and new projects; and (c) the amount of federal reimbursement and cost avoidance derived from the contracts for the previous fiscal year's activities .....\$65,000,000

4000-0430 For the CommonHealth program to provide primary and supplemental medical care and assistance to disabled adults and children under sections 9A, 16 and 16A of chapter 118E of the General Laws; provided, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to the recipients in prior fiscal years; provided further, that the executive office of health and human services shall maximize federal reimbursement for state expenditures made on behalf of those adults and children; provided further, that children shall be determined eligible for medical care and assistance if they meet the disability standards as defined by the executive office; provided further, that the executive office shall process a CommonHealth application within 45 days of receipt of a completed application or within 90 days if a determination of disability is required; and provided further, that such standards shall be no more restrictive than those in effect on July 1, 1996 .....\$197,558,111

4000-0500 For health care services provided to medical assistance recipients through the executive office of health and human services' managed care delivery systems, including a behavioral health contractor, the Primary Care Clinician Plan, Primary Care Accountable Care Organizations, MassHealth managed care organizations and Accountable Care Partnership Plans, and for MassHealth benefits provided to children, adolescents and adults under section 9 of chapter 118E of the General Laws and clauses (a) to (d), inclusive, and clause (h) of subsection (2) of section 9A of said chapter 118E and section 16C of said chapter 118E; provided, that no funds shall be expended from this item for children and adolescents under clause (c) of said subsection (2) of said section 9A of said chapter 118E whose household incomes, as determined by the executive office, exceed 150 per cent of the federal poverty level; provided further, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to recipients in prior fiscal years; provided further, that the executive office shall require that any contract or other arrangement entered into by a managed care provider under the managed care delivery system for the provision and administration of pharmacy benefit management services on behalf of individuals enrolled in programs of medical assistance under this item, including a managed care provider participating in an accountable care partnership plan, shall include, but not be limited to, the requirement that pharmacy benefit managers: (i) identify all sources and amounts of income, payments and financial benefits related to the provision and administration of pharmacy benefit management services on behalf of the managed care provider including, but not limited to, pricing discounts, rebates, inflationary payments, credits, clawbacks, fees, grants, chargebacks, reimbursements or other benefits; and (ii) disclose to MassHealth the sources and amounts of all income, payments and financial benefits received by the pharmacy benefit manager; provided further, that not later than February 7, 2025, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (a) the

total number of members participating in the Accountable Care Organization program; (b) disenrollment trends from the Partnership Plan, Primary Care Accountable Care Organization and Managed Care Organization-administered Accountable Care Organizations within the designated plan selection; (c) the outcomes achieved by accountable care organizations and community partners including, but not limited to, financial performance, patient safety, patient satisfaction, quality and aggregate and per-member reductions in spending compared to prior cost trends; (d) the results of benchmarks on accountable care organizations' and community partners' progress toward an integrated care delivery system; and (e) a summary of spending and activities related to traditionally non-reimbursed services to address health-related social needs including, but not limited to, home and community-based services, housing stabilization and support, utility assistance, non-medical transportation, physical activity, nutrition, sexual assault and domestic violence supports; provided further, that said summary shall include, to the maximum extent practicable, aggregated data on the results of preventative health care services such as health-related social needs screening, the number of referrals to human service providers to address such screening, the result of such referrals and changes in health status; provided further, that such data shall be stratified by demographic factors to support an analysis of the impact on health disparities; provided further, that where data is not available, a report on progress toward establishing necessary data systems shall be provided; provided further, that said summary shall include outcome measures for at-risk populations with chronic health conditions; and provided further, that not later than March 7, 2025, the executive office shall conduct and submit a comparative analysis to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery of the rate differential for inpatient psychiatric and substance use hospital per diem payments between MassHealth and its contracted health insurers, health plans, health maintenance organizations, behavioral health management firms and third-party administrators under contract to a Medicaid managed care organization or primary care clinician plan .....\$6,124,542,394

4000-0601 For health care services provided to MassHealth members who are seniors, including those provided through the Medicare Savings Program, and for the operation of the MassHealth Senior Care Options program under section 9D of chapter 118E of the General Laws; provided, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to recipients in prior fiscal years; provided further, that no payment for special provider costs shall be made from this item without the prior written approval of the secretary of administration and finance; provided further, that, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purposes of an individual's eligibility for the Senior Care Options program, an individual is deemed to reach 65 years of age on the

first day of the month in which their sixty-fifth birthday occurs; provided further, that nursing facility rates effective October 1, 2024 under section 13D of said chapter 118E shall be developed using the costs of calendar year 2019; provided further, that funds shall be expended from this item to maintain a personal needs allowance of \$72.80 per month for individuals residing in nursing and rest homes who are eligible for MassHealth, emergency aid to the elderly, disabled and children program or supplemental security income; provided further, that, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for any nursing home facility or non-acute chronic disease hospital that provides kosher food to its residents, the executive office of health and human services, in consultation with the center for health information and analysis and in recognition of the special innovative program status granted by the executive office, shall continue to make the standard payment rates established in fiscal year 2006 to reflect the high dietary costs incurred in providing kosher food; provided further, that MassHealth shall reimburse nursing home facilities for up to 20 medical leave-of-absence days and shall reimburse the facilities for up to 10 non-medical leave-of-absence days; provided further, that medical leave-of-absence days shall include an observation stay in a hospital in excess of 24 hours; provided further, that no nursing home shall reassign a patient's bed during a leave of absence that is eligible for reimbursement under this item; provided further, that not later than January 17, 2025, MassHealth shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing, for fiscal year 2024, the: (i) number of nursing facility clients on a leave of absence, delineated by the nursing facility, medical leave-of-absence days and medical leave-of-absence days that exceeded 10 days per hospital stay, nonmedical leave-of-absence days and the total number of days on leave of absence unduplicated member count; (ii) monthly licensed bed capacity level per nursing home and the monthly total number of empty beds per nursing facility, total number of all nursing home residents and total MassHealth nursing home residents; (iii) 6 separate MassHealth payment rates and the average payment amount rate per nursing facility client resident; (iv) actual number of nursing home residents for each of the 6 payment rates in clause (iii); and (v) aggregate payment amount per nursing facility by month; provided further, that the information in the report shall be delineated by nursing facility, including grand totals where appropriate; provided further, that the personal care attendant program shall maintain the same eligibility criteria and scope of services in fiscal year 2025 as were available in December 2023; provided further, that MassHealth shall administer personal care services available under the MassHealth program in a manner that ensures authorized services are medically necessary as described in MassHealth regulations at 130 CMR 450.204 and maintains compliance with relevant federal regulations; provided further, that the executive office of health and human services shall convene a working group to review the scope of services and eligibility

thresholds of the personal care attendant program; provided further, that the membership of the working group shall include, but not be limited to: (a) the secretary of health and human services or a designee; (b) a representative of the personal care attendant workforce council; (c) a representative of 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East; (d) a representative of the Massachusetts Senior Care Association; (e) a representative of the Massachusetts Senior Action Council; (f) a representative of The Arc of Massachusetts; and (g) a representative of the Disability Policy Consortium; provided further, that said working group shall evaluate the eligibility criteria, scope of services, program oversight, workforce supply and pipeline, short- and long-term cost growth, the current state of any structural change initiatives related to pre-admission counselling, screenings, assessments and coordination of care and any other component of the personal care attendant program and make recommendations for the long-term sustainability and cost containment of the program; provided further, that said working group shall submit said recommendations on or before March 7, 2025, to the secretary of administration and finance, house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on health care financing; provided further, that not later than February 7, 2025, the executive office of health and human services shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the implementation of the Medicare Savings Program expanded program eligibility for seniors pursuant to section 25A of said chapter 118E; and provided further, that said report shall include, but not be limited to: (1) the number of members who are seniors whose household incomes, as determined by the executive office, exceed 135 per cent of the federal poverty level that are enrolled in Medicare Savings Programs during each month of the fiscal year; (2) total enrollment in the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary program, Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary Program and Qualifying Individual Program; (3) total annual spending on Medicare premiums and cost-sharing for such members; (4) total annual transfers from the prescription advantage program in item 9110-1455 and Health Safety Net Trust Fund to fund the Medicare Savings Program expansion.....\$4,615,139,945

4000-0641 For nursing facility Medicaid rates; provided, that in fiscal year 2025, the executive office of health and human services, in consultation with the center for health information and analysis, shall establish rates that cumulatively total \$342,100,000 more than the annual payment rates established under the rates in effect as of June 30, 2002; provided further, that an amount for expenses related to the collection and administration of section 63 of chapter 118E of the General Laws shall be transferred to the executive office; and provided further, that the payments made under this item shall be allocated in an amount sufficient to implement section 622 of chapter 151 of the acts of 1996.....\$582,100,000

For health care services provided to medical assistance recipients under the executive office of health and human services' health care indemnity or third-party liability plan, to medical assistance recipients not otherwise covered under the executive office's managed care or senior care plans and for MassHealth benefits provided to children, adolescents and adults under section 9 of chapter 118E of the General Laws and clauses (a) to (d), inclusive, and clause (h) of subsection (2) of section 9A of said chapter 118E and section 16C of said chapter 118E; provided, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to recipients in prior fiscal years; provided further, that children who have aged out of the custody of the department of children and families shall be eligible for benefits through the age limit specified in MassHealth's approved state plan; provided further, that the executive office may reduce MassHealth premiums or copayments or offer other incentives to encourage enrollees to comply with wellness goals; provided further, that funds shall be expended to eliminate pharmacy copayments for all MassHealth members; provided further, that, notwithstanding this item, funds may be expended from this item for the purchase of third-party insurance including, but not limited to, Medicare for any medical assistance recipient; provided further, that funds may be expended from this item for activities relating to customer service; provided further, that funds may be expended from this item for activities relating to disability determinations or utilization management and review, including patient screenings and evaluations, regardless of whether such activities are performed by a state agency, contractor, agent or provider; provided further, that MassHealth shall expend \$13,000,000 in the aggregate for acute care hospitals that have greater than 63 per cent of their gross patient service revenue from governmental payers and free care as determined by the executive office; provided further, that in fiscal year 2025, MassHealth shall maintain the same level of federally-optional chiropractic services that were in effect in fiscal year 2016 and that were included in its state plan or demonstration program in effect on January 1, 2002 for members enrolled in the primary care clinician program; provided further, that MassHealth shall continue to expend funds for expanded oral health benefits, including endodontic and prosthodontic services, for adult members, consistent with the benefits provided beginning on January 1, 2021; provided further, that dental services for adults shall be covered at least to the extent they were covered as of June 30, 2024; provided further, that no payments for special provider costs shall be made from this item without the prior written approval of the secretary of administration and finance; provided further, that no funds shall be expended from this item for children and adolescents under clause (c) of said subsection (2) of said section 9A of said chapter 118E whose household incomes, as determined by the executive office exceed 150 per cent of the federal poverty level; provided further, that in fiscal year 2025, the executive office shall not fund programs



relating to case management with the intention of reducing length of stay for neonatal intensive care unit cases; provided further, that not later than December 1, 2024, \$1,000,000 shall be equally distributed to the teaching community health centers with family medicine residency programs in the cities of Greenfield, Worcester, Lawrence and in the South Boston section of the city of Boston; provided further, that the secretary of health and human services shall designate the league of community health centers to administer the funds and shall retain 5 per cent of the total funds; and provided further, that the secretary shall: (i) report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the use of the funds by teaching community health centers; and (ii) audit said centers in order to confirm the use of the funds by each center for training purposes ...\$4,210,001,231

4000-0875 For the executive office of health and human services to expend for the provision of benefits to eligible individuals who require medical treatment for either breast or cervical cancer under section 2 of the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act of 2000, Public Law 106-354, 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVIII) and section 10D of chapter 118E of the General Laws; provided, that the executive office shall provide these benefits to individuals whose incomes, as determined by the executive office, do not exceed 250 per cent of the federal poverty level, subject to continued federal approval; and provided further, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to these recipients in prior fiscal years .....\$18,500,000

4000-0880 For MassHealth benefits under clause (c) of subsection (2) of section 9A of chapter 118E of the General Laws and section 16C of said chapter 118E for children and adolescents whose household incomes, as determined by the executive office of health and human services, exceed 150 per cent of the federal poverty level; provided, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to those children and adolescents in prior fiscal years; and provided further, that funds may be expended from this item for health care subsidies provided to eligible individuals under the last paragraph of section 9 and section 16D of said chapter 118E.....\$371,307,845

4000-0885 For the cost of health insurance subsidies paid to employees of small businesses in the insurance reimbursement program under section 9C of chapter 118E of the General Laws; provided, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to persons in prior fiscal years; provided further, that funds may be expended only for employees who are ineligible for subsidized insurance through the commonwealth health insurance connector authority and ineligible for any MassHealth program; provided further, that enrollment in this program may be capped to ensure that MassHealth expenditures shall not exceed the amount appropriated; and provided further, that funds may be expended from this item for

health care services provided to individuals eligible under clause (j) of subsection (2) of section 9A of said chapter 118E .....\$34,042,020

4000-0940 For providing health care services related to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148; provided, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services to individuals ages 19 to 64, inclusive, whose household incomes, as determined by the executive office of health and human services, do not exceed 133 per cent of the federal poverty level and those who are eligible under clauses (b) and (d) of subsection (2) of section 9A of chapter 118E of the General Laws; and provided further, that in fiscal year 2025, MassHealth shall maintain the same level of vision services that were in effect in fiscal year 2024 for members enrolled in the CarePlus program.....\$2,422,764,172

4000-0950 For administrative and program expenses associated with the children’s behavioral health initiative to provide comprehensive, community-based behavioral health services to children suffering from severe emotional disturbances; provided, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to these persons in prior fiscal years; provided further, that the executive office of health and human services shall submit biannual reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the implementation of the initiative; provided further, that said reports shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the results of the scheduled plan to date, including a schedule detailing commencement of services and associated costs by service type; (ii) an analysis of compliance with the terms of the settlement agreement to date; (iii) a detailed itemization of services and service utilization by service type, geographical location and the age of the member receiving the service; (iv) data detailing the time that elapsed between a member’s request for services and commencement of an initial assessment for services; (v) the time to complete the initial assessment and the time that elapsed between initial assessment for services and commencement of services; and (vi) a quarterly update of whether projected expenditures are likely to exceed the amount appropriated in this item; provided further, that funds shall not be transferred from this item without notifying the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days before any such transfer; and provided further, that any unexpended balance in this item shall revert to the General Fund on June 30, 2025 .....\$315,282,721

4000-0990 For the executive office of health and human services to expend for the children’s medical security plan to provide health services for uninsured children from birth through 18 years of age, inclusive; provided, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to those persons in prior fiscal years; provided further, that the executive office shall maximize federal reimbursements for state expenditures made on behalf of the children; provided further, that the executive office shall expend all

necessary funds from this item to ensure the provision of this program under section 10F of chapter 118E of the General Laws; provided further, that the MassHealth benefit request shall be used as a joint application to determine the eligibility for both MassHealth and the children’s medical security plan; provided further, that the executive office shall prescreen enrollees and applicants for Medicaid eligibility; provided further, that the maximum benefit levels for this program shall be made available only to those children who have been determined by the executive office to be ineligible for MassHealth benefits; and provided further, that no applicant shall be enrolled in the program until the applicant has been denied eligibility for the MassHealth program other than MassHealth Limited; .....\$35,000,000

4000-1400 For the provision of MassHealth benefits to persons diagnosed with human immunodeficiency virus with incomes that do not exceed 200 per cent of the federal poverty level; provided, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to said persons in prior fiscal years .....\$16,555,080

4000-1420 For payment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in compliance with Title XIX of the Social Security Act, as codified at 42 U.S.C. chapter 7, subchapter XIX.....\$741,931,215

4000-1426 For health care services provided to MassHealth members through the following MassHealth waivers approved under section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act: (i) the Acquired Brain Injury Residential Habilitation waiver; (ii) the Acquired Brain Injury Non-Residential Habilitation waiver; (iii) the Moving Forward Plan Residential Supports waiver; and (iv) the Moving Forward Plan Community Living waiver; provided, that funds may be expended from this item for administrative and program expenses associated with the operation of said waivers; and provided further, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to members participating in said waivers in prior fiscal years.....\$422,606,696

4000-1700 For the provision of information technology services within the executive office of health and human services .....\$172,242,249

**Office for Refugees and Immigrants.**

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4003-0111 For the operation of the office for refugees and immigrants .....\$1,002,210

4003-0122 For a citizenship for new Americans program to assist legal permanent residents of the commonwealth in becoming citizens of the United States; provided, that the office for refugees and immigrants shall administer the program; provided further, that the program funded under this item shall provide assistance to persons who are within 3 years of eligibility to become citizens of the United

States; provided further, that services shall include: (i) English for Speakers of Other Languages or civics classes; (ii) citizenship application assistance; (iii) interview preparation; and (iv) support services including, but not limited to, interpretation and referral services; provided further, that persons who would qualify for benefits under chapter 118A of the General Laws but for their status as legal non-citizens shall be given the highest priority for services; provided further, that persons who currently receive state-funded benefits that could be replaced in whole or in part by federally-funded benefits if those persons become citizens shall be given priority for services; provided further, that funds may be expended for the programmatic and administrative support of the office's refugee and immigrant services; provided further, that not less than \$90,000 shall be expended to Friendly House, Inc. for the operation of a Center for New Americans in the city of Worcester; and provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended as a grant for Immigrants Assistance Center, Inc. in the city of New Bedford for citizenship and workforce readiness programming.....\$1,460,460

**Center for Health Information and Analysis.**

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- 4100-0060 For the operation of the center for health information and analysis established in chapter 12C of the General Laws; provided, that the estimated costs of the center shall be assessed in the manner prescribed by section 7 of said chapter 12C .....\$33,664,991
  
- 4100-0063 For the operation of the Betsy Lehman center for patient safety and medical error reduction established in section 15 of chapter 12C of the General Laws; provided, that the estimated costs of the center shall be assessed in the manner prescribed by section 7 of said chapter 12C .....\$3,022,883

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**OFFICE OF DISABILITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES.**

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**Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.**

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4110-0001	For the operation of the Massachusetts commission for the blind, including the cost of sheltered workforce employee retirement benefits.....	\$1,805,193
4110-1000	For the community services program; provided, that the Massachusetts commission for the blind shall work in collaboration with the Massachusetts commission for the deaf and hard of hearing to provide assistance and services to the deaf-blind community through the deaf-blind community access network; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for social workers, rehabilitation teachers and orientation and mobility instructors at the Massachusetts commission for the blind; provided further, that not less than \$1,100,000 shall be expended by the Massachusetts commission for the blind to maximize the independent living skills of legally blind residents of the commonwealth through rehabilitation programs, housing assistance services, adjustment counseling services and the provision of accessible devices, assistive software and equipment and supportive technology training provided by qualified nonprofit providers in community, residential, virtual and facility-based settings; and provided further, that not less than \$500,000 of said \$1,100,000 shall be made available for the Carroll Center for the Blind, Inc. and not less than \$300,000 of said \$1,100,000 shall be made available for the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired .....	\$8,621,822
4110-1010	For radio reading services for the blind and print disabled; provided, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to each of the following service providers: (i) Audible Local Ledger, Inc.; (ii) Audio Journal, Incorporated; (iii) Berkshire Talking Chronicle; (iv) Lowell Association for the Blind, Inc.; and (v) Valley Eye Radio, Inc.; and provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended for the Talking Information Center, Incorporated to provide human voiced broadcasts of local news, articles and items of interest to visually-impaired and otherwise disabled listeners .....	\$1,100,000
4110-2000	For the turning 22 program of the Massachusetts commission for the blind, including deaf-blind extended supports; provided, that the commission shall work in conjunction with the department of developmental services to secure the maximum amount of federal reimbursements available for the care of turning 22 program clients .....	\$16,085,143

4110-3010 For vocational rehabilitation services for the blind operated in cooperation with the federal government; provided, that no funds from federal vocational rehabilitation grants or state appropriations shall be deducted for pensions, group health or life insurance or any other such indirect costs of federally-reimbursed state employees .....\$2,831,545

**Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission.**

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4120-0200	For independent living centers; provided, that not later than April 1, 2025, the Massachusetts rehabilitation commission shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the services provided by independent living centers, which shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) total number of consumers that request and receive services; (ii) types of services requested and received by consumers; (iii) total number of consumers moved from nursing homes; and (iv) total number of independent living plans and goals set and achieved by consumers.....	\$8,000,000
4120-1000	For the operation of the Massachusetts rehabilitation commission; provided, that not less than 90 days prior to any changes to the current eligibility criteria, the commission shall provide written notification to the house and senate committees on ways and means .....	\$442,626
4120-2000	For vocational rehabilitation services operated in cooperation with the federal government; provided, that funds from federal vocational rehabilitation grants or state appropriations shall not be deducted for pensions, group health or life insurance or any other indirect costs of federally-reimbursed state employees; and provided further, that the commissioner of rehabilitation, in making referrals to service providers, shall take into account a client's place of residence and the proximity of the nearest provider to said residence .....	\$26,191,382
4120-3000	For employment assistance services; provided, that vocational evaluation and employment services shall be provided for severely disabled adults.....	\$2,519,719
4120-4000	For community-based services, which shall include, but not be limited to, protective services, adult support services, assistive technology services and the annualization of funding for turning 22 program clients who began receiving services in fiscal year 2024 under item 4120-4010 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023; provided, that not less than \$1,920,000 shall be expended for assistive technology services; and provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for Requisition Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Assistive Technology (AT) Reuse Program, Inc. ....	\$14,395,864
4120-4001	For the accessible housing registry for people with disabilities .....	\$150,000
4120-4010	For the turning 22 program of the Massachusetts rehabilitation commission .....	\$351,091

4120-5000	For homemaking services .....	\$6,110,671
4120-6000	For services for individuals with head injuries .....	\$28,669,936



**Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.**

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4125-0100 For the operation of and services provided by the Massachusetts  
commission for the deaf and hard of hearing.....\$10,459,060

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**OFFICE OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES.**

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**Department of Youth Services.**

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4200-0010 For the administration of the department of youth services;  
provided, that the department shall continue to collaborate with the  
department of elementary and secondary education in order to align  
curriculum at the department of youth services with the statewide  
curriculum frameworks and to support the reintegration of youth  
from facilities at the department of youth services into traditional  
public school settings; provided further, that the commissioner of  
youth services may transfer funds between items 4200-0100, 4200-  
0200, 4200-0300 and 4200-0600, as necessary, under an allocation  
plan which shall detail, by object class, the distribution of the funds  
to be transferred and which the commissioner shall submit to the  
house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 15  
days before any such transfer; and provided further, that not more  
than 7 per cent of any such item shall be transferred in fiscal year  
2025.....\$5,011,583

4200-0100 For supervision, counseling and other community-based services  
provided to committed youths in nonresidential care programs of the  
department of youth services .....\$26,518,448

4200-0200 For pre-trial detention programs, including purchase-of-service and  
state-operated programs; provided, that the department of youth  
services shall expend not less than \$600,000 for the detention  
diversion advocacy program coordinated by the Robert F. Kennedy  
Children’s Action Corps, Inc. to prevent high-risk juveniles  
presenting before the court from penetrating further into the juvenile  
justice system .....\$31,452,183

4200-0300 For secure facilities, including purchase-of-service and state-  
operated programs incidental to the operations of the facilities;  
provided, that funds shall be expended to address the needs of the  
female population; and provided further, that funds shall be  
expended for suicide prevention services .....\$119,760,860

4200-0500 For enhanced salaries for teachers at the department of youth  
services.....\$3,059,187

4200-0600	For the operation of secure facilities to detain arrested youth before arraignment under the overnight arrest program .....	\$2,661,791
4200-0700	For evidence-based delinquency prevention through diversion programming that serves as an alternative to arresting or prosecuting youth through the juvenile court .....	\$2,044,350

**Department of Transitional Assistance.**

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4400-1000 For the central administration of the department of transitional assistance; provided, that all costs associated with verifying disability for all programs of the department shall be paid from this item; provided further, that the department shall submit monthly status reports to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means on program expenditures, savings and revenues, error rate measurements and public assistance caseloads and benefits; provided further, that the department shall collect all out-of-court settlement restitution payments; provided further, that the restitution payments shall include, but not be limited to, installment and lump sum payments; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary and unless otherwise expressly provided, federal reimbursements received for the department, including reimbursements for administrative, fringe and overhead costs for the current fiscal year and prior fiscal years, shall be credited to the General Fund; provided further, that an application for assistance under chapter 118 of the General Laws shall also be an application for assistance under chapter 118E of the General Laws; provided further, that if the department denies assistance under said chapter 118, the department shall transmit the application to the executive office of health and human services for a determination of eligibility under said chapter 118E; provided further, that the department shall provide the caseload forecasting office with enrollment data and any other information pertinent to caseload forecasting that is requested by the office on a monthly basis; provided further, that the information shall be provided in a manner that meets all applicable federal and state privacy and security requirements; provided further, that after April 1, 2025, the commissioner of transitional assistance may transfer funds for identified deficiencies between items 4403-2000, 4405-2000 and 4408-1000; provided further, that the distribution of the funds to be transferred shall be included in an allocation plan, which the commissioner shall submit to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means 15 days before any such transfer; provided further, that upon approval by the executive office for administration and finance, the

commissioner may transfer funds for identified deficiencies between this item and item 4400-1100; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Springfield WORKS for the continued support of a 3-year pilot program to mitigate cliff effects for families from across the commonwealth.....\$102,435,936

4400-1001 For programs to increase the commonwealth’s participation rate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program and other federal nutrition programs; provided, that not less than \$900,000 shall be expended for a grant to Project Bread – The Walk for Hunger, Inc.; provided further, that the work of employees of the department of transitional assistance paid for from this item shall be restricted to processing supplemental nutrition assistance program applications; provided further, that the department shall not require supplemental nutrition assistance program applicants to provide reverification of eligibility factors previously verified and not subject to change; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department shall require only 1 signature from supplemental nutrition assistance program applicants; provided further, that the department shall fund a unit staffed by department employees to respond to supplemental nutrition assistance program inquiries and arrange and conduct telephone interviews for initial supplemental nutrition assistance program applications from this item; provided further, that the department shall fund a system to image and catalog eligibility documents electronically from this item; provided further, that funds may be expended for supplemental nutrition assistance program outreach; and provided further, that not later than January 31, 2025, the department shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the status of these programs .....\$5,019,027

4400-1004 For the project costs of the Massachusetts healthy incentives program; provided, that when expanding the number of participating vendors, the department shall prioritize improving access in areas with limited access to fresh, local produce and that are historically underserved by the program; provided further, that the department shall collaborate with local food coalitions and nonprofit organizations to develop community outreach strategies that ensure equitable access to, and knowledge of, the program; and provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the number of households utilizing the program, including household size, age and racial demographic information; (ii) the number of program transactions; (iii) the number of vendors processing program transactions; (iv) a breakdown of the total number of program clients and vendors, by

their municipality; and (v) the department’s efforts, plans and timeline for identifying geographic areas that are underserved by the program and increasing program activity in those areas, including metrics and factors to be used to make determinations for the addition and siting of vendors.....\$20,000,000

- 4400-1020 For the operation of the secure jobs connect program for employment support, job training and job search services for homeless or previously homeless families receiving assistance from the executive office of housing and livable communities under items 7004-0101, 7004-0108, 7004-9024 or 7004-9316; provided, that participants receiving assistance under said items 7004-0101 and 7004-0108 shall receive not less than 12 months of housing stabilization services under said items 7004-0101 and 7004-0108; provided further, that services shall be delivered by community-based agencies that have demonstrated experience working in partnership with regional administering agencies, including, but not limited to, Community Teamwork Inc., Father Bill's & MainSpring, Inc., Way Finders, Inc., Jewish Vocational Service, Inc., SER-Jobs for Progress, Inc., South Middlesex Opportunity Council, Inc. and Worcester Community Action Council, Inc.; provided further, that the executive office of housing and livable communities shall make rental assistance under said item 7004-9024 available to ensure effective participation in this program; provided further, that service delivery agencies shall seek additional federal, state or private funds to ensure the effective continuation of regional partnerships; and provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department of transitional assistance shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means, by type of service or program provided, on the: (i) housing situation, including the stability of housing, for program participants; (ii) employment status, including employment history, of program participants; (iii) total number of program participants; and (iv) number of program participants who are no longer receiving assistance under said items 7004-0101, 7004-0108, 7004-9024 or 7004-9316 .....\$5,000,000
- 4400-1025 For domestic violence specialists at local area offices .....\$2,194,657
- 4400-1100 For the payroll of the department of transitional assistance’s caseworkers; provided, that only employees of bargaining unit 8 shall be paid from this item.....\$96,440,103
- 4400-1979 For the department of transitional assistance to administer, in consultation with the Commonwealth Corporation, an employment counseling and job training program and the pathways to self-sufficiency program respectively established in sections 3B and 3C

of chapter 118 of the General Laws and for the full employment program established in section 110 of chapter 5 of the acts of 1995, as amended by section 29 of chapter 158 of the acts of 2014.....\$1,000,073

4401-1000

For employment and training services for recipients of benefits provided under the transitional aid to families with dependent children program; provided, that funds from this item may be expended on former recipients of the program for up to 1 year after termination of their benefits; provided further, that the department of transitional assistance may expend funds on such services for the noncustodial parents of dependent children receiving transitional aid to families with dependent children; provided further, that the department shall expend not less than the amounts expended in fiscal year 2024 for the young parents program and the competitive integrated employment services program; provided further, that not less than \$170,000 shall be provided for learning disability assessments through the University of Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the DTA Works internship program; provided further, that not less than \$3,000,000 shall be expended for the service providers with whom the office for refugees and immigrants entered into service agreements in fiscal year 2024 under this item; provided further, that certain parents who have not yet reached 18 years of age, including those who are ineligible for transitional aid to families with dependent children and who would qualify for benefits under chapter 118 of the General Laws but for the consideration of the grandparents' income, shall be eligible to receive services; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means, including, but not limited to: (i) the number of clients served by these programs; (ii) the number of clients who transition into employment, when applicable; (iii) the number of clients who remain in employment after 90 days, when applicable; (iv) the number of clients who remain in employment after 1 year, when applicable; and (v) other quantifiable data related to client outcomes as designed by these programs; provided further, that the department shall examine the outcomes of these programs to determine which programs are effective in transitioning clients to employment and increasing self-sufficiency; provided further, that the department shall consider other programs to meet transitional employment needs of clients; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Roca, Inc. to provide services to young parents in the city of Springfield who are experiencing acute trauma, multiple systems involvement, mental health concerns or domestic violence or abuse and to increase parenting and life skills, housing stability, self-sufficiency and cognitive and behavioral skills through

intensive case management and wraparound supports; and provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Roca, Inc. to provide services to young parents in the city of Lynn who are experiencing acute trauma, multiple systems involvement, mental health concerns or domestic violence or abuse and to increase parenting and life skills, housing stability, self-sufficiency and cognitive and behavioral skills for such parents through intensive case management and wraparound supports.....\$18,888,929

4403-2000 For a program of transitional aid to families with dependent children; provided, that the payment standard and need standard in fiscal year 2025 shall be not less than the standards in effect in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that beginning in the month of April 2025 the payment standard for monthly benefits for the program, not including the rental allowance, shall be increased by 10 per cent above the payment standard in effect in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that the need standard shall be equal to the payment standard established under the provisions of this item; provided further, that the payment standard and need standard for fiscal year 2026 shall be not less than the standards set forth in this item; provided further, that the department of transitional assistance shall notify parents under 20 years of age who are receiving benefits from the program of the requirements of paragraph (2) of subsection (i) of section 110 of chapter 5 of the acts of 1995 or any successor law; provided further, that a \$40-per-month rental allowance shall be paid to households incurring a rent or mortgage expense and not residing in public or subsidized housing; provided further, that a nonrecurring children’s clothing allowance of \$500 shall be provided to each child eligible under this program in September 2024; provided further, that the children’s clothing allowance shall be included in the standard of need for the month of September 2024; provided further, that benefits under this program shall not be available to those families in which a child has been removed from the household under a court order after a care and protection hearing held under chapter 119 of the General Laws or to adult recipients otherwise eligible for transitional aid to families with dependent children but for the temporary removal of any dependent children from the home by the department of children and families under departmental procedures; provided further, that not less than \$779,058 shall be expended for transportation benefits for recipients of transitional aid to families with dependent children; provided further, that any person experiencing homelessness, who: (i) has no established place of abode or lives in a temporary emergency shelter; and (ii) is otherwise eligible under this item and chapter 118 of the General Laws, shall receive the same payment rate as recipients who incur shelter costs including, but not limited to, rent or a mortgage;

provided further, that the department of transitional assistance shall promulgate or revise rules and regulations necessary to implement the preceding provision; provided further, that notwithstanding section 2 of said chapter 118 or any other general or special law to the contrary, the department of transitional assistance shall render aid to pregnant women with no other eligible dependent children only if it has been medically verified that the child is expected to be born within the month the payments are to be made or within the 3-month period after the month of payment and who, if the child had been born and was living with that parent in the month of payment, would be categorically and financially eligible for transitional aid to families with dependent children benefits; provided further, that certain families that suffer a reduction in benefits due to a loss of earned income and participation in retrospective budgeting may receive a supplemental benefit to compensate them for the loss; provided further, that the department of transitional assistance shall, to the extent feasible within the existing appropriation and any funding from other sources, review its disability standards to determine the extent to which such standards reflect the current medical and vocational criteria; provided further, that not less than 75 days before any changes to the disability standards are publicly proposed, the department of transitional assistance shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities; provided further, that at the time of application and on a semi-annual basis, the department of transitional assistance shall provide oral and written notification to all recipients of their child care benefits; provided further, that the notification shall include the full range of child care options available, including center-based child care, family-based child care and in-home, relative child care; provided further, that the notification shall detail available child care benefits for current and former recipients, including employment and training benefits and transitional benefits; provided further, that the notice shall also advise recipients of the availability of supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits; provided further, that in promulgating, amending or rescinding its regulations relative to eligibility for, or levels of, benefits under the program, the department of transitional assistance shall take into account the amounts available to it for expenditure from this item so as not to exceed this appropriation; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for cash and transportation benefits for newly-employed transitional aid to families with dependent children clients for a period not to exceed 12 months to assist such clients with short-term self-sufficiency; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of transitional assistance shall calculate benefits

provided under this item in the same manner as it calculated said benefits in the previous fiscal year; provided further, that the department of transitional assistance’s calculation of benefits shall not preclude the department of transitional assistance from making eligibility or benefit changes that lead to an increase in eligibility or benefits; provided further, that not less than 75 days before adopting eligibility or benefit changes, the department of transitional assistance shall submit a report detailing said changes to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities and the clerks of the senate and house of representatives; and provided further, that the report shall include the text of, basis for and reasons for the proposed changes.....\$499,714,609

4403-2007 For a nutritional benefit program for low-income workers; provided, that benefits shall be provided only to those for whom receiving these benefits will improve the work participation rate under the federal program of temporary assistance for needy families .....\$350,000

4403-2008 For participant support payments to pay for or reimburse supplemental nutrition assistance program applicants and recipients for expenses that are reasonably necessary and directly related to participation in the SNAP path to work program .....\$300,000

4403-2119 For the provision of structured settings as provided under subsection (i) of section 110 of chapter 5 of the acts of 1995 or any successor law for parents under 22 years of age who are receiving benefits under the transitional aid to families with dependent children program.....\$13,846,348

4405-2000 For the state supplement to the Supplemental Security Income program for the aged and disabled, including a program for emergency needs for Supplemental Security Income recipients; provided, that the expenses of special grant recipients residing in rest homes, as provided under section 7A of chapter 118A of the General Laws, may be paid from this item; provided further, that rates for residential care facilities and rest homes effective July 1, 2024, established under section 13D of chapter 118E of the General Laws, shall cumulatively total not less than rates effective January 1, 2024; provided further, that the department of transitional assistance, in collaboration with the executive office of health and human services, may fund an optional supplemental living arrangement category under the Supplemental Security Income program that makes payments to persons living in assisted living residences certified under chapter 19D of the General Laws who meet the income and clinical eligibility criteria established by the



department and the executive office; provided further, that the optional category of payments shall only be administered in conjunction with the Medicaid group adult foster care benefit; and provided further, that reimbursements to providers for services rendered in prior fiscal years may be expended from this item.....\$207,132,056

4408-1000

For a program of cash assistance to certain residents of the commonwealth, entitled emergency aid to the elderly, disabled and children, who are found by the department of transitional assistance to be eligible for the aid under chapter 117A of the General Laws and regulations promulgated by the department and subject to the limitations of appropriation for such purpose; provided, that the recipient shall not be subject to sponsor income-deeming or related restrictions; provided further, that in implementing the program for fiscal year 2025, the department shall include all eligibility categories permitted in this item and the need standard shall be not less than the standard that was in effect in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that beginning in the month of April 2025, the payment standards for monthly benefits for the program shall be increased by 10 per cent above the payment standard in effect in fiscal year 2024 and shall include all eligibility categories permitted in this item at that payment standard; provided further, that any person experiencing homelessness, who: (i) has no established place of abode or lives in a temporary emergency shelter; and (ii) is otherwise eligible under this item and said chapter 117A shall receive the same payment rate as recipients who incur shelter costs including, but not limited to, rent or a mortgage; provided further, that the department shall promulgate or revise any rules and regulations necessary to implement this provision; provided further, that rates for residential care facilities and rest homes effective July 1, 2024, established under section 13D of chapter 118E of the General Laws, shall cumulatively total not less than rates effective January 1, 2024; provided further, that the department may provide benefits to persons 65 years of age or older who have applied for benefits under chapter 118A of the General Laws, to persons suffering from a medically-determinable impairment or combination of impairments that is expected to last for a period as determined by department regulations and that substantially reduces or eliminates such individuals' capacity to support themselves and that has been verified by a competent authority, to certain persons caring for a disabled person, to otherwise eligible participants in the vocational rehabilitation program of the Massachusetts rehabilitation commission, to dependent children who are ineligible for benefits under both chapter 118 of the General Laws and the separate program under section 210 of chapter 43 of the acts of 1997 and to parents or other caretakers of dependent children who are

ineligible under said chapter 118 and under said separate program; provided further, that no person incarcerated in a correctional institution shall be eligible for benefits under the program; provided further, that no funds shall be expended from this item for the payment of expenses associated with any medical review team, other disability screening process or costs associated with verifying disability for this program; provided further, that the department shall adopt emergency regulations under chapter 30A of the General Laws to implement the changes to the program required by this item promptly and within the appropriation; provided further, that in promulgating, amending or rescinding its regulations with respect to eligibility or benefits, including the payment standard, medical benefits and any other benefits under this program, the department shall take into account the amount available to it for expenditure by this item so as not to exceed the amount appropriated in this item; provided further, that the department may promulgate emergency regulations under said chapter 30A to implement these eligibility changes, benefit changes or both; provided further, that nothing in this item shall be construed to create any right accruing to recipients of the former general relief program; provided further, that reimbursements collected from the Social Security Administration on behalf of former clients of the emergency aid to the elderly, disabled and children program or unprocessed payments from the program that are returned to the department shall be credited to the General Fund; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, not less than 75 days before adopting any eligibility or benefit changes, the commissioner of transitional assistance shall submit to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities and the clerks of the senate and house of representatives a detailed and comprehensive report setting forth the text of and the basis and reasons for the proposed changes; provided further, that the report shall state exactly which components of the current benefit package will be altered and the department's most accurate assessment of the effects of benefit or eligibility changes upon recipient families; and provided further, that the payment standard and need standard for fiscal year 2026 shall be not less than the standards set forth in this item .....\$183,182,092

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**OFFICE OF HEALTH SERVICES.**

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**Department of Public Health.**

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4510-0020 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$162,229 in retained revenues collected from fees charged by the food protection program for costs of the program; provided, that,

notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$162,229

4510-0040 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$73,734 from fees assessed under chapter 111N of the General Laws for the regulation of all pharmaceutical and medical device companies that market their products in the commonwealth; provided, that, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.....\$73,734

4510-0100 For the administration and operation of the department of public health, including the personnel support of programmatic staff within the department, including the health statistics program, the operation of the registry of vital records and statistics and the cancer registry established in section 111B of chapter 111 of the General Laws .....\$60,051,007

4510-0110 For community health center services; provided, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended on a statewide program of technical assistance to community health centers to be provided by a state primary care association qualified under section 330A(f)(2) of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 254c(f)(2); provided further, that funding shall be expended for the Massachusetts State Loan Repayment Program in an amount not less than the amount expended in fiscal year 2024 contingent on the receipt of matching federal funds; and provided further, that not less than \$600,000 shall be expended for Ellie Fund, Inc. to partner with community health centers to educate providers, patients and families on the availability of breast cancer support services during the screening and diagnosis processes in culturally competent manners; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Baystate Brightwood Health Center in the city of Springfield to assist in outreach to the neighborhoods served by the center, predominantly in the North End section of the city of Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, Inc. to expand and sustain its mobile health program in communities throughout the Merrimack Valley; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be made available to Manet

	Community Health Center, Incorporated for the purchase and installation of an electronic health records system .....	\$6,000,000
4510-0112	For the department of public health to support a postpartum depression program at community health centers in the cities of Holyoke, Lynn, Worcester, Fall River and Salem and in the Jamaica Plain section of the city of Boston; provided, that should a community health center decline funding, unexpended funds shall be made available to participating centers or to expand the program to additional centers .....	\$860,000
4510-0600	For an environmental and community health hazards program, including control of radiation and nuclear hazards, consumer products protection, food and drugs, lead poisoning prevention under chapter 482 of the acts of 1993, lead-based paint inspections in day care facilities, inspection of radiological facilities, licensing of x-ray technologists, evaluation of exposure to environmental contaminants and possible links with diseases including cancer, assessment of potential health impacts of exposure to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, indoor air quality inspections in public buildings, enforcement of the state sanitary code in multiple settings and the administration of the bureau of climate and environmental health under chapter 111F of the General Laws; provided, that the department may expend funds from this item to monitor, survey and inspect nuclear power reactors, including those now licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and provided further, that funds shall be expended for the Argeo Paul Cellucci Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry established in section 25A of chapter 111 of the General Laws .....	\$8,621,560
4510-0615	For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$2,275,104 from fees collected from licensing and inspecting users of radioactive material within the commonwealth under licenses presently issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; provided, that, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system; and provided further, that not less than \$120,000 may be expended for the C-10 Research and Education Foundation, Inc. to provide radiological monitoring in the 6 communities of the commonwealth that are within the plume exposure emergency planning zone of the Seabrook nuclear power plant.....	\$2,275,104

- 4510-0616 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$1,328,117 for a drug registration and monitoring program from retained revenues collected from fees charged to registered practitioners, including physicians, dentists, veterinarians, podiatrists and optometrists for controlled substance registration; provided, that funds may be expended from this item for the costs of personnel; and provided further, that, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$1,328,117
- 4510-0710 For the operation of the bureau of health care safety and quality and the office of patient protection; provided, that services funded through this item shall include, but not be limited to, education, training, intervention, support, surveillance and evaluation; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the advancement of the prescription monitoring program and the maintenance and enhancement of prescription drug monitoring information exchange architecture to support interstate prescription drug monitoring data sharing; provided further, that the department shall expend not less than \$500,000 for the development and implementation of the mobile integrated health care program; and provided further, that funds shall be expended for the full registration of practitioners, physician assistants and registered nurses authorized by the board of registration in nursing to practice in advanced practice nursing roles under section 7A of chapter 94C of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program to support the health, well-being and recovery of health care providers; and provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the operation and administration of Physician Health Services, Inc. to support the health, well-being and recovery of physicians and medical students ....\$18,914,955
- 4510-0712 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$3,865,279 in retained revenues collected from the licensure of health facilities and individuals applying for emergency medical technician licensure and recertification for program costs of the bureau of health care quality and improvement; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment

amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$3,865,279

4510-0721 For the operation and administration of the boards of registration for health professions licensure; provided, that funds shall be expended for the operation and administration of the boards of registration in nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, nursing home administrators, physician assistants, naturopathy, perfusionists, genetic counselors, community health workers and respiratory care .....\$3,322,326

4510-0723 For the operation and administration of the board of registration in medicine and the committee on acupuncture .....\$234,670

4510-0724 For the board of registration in medicine, including the physician profiles program, which may expend revenues not to exceed \$300,503 from new revenues associated with increased license and renewal fees .....\$300,503

4510-0790 For regional emergency medical services; provided, that the regional emergency medical services councils, designated under 105 C.M.R. 170.101, and the central medical emergency direction centers that were in existence on January 1, 1992 shall remain the designated councils and central medical emergency direction centers .....\$1,000,000

4510-0811 For grants to children’s advocacy centers, including those previously funded through item 4800-0038 in prior fiscal years, and for services for child victims of sexual abuse and assault; provided, that not less than the amount allocated by the department of public health for each children’s advocacy center in fiscal year 2024 shall be expended again in fiscal year 2025; provided further, that the department shall allocate available funding above the amounts required to maintain not less than the prior year funding levels for each center among the 12 accredited centers in a manner to promote equity in the services available to child victims of sexual abuse, assault and trafficking across the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$1,050,000 shall be expended for the support of the statewide delivery system of children’s advocacy centers with funding administered by the Massachusetts Children’s Alliance, Inc.; and provided further, that not later than January 31, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the grants awarded to each center; (ii) the number of individuals served by each center receiving funding; and (iii) recommendations on how to improve the availability and delivery of services through these centers .....\$5,500,000

- 4510-3010 For a grant to the Down Syndrome program at the Children’s Medical Center at the University of Massachusetts medical center based on the patient-centered medical home concept.....\$150,000
- 4512-0103 For human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or HIV/AIDS, services, programs and related services for persons affected by the associated conditions of viral hepatitis, sexually transmitted infections, tuberculosis and other infections of public health importance; provided, that funding shall be expended proportionately to serve each of the demographic groups afflicted by HIV/AIDS and associated conditions; provided further, that in compliance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148, the department of public health shall ensure that vendors delivering human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune deficiency syndrome community testing and screening shall seek third-party reimbursement for those services; provided further, that the department shall ensure that at least the same level of services will be made available as in the previous fiscal year; and provided further, that no funds from this item shall be expended for disease research in fiscal year 2025.....\$30,500,000
- 4512-0106 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$15,003,789 for the HIV Drug Assistance Program from revenues received from pharmaceutical manufacturers participating in the section 340B rebate program of the Public Health Service Act, as codified in 42 U.S.C. 256b, administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration and the Office of Pharmacy Affairs; provided, that such services shall include activities that would be eligible for coverage through the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act, Public Law 101-381, with priority given to the human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune deficiency syndrome drug assistance program; provided further, that any excess rebate revenue collected beyond the ceiling of this appropriation shall be deposited in the General Fund; provided further, that services in an amount equivalent to the amount deposited in the General Fund shall be funded through item 4512-0103; and provided further, that the department may make expenditures from the start of each fiscal year from this item in anticipation of receipt of rebate revenues from pharmaceutical manufacturers.....\$15,003,789
- 4512-0200 For the bureau of substance addiction services, including a program to reimburse driver alcohol education programs for services provided for court-adjudicated, indigent clients; provided, that the

department of public health shall ensure that vendors providing methadone treatment seek third-party reimbursement for such services; provided further, that in order to support and strengthen public access to substance use disorder services, funds shall be expended to maintain programming including, but not limited to: (i) centralized intake capacity service under section 18 of chapter 17 of the General Laws; (ii) the number and type of facilities that provide treatment; and (iii) detoxification and clinical stabilization service beds in the public system; provided further, that not less than \$3,000,000 shall be expended to preserve and expand the programs currently funded by the Massachusetts Access to Recovery program; provided further, that not less than \$7,000,000 shall be expended for opening 10 new recovery centers that are not currently funded by the department; provided further, that in selecting such centers, the department shall, to the maximum extent possible, ensure that not less than 6 of the centers serve gateway municipalities as defined under section 3A of chapter 23A of the General Laws; provided further, that the department shall provide not less than \$100,000 for a statewide program to improve training for the care of newborns with neonatal abstinence syndrome at hospital-based facilities that care for mothers and newborns, including the 10 level III neonatal intensive care units; provided further, that under section 236 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, the department shall enhance data-sharing capabilities and collaborate across agencies to ensure coordination of services for newborns with neonatal abstinence syndrome; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for supportive case management services; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to increase the number of residential rehabilitation services, with priority given to families, youth, transitional age youth and young adults; provided further, that not less than \$10,000,000 shall be spent for expanding low-threshold housing, employing a housing first model, for homeless individuals with substance use and mental health disorders at risk for the human immunodeficiency virus; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the bureau to provide technical assistance and training to increase the number of providers and to support existing providers delivering culturally, ethnically and linguistically diverse services in communities of color; provided further, that funds shall be expended for a program to support multidisciplinary, team-based substance use services for adults with severe and persistent substance use disorder; provided further, that the program shall: (a) include a team-based approach to service delivery that tailors services to the specific needs and acuity of each individual; (b) provide substance use and social services through a person-centered approach; and (c) not limit program services to a specific physical location; provided further, that not less than



\$10,000,000 shall be expended to procure additional family supportive housing programs across the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to address the addiction treatment workforce crisis through outreach and recruitment efforts and support to complete trainings and continuing education curriculum; provided further, that such efforts shall prioritize the support of a culturally, ethnically and linguistically diverse workforce; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for The Serenity House, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$750,000 shall be expended to expand transportation programs for individuals accessing substance use treatment services; and provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for contingency management programs to support individuals with stimulant use disorder .....\$198,928,851

Marijuana Regulation Fund ..... 57.32%  
 General Fund..... 42.68%

4512-0204 For the purchase, administration and training of first-responder and bystander naloxone distribution programs; provided, that funds shall be expended to maintain funding for first responder naloxone grants and bystander distribution in communities with high incidence of overdose; provided further, that the commissioner of public health may transfer funds between this item and item 4512-0200 as necessary under an allocation plan which shall detail the distribution of the funds to be transferred; provided further, that not less than 30 days before any such transfer, the commissioner shall submit the allocation plan to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means; and provided further, that not later than September 16, 2024, the department of public health shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the: (i) communities included in the program expansion; (ii) number of participants for each community; and (iii) amount of naloxone purchased and distributed, delineated by community.....\$1,231,718

4512-0205 For grants and contracts with substance use programs to provide comprehensive prevention, intervention and recovery services; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Choices4Teens Mentoring Group Inc. for a mentoring program to improve outcomes for at-risk youth, address social and behavioral issues and support violence prevention in the city of Brockton ; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Project R.I.G.H.T., Inc.’s substance use and trauma prevention initiative in the Grove Hall section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$105,000 shall be expended in equal

amounts to the following substance abuse coalitions and community partnerships: (i) Braintree Community Partnership on Substance Abuse; (ii) Bridging L.I.V.E.S.; (iii) Easton Wings of Hope; (iv) EB Hope, Inc.; (v) Milton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition; (vi) Healthy Empowered Youth Randolph; (vii) Organizing Against Substances in Stoughton; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Gándara Mental Health Center, Inc. for Champion Plan, Inc. in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than \$45,000 shall be expended in equal amounts to the following substance abuse coalitions and community partnerships: (i) Canton Alliance Against Substance Abuse; (ii) Sharon Substance Prevention and Resource Coalition; and (iii) Norton Opioid Prevention and Education Collaborative; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Lynnfield health department for mental health and substance abuse education and programming in the town of Lynnfield; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to Baystate Noble Hospital Corporation in the city of Westfield for a grant program to prevent and treat addiction to opioids and related substances; provided further, that not less than \$450,000 shall be expended for Drug Story Theater, Inc. to support substance abuse education performances and forums throughout the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended to the city of Lynn for mental health and substance use disorder services; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to Malden Overcoming Addiction, Inc. for capital improvements to the Bridge Recovery Center in the city of Malden; and provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the hiring of a trilingual staff member and expansion of program services at Chris’ Corner Recovery Resource Center in the town of Milford .....\$965,000

4512-0206 For the department of public health to coordinate a comprehensive statewide strategy, in partnership with municipalities, public health harm reduction organizations and other stakeholders to promote existing commonwealth harm reduction efforts, to foster a culture of harm reduction and to promote community-based harm reduction services as recommended by the harm reduction commission established in section 100 of chapter 208 of the acts of 2018 and to prioritize the health, safety and dignity of individuals who use substances as recommended by the commission on methamphetamine and other stimulant use in the commonwealth established by section 131 of chapter 24 of the acts of 2021; provided, that not less \$1,500,000 shall be made available to increase the availability of sterile and safe consumption equipment and syringe disposal services; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for a pilot program to provide access to

fentanyl testing strips or other drug checking equipment; provided further, that funds shall be expended to promote pilot programming to advance the creation of new supportive places for treatment and related observation that offer medical monitoring, nasal naloxone rescue kit distribution, counseling and connection to primary care, behavioral health and addiction treatment services; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the status of implementing each program funded in this item; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended by the department for a public awareness campaign to promote the awareness of drug contamination in the commonwealth, including the prevalence of fentanyl, and to promote the utilization of drug testing equipment and harm reduction services and resources among residents of the commonwealth.....\$6,478,000

4512-0225 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$1,000,000 for a compulsive gamblers’ treatment program from unclaimed prize money held in the State Lottery and Gaming Fund established in section 35 of chapter 10 of the General Laws for more than 1 year from the date of the drawing when the unclaimed prize money was won and from the proceeds of a multi-jurisdictional lottery game under subsection (e) of section 24A of said chapter 10; provided, that the comptroller shall transfer the amount to the General Fund; and provided further, that, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system; and provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery, the joint committee on public health and the house and senate committee on ways and means detailing the: (i) number of participants in the compulsive gamblers' treatment program; (ii) demographic data of the participants in the program; (iii) reasons participants joined the program; and (iv) outcomes of participants in the program; provided further, that all personal identifiable information published in the report shall be deidentified .....\$1,000,000

4512-2020 For a matching grant program to be administered by the department of public health to support municipal public safety reform: provided that funds shall be made available to municipalities pursuing public safety reforms and alternative investments to promote equitable

public safety and public health outcomes; provided further, that eligible reforms and investments shall include, but not be limited to (i) utilizing jail diversion programs, including restoration centers; (ii) hiring de-escalation specialists or implementing de-escalation training; (iii) hiring behavioral health specialists or utilizing other behavioral health supports; (iv) training in evidence-based or evidence-informed mental health and substance use crisis response or alternative emergency response; and (v) hiring or contracting alternative emergency response professionals; provided further, that preference in awarding matching grants shall be given to municipalities posing alternative emergency responses conducted by unarmed community-based human service or behavioral or mental health providers who shall be unaccompanied by law enforcement but who may call on law enforcement as needed; provided further, that municipalities receiving matching grants shall demonstrate a measurable benefit to the public health for the residents of the municipality, based on criteria established by the department, and that the municipality is pursuing new practices or reforms, or expansion of prior successful practices, that support criteria established by the department; provided further, that prior to receiving matching grants, municipalities shall provide a comprehensive implementation plan to the department of proposed public safety reforms and investments; provided further, that the department shall give priority to applications that propose to invest a majority of grant funds with community-based human service, substance use disorder treatment, behavioral health or mental health providers; and provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (a) a list of all municipalities that received matching funds; (b) the amount of matching funds awarded to each municipality; and (c) a description of the reforms and investments implemented in each municipality awarded matching funds, prior appropriation continued.....\$1,000,000

4512-2022 For grants to local and regional boards of health; provided, that funds shall be expended to support the state action for public health excellence program established in section 27D of chapter 111 of the General Laws; provided further, that the department of public health shall prioritize a geographically equitable distribution; provided further, that funds shall be expended for a statewide data collection and reporting system, implementation of intermunicipal shared service agreements and capacity building for local and regional boards of health; and provided further, that not later than February 3, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the joint committee on public health and the house and senate committees on ways and

means detailing the: (i) grant recipients, including the amount per recipient; and (ii) dates that funds were released to recipients .....\$12,500,000

4513-0999 For a public information campaign to educate and promote awareness to pharmacies and the public about individual’s eligibility to receive a 12-month prescription for contraceptives in the commonwealth; provided, that information shall include availability of a 12-month supply of contraceptives; and provided further, that the commissioner of public health shall partner with insurers, pharmacies, relevant advocacy organizations and employers to ensure the campaign reaches pharmacists, clinicians and individuals eligible to receive a 12-month prescription for contraceptives in the commonwealth.....\$500,000

4513-1001 For grants to support improvements in reproductive health access, infrastructure and security, including grants to: (i) Tides for Reproductive Freedom, Incorporated; (ii) Abortion Rights Fund of Western Massachusetts, Incorporated; and (iii) Eastern Massachusetts Abortion Fund, Incorporated; provided, that not later than March 3, 2025, the department of public health shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (a) the grant distribution methodology; (b) a list of grants applicants; and (c) a list of successful grants applicants, including the amounts awarded and the projects being supported by the grants .....\$2,000,000

4513-1002 For women, infants and children, or WIC, nutrition services in addition to funds received under the federal nutrition program; provided, that funds from this item shall supplement federal funds to enable federally-eligible women, infants and children to be served through the WIC program.....\$15,489,916

4513-1005 For the provision of family and adolescent health services, including, but not limited to, comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services, the birth defects monitoring program and adolescent sexuality education; provided, that not less than \$9,231,000 shall be expended for comprehensive family planning services, including human immunodeficiency virus counseling and testing, community-based health education and outreach services provided by comprehensive family planning agencies; provided further, that not less than \$6,700,000 shall be expended for enhancing comprehensive family planning services funded by Title X Family Planning funding; and provided further, that funds shall be expended for teenage pregnancy prevention services .....\$25,126,268

4513-1012 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$27,400,000 from retained revenues received from federal cost-containment initiatives, including, but not limited to, infant formula rebates; provided, that, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$27,400,000

4513-1020 For the early intervention program; provided, that the department of public health shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the total number of units of service purchased and the total expenditures for the units of service paid by the department, the executive office of health and human services and third-party payers for early intervention services for the following service categories: (i) home visit; (ii) center-based individual; (iii) child-focused group; (iv) parent-focused group; and (v) screening and assessment; provided further, that the department shall make all reasonable efforts to secure third-party and Medicaid reimbursements for the services funded in this item; provided further, that funds from this item shall be expended to provide respite services to families of children enrolled in early intervention programs who have complex care requirements, multiple disabilities and extensive medical and health needs; provided further, that priority shall be given to low-income and moderate-income families; provided further, that not later than February 3, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the number of families served by the program and the amount of funds appropriated in this item granted to qualified families; provided further, that no claim for reimbursement made on behalf of an uninsured person shall be paid from this item until the program receives notice of a denial of eligibility for the MassHealth program from the executive office of health and human services; provided further, that MassHealth shall cover the costs incurred for the transportation of MassHealth members who participate in the early intervention program; provided further, that nothing in this item shall give rise to, or shall be construed as giving rise to, enforceable legal rights to any such services or an enforceable entitlement to the early intervention services funded in this item; provided further, that not less than 180 days before any change to current eligibility criteria, the department shall provide written notification to the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that no eligibility changes shall be made before April 1, 2025; provided further, that funds in this item may

be used to pay for current and prior year claims; and provided further, that the department shall provide services to eligible children through 1 service delivery model and shall not determine eligibility for services based on family insurance status .....\$30,900,031

4513-1026 For the provision of statewide and community-based suicide prevention, intervention, post-intervention and surveillance activities and the implementation of a statewide suicide prevention plan; provided, that funds shall be expended for a program to address elder suicide behavior and attempts with the geriatric mental health services program within the department of elder affairs; and provided further, that funds shall be expended for a veterans-in-crisis hotline to be used by veterans or concerned family members seeking counseling programs operated by the executive office of veterans’ services so that veterans or concerned family members may be directed towards the programs and services offered by their local or regional veterans’ services office to be staffed by counselors or outreach program personnel contracted by the department and trained in issues of mental health counseling and veterans’ services ....\$14,191,372

4513-1027 For The Samaritans, Inc.; provided, that funds shall be used for suicide prevention services, including, but not limited to, the operation and expansion of Hey Sam, the text-based mental health support line tailored specifically to youth and young adults in the commonwealth, and youth mental health community education, outreach and communications.....\$1,400,000

4513-1098 For the provision of statewide support services for survivors of homicide victims, including outreach services, burial assistance, grief counseling and other support services; provided, that funds shall be expended as grants in the aggregate amount of not less than \$200,000 to the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute Corporation, a community-based support organization dedicated to serving families and communities impacted by violence; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Survivors Say, Inc. for direct support services to survivors and victims of both high-profile tragedies and other traumas and crimes.....\$300,000

4513-1112 For the prevention and management of chronic diseases and their associated risk factors, including, but not limited to, the Massachusetts Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Program and oral health services and programs; provided, that not less than \$1,595,525 shall be expended for the comprehensive dental program for adults with developmental disabilities; provided further, that not less than \$6,234,753 shall be expended for smoking prevention and cessation programs, including youth tobacco use prevention and

cessation programs; provided further, that funds shall be expended for Mass in Motion community grants in an amount not less than the amount expended in fiscal year 2024, contingent upon receipt of matching federal prevention block grant funds; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the operation of the Cranberry Health Research Center at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth; and provided further, that not less than \$18,000 shall be expended for the Joe Andruzzi Foundation Inc. in the city of North Attleborough to provide assistance to individuals of all ages and their families experiencing emotional and financial hardships due to cancer diagnosis.....\$12,854,406

4513-1121 For a statewide STOP stroke program; provided, that funds shall be expended for stroke treatment and ongoing prevention services; provided further, that the department of public health shall expend not less than \$200,000 to provide educational programming as part of the F.A.S.T. campaign on the signs and symptoms of stroke and stroke warning signs with a focus on communities that have the highest incidence of stroke, which shall not be used for personnel costs; provided further, that the department shall provide quality improvement measures that align with the stroke consensus metrics by utilizing a nationally recognized data set platform and expand the statewide registry that compiles information and statistics on stroke care using confidentiality standards not less secure than a nationally recognized data set platform, known as the stroke registry data platform; provided further, that the department shall expend not less than \$200,000 to require all primary stroke service hospitals and emergency medical services agencies to report data consistent with nationally-recognized guidelines on the treatment of individuals with confirmed stroke in the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to oversee the operation and administration of designated primary stroke service hospital programs, established by 105 CMR 130.1401; and provided further, that funds shall be used to collect and analyze data from designated primary stroke service hospitals in the commonwealth and for the salary of a full-time surveyor who shall be primarily responsible for ensuring compliance with primary stroke service designation criteria .....\$1,000,000

4513-1136 For sexual assault and domestic violence services; provided, that not less than \$7,900,449 shall be expended for a statewide sexual assault nurse examiner program and pediatric sexual assault nurse examiner program for the care of victims of sexual assault; provided further, that the program shall operate under specific statewide protocols and by an on-call system of nurse examiners; provided further, that funds shall be expended for domestic violence and sexual assault



prevention and survivor services, including, but not limited to: (i) intimate partner abuse education, formerly known as the batterers intervention services; (ii) services for immigrants and refugees; (iii) rape crisis center survivor services and prevention; and (iv) intervention services and crisis housing for sexual violence and intimate partner violence in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning communities; provided further, that funds shall be expended for rape prevention and victim services, including the statewide Spanish language hotline, community-based domestic violence response, emergency and transitional residential services for sexual and domestic victims and their children, supervised visitation and trauma services for children who witness violence and targeted services for department of children and families-involved families; provided further, that the department of public health shall ensure that there shall not be a disruption in survivor services and violence prevention activities or a negative impact on program functioning during fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for a domestic violence and sexual assault prevention program focused on teens in high-risk communities; provided further, that said programming shall be aimed at promoting healthy relationships and addressing teen dating violence for teens of all sexualities and genders; provided further, that the department shall partner with domestic violence and sexual assault service providers, other community-based organizations or school-based organizations to develop evidence-based and outcomes-focused prevention strategies; provided further, that the program shall prioritize funding for schools and communities in which the majority of students are eligible for free or reduced lunch; provided further, that at least 1 program shall operate in a municipality with a population of not more than 25,000; provided further, that said funds may be expended for a competitive grant program; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to New Hope, Inc. for costs associated with opening and furnishing a domestic violence shelter; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for a public awareness campaign administered by the department of public health, in consultation with the executive office of public safety and security, to educate and promote awareness about extreme risk protection orders including, but not limited to, information regarding: (i) chapter 140 of the General Laws and other laws and regulations relative to extreme risk protection orders; (ii) petition eligibility for extreme risk protection orders; and (iii) the process to apply for an extreme risk protection order; and provided further, that said public awareness campaign shall be updated to reflect any prospective changes to laws or regulations relative to extreme risk protection orders.....\$75,828,041

4513-2020 For funding to increase behavioral health outreach, access and support; provided, that the department of public health, in consultation with the department of mental health and the department of elementary and secondary education, shall expend not less than \$3,532,000 for a pilot program to increase student access to behavioral telehealth services in schools; provided further, that not later than June 30, 2025, the department of public health shall report to the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the: (i) number of students participating in the program; (ii) frequency with which students use the program; (iii) cost of the services provided, including the use of support staff; and (iv) manner in which costs have been supported by third-party reimbursement; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended by the department for a public awareness campaign to promote the awareness and use of available behavioral health services; provided further, that the public awareness campaign shall partner with relevant advocacy organizations, employers, institutions of higher education and community-based organizations to ensure that the campaign reaches the populations that are most at risk of encountering existing barriers to behavioral health services; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for a pilot pipeline program to establish a culturally, ethnically and linguistically diverse mental health worker pipeline between acute care hospitals and freestanding psychiatric facilities and local colleges; provided further that the department shall designate Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association, Inc. to administer the program; provided further, that the department shall report to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the joint committee on higher education, the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (i) a description of the partners in the pilot program; (ii) a demographic and geographic profile of the students served in the program; (iii) a summary of post-program employment or continuing education of participating students; and (iv) any budgetary recommendations on ways to further expand the pilot program; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended to community health centers to support the allied health workforce; provided further, that for the purpose of this section, a community health center shall be defined as any entity receiving funding pursuant to 42 U.S.C. section 254(b); provided further, that funds shall be used for workforce supports including, but not limited to, loan repayment, workforce development programs, pipeline initiatives and retention payments; provided further, that said workforce supports shall prioritize the

recruitment and retention of a culturally and linguistically diverse workforce; and provided further, that payments shall be allocated to community health centers based on financial need.....\$10,034,773

General Fund..... 66.12%  
Behavioral Health Outreach, Access  
and Support Trust Fund ..... 33.88%

4516-0263 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$1,269,449 in retained revenues from blood lead testing fees collected from insurers and individuals for the purpose of conducting such tests; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$1,269,449

4516-1000 For the operation of the bureau of infectious disease and laboratory sciences, including infectious disease surveillance and the state public health laboratory; provided, that funds shall be expended for an eastern equine encephalitis testing program and for tuberculosis testing and treatment services; provided further, that the department of public health shall ensure that vendors delivering tuberculosis clinical services and treatment shall seek third-party reimbursement for such services; provided further, that no funds appropriated in this item shall be expended for administrative, space or energy expenses of the department that are not directly related to personnel or programs funded in this item; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the implementation, continual development and oversight of the commonwealth's 2019 novel coronavirus vaccine distribution plan; provided further, that said plan shall be applicable to the 2019 novel coronavirus, all subsequent variants, and booster shots; provided further, that the department of public health in developing said plan shall take into consideration the recommendations of the health equity task force established in section 2 of chapter 93 of the acts of 2020; provided further, that the department shall prioritize a geographically and socioeconomically equitable distribution when developing said plan; provided further, that the department shall prioritize those communities disproportionately impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus when developing the plan; provided further, that the department shall seek public comment from stakeholders including, but not limited to, medical professionals, public health experts, persons representing populations vulnerable to the 2019 novel coronavirus and persons

representing communities disproportionately impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus; provided further, that funds shall be expended for public education and outreach campaigns to inform residents of the commonwealth generally about vaccine testing, safety and efficacy; provided further, that the campaigns shall rely on scientifically and medically accurate evidence and include partnerships with community-based organizations trusted in communities disproportionately impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus and local public health departments and health care providers serving gateway municipalities as defined under section 3A of chapter 23A of the General Laws; provided further, that not later than September 16, 2024, the department shall submit a report to the joint committee on public health and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (i) the current departmental recommendations for the commonwealth's vaccine distribution plan, including the role of local boards of health; (ii) the current state of implementing the plan; (iii) any anticipated state investments necessary to carry out the plan; and (iv) the department's plan to improve vaccine distribution coordination efforts with local boards of health; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the operation of the universal immunization program; and provided further, that all costs related to childhood vaccines shall be paid for through the Vaccine Purchase Trust Fund established in section 24N of chapter 111 of the General Laws.....\$29,790,615

4516-1005 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$1,061,772 generated by fees collected from providers or insurers for sexually-transmitted infections testing performed at the state public health laboratory; provided, that collected retained revenues may be used to supplement the costs of the laboratory; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$1,061,772

4516-1010 For state matching funds required by the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act, Public Law 109-417 .....\$1,547,168

4516-1022 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$353,196 generated by fees collected from insurers and providers for tuberculosis tests performed at the state public health laboratory; provided, that collected retained revenues may be used to supplement the costs of the laboratory; and provided further, that

notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$353,196

4516-1037 For the department of public health, which may expend for the implementation of chapter 111O of the General Laws and rules and regulations promulgated thereunder not more than \$49,569 in retained revenues collected from application fees for approval of mobile integrated health care programs and renewals thereof and from fines and penalties imposed by the department on mobile integrated health care programs; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$49,569

4516-1039 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$468,642 in retained revenues collected from application fees under section 25C of chapter 111 of the General Laws to support the operations of the determination of need program and health care facility plan review within the department; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$468,642

4518-0200 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$1,011,359 generated by fees collected from services provided at the registry of vital records and statistics, including: (i) amendments of vital records and requests for vital records not issued in person at the registry; (ii) requests for heirloom certificates; and (iii) research requests performed by registry staff at the registry; provided, that collected retained revenues may be used for all program costs, including the compensation of employees; provided further, that the registrar of vital records and statistics shall exempt from payment of a fee any person requesting a verification of birth to establish eligibility for Medicaid; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt

of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$1,011,359

4590-0250 For school health services and school-based health centers in public and nonpublic schools; provided, that funds shall be distributed to public and nonpublic schools based on the percentage of students in the commonwealth enrolled in each school; provided further, that funds shall be expended for school nurses and school-based health center programs; provided further, that funds may be expended to pay for nurse salaries for more than 3 school years; provided further, that funds shall be expended for mental health services in public and nonpublic schools; and provided further, that funds may be expended to address the recommendations of the commission on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning youth established in section 67 of chapter 3 of the General Laws for the reduction of health disparities for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning youth .....\$26,066,196

4590-0912 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$27,995,640 from reimbursements collected for Western Massachusetts hospital services, subject to the approval of the commissioner of public health; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Western Massachusetts hospital shall be eligible to receive and retain full payment under the medical assistance program administered by the executive office of health and human services under chapter 118E of the General Laws for all goods and services provided by the hospital under federal requirements; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$27,995,640

4590-0913 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$1,517,496 for payments received for those services provided by the Lemuel Shattuck hospital to incarcerated persons from county correctional facilities; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment

amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$1,517,496

4590-0915 For the maintenance and operation of Tewksbury hospital, Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children, Lemuel Shattuck hospital and the hospital bureau, including the state office of pharmacy services; provided, that reimbursements received for medical services provided at the Lemuel Shattuck hospital to incarcerated persons from houses of correction not managed by private health care vendors shall be credited to item 4590-0903 of section 2B; provided further, that the department of public health shall expend not less than \$500,000 to municipalities hosting a department of public health facility that also acts as a department of mental health continuing care facility and which does not also operate as a department of correction facility; and provided further, that Tewksbury hospital shall maintain the same number of beds in fiscal year 2025 as was maintained in fiscal year 2024.....\$217,025,473

4590-0917 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$5,064,649 from payments received from the vendor managing health services for state correctional facilities for medical services for incarcerated persons provided by the Lemuel Shattuck hospital; provided, that the payments may include capitation payments, fee-for-service payments, advance payments and other compensation arrangements established by contract between the vendor and the hospital; and provided further, that, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$5,064,649

4590-0918 For the state office of pharmacy services, which may expend not more than \$37,212,522 from retained revenues collected from vendors providing health care services to the department of correction; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department of public health may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.....\$37,212,522

4590-0924 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$2,118,794 from reimbursements collected by Tewksbury

hospital based on a revenue enhancement project to obtain Medicaid coverage for patients whose services are not currently being reimbursed; provided, that, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$2,118,794

4590-0925 For the costs of a prostate cancer awareness, education and research program focusing on men with African-American, Hispanic or Latino heritage, family history of the disease and other men at high risk; provided, that the department of public health shall oversee and manage said program and shall grant not less than 85 per cent of funds from this item to the AdMeTech Foundation-led Prostate Cancer Action Council, which shall leverage existing partnerships with other state-funded nonprofit research organizations and current and past federally-funded, state-funded and privately-funded prostate cancer programs aimed at saving lives, improving quality of life and reducing health care costs.....\$1,000,000

4590-0930 For price reductions for municipalities purchasing naloxone through the municipal naloxone bulk purchase program .....\$1,300,000

4590-1503 For the provision of statewide support services for maternal, child and family health activities to pregnant people, parents, caregivers, infants, children and youth, including those with special health needs to maintain the public health infrastructure necessary for promoting racially equitable, evidence-based, data-informed and family-engaged services and programs; provided, that not less than \$10,440,965 shall be expended for the pediatric palliative care program established in section 24K of chapter 111 of the General Laws; provided further, that, notwithstanding said section 24K of said chapter 111, children less than 22 years of age shall be eligible for this program; provided further, that funds shall be expended for universal newborn hearing screening and perinatal-neonatal quality improvement; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for a doula certification program; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended for the operations of and hiring additional personnel for the Massachusetts maternal mortality and morbidity review committee to enhance the committee’s ability to comprehensively review deaths and complications that occur during or within 1 year of pregnancy and make related remedial policy and practice recommendations; provided further, that the committee shall convene regularly to encourage consistent case



review and reporting of findings and recommendations; provided further, that the department of public health shall submit to the committee, in a timely manner, aggregated and patient-level maternal morbidity and mortality data for review and utilization in developing recommendations to improve perinatal and maternal health outcomes; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the committee shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint committee on public health, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the pregnancy and birth equity task force of the Massachusetts caucus of women legislators and the commission on the status of women; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to support the development and operation of freestanding birth centers to cover costs including, but not limited to, facility costs, start-up expenditures and the cost of providing full prenatal care and extensive postpartum care; provided further, that funds shall be issued through a competitive grant process; provided further, that freestanding birth centers and maternal health-centered community-based nonprofit organizations shall be eligible to apply for the funds, which shall include a requirement that a birth center be licensed or be in active pursuit of licensure; provided further, that priority for funding shall be given to birth centers that serve communities historically impacted most by inequities in maternal health including, but not limited to, high rates of maternal and infant mortality; provided further, that not less \$350,000 shall be expended to Seven Sisters Midwifery LLC; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Propa City Community Outreach Inc. to provide education, advocacy, public awareness and support services to families experiencing all types of loss; provided further, that the department of public health shall conduct a feasibility study for the development, initial deployment and promotion of a software application accessible by cell phones, computers, tablets and other electronic devices to enable the public to identify, evaluate and access resources for maternal and infant health including, but not limited to, mental and physical healthcare, transportation, nutrition and housing; provided further, that not later than December 31, 2024, the department shall submit a report on the outcomes of the feasibility study to the clerks of the house of representatives and senate, the joint committee on public health, the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for It Takes A Village in the town of Huntington for postpartum and early parenting support for families in western Massachusetts; and provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for Neighborhood Birth

Center, Inc. in the city of Boston to provide perinatal health care and prenatal and postpartum support to birthing people .....\$14,515,988

4590-1504

For a neighborhood-based gun and violent crime prevention pilot program for targeted work with out-of-school youth and young adults 17 to 24 years of age, inclusive, intended to prevent gun violence and other violent crime in neighborhoods and municipalities with the highest rates of violent crime in the commonwealth; provided, that funds shall be awarded in consultation with the executive office of public safety and security and the department of elementary and secondary education; provided further, that funds shall be awarded to nonprofit, community-based organizations located in and serving high risk youth in eligible communities; provided further, that preference shall be given to organizations that have: (i) demonstrated street outreach capacity; (ii) effective partnerships with neighborhood health and human services agencies, including mental health providers, and with schools and other local educational institutions; and (iii) clearly outlined a comprehensive plan in support of continued or expanded collaboration efforts with such partners, including data related to measurable outcomes of successful partner collaboration; provided further, that eligible expenses for such grants shall include, but not be limited to, case workers, mental health counselors, academic supports and other research-based practices and related support services; provided further, that the department shall ensure that every grant recipient establishes measurable outcomes in its comprehensive plan and provides data related to those outcomes that demonstrate program success; provided further, that preference shall be given to proposals that demonstrate coordination with programs and services funded through items 4000-0005, 7061-0010 and 7061-9612; provided further, that the department shall allocate funding to support training and technical assistance for all grantees; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance, the joint committee on public health, the joint committee on public safety and homeland security, the joint committee on education and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the awarding of grants and details of anticipated contracts by district; provided further, that the department shall further report on the effectiveness of the program, including but not limited to: (i) any measurable data-driven results; (ii) which strategies and collaborations have most effectively reduced gun and other violence in the grantee neighborhoods; (iii) how spending through this item has been aligned with spending from items 4000-0005, 7061-0010 and 7061-9612 in ways that enhance public safety while avoiding programmatic duplication;

and (iv) what efforts have been taken by the nonprofit community and municipalities to ensure the long-term viability of the reforms funded by the pilot program.....\$10,091,186

4590-1506 For a competitive grant program to be administered by the department of public health to support the establishment of a comprehensive youth violence prevention program; provided, that eligibility shall be determined by the criteria set forth in item 4590-1506 of section 2 of chapter 182 of the acts of 2008; provided further, that no grants shall be awarded to law enforcement agencies; and provided further, that funds shall be considered one-time and grants shall not annualize in fiscal year 2026 .....\$4,040,365

4590-1507 For matching grants to the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc., the Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAS, Inc., the YWCA organizations, nonprofit community centers and teen empowerment and youth development programs; provided, that the department of public health shall award not less than \$2,500,000 to the Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAS, Inc., which shall be distributed among the alliance’s member organizations; provided further, that the department shall award not less than \$2,550,000 for competitively-procured grants to youth-at-risk programs utilizing an evidence-based positive youth development model, including programs that serve lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning youth; provided further, that the department shall award not less than \$3,000,000 to the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc., the first \$2,000,000 of which shall be distributed equally among its member organizations; provided further, that the department shall provide not less than \$1,000,000to the YWCA, which shall be distributed equally between the Alliance of YWCAS’ organizations in the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to MetroWest YMCA, Inc. for the Team Hoyt Family Program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Stoneham, Inc. for the purchase of a food trailer; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee, Inc. for the construction of a teen center; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for The Center for Teen Empowerment, Inc.; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Boys and Girls Club of Greater Westfield, Inc. for renovations .....\$9,775,000

4590-2001 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$4,171,653 of payments received for services provided by Tewksbury hospital to clients of the department of developmental services, including for the provision of behavioral health services

and the continuation of short-term medical rehabilitation for clients of the department of developmental services; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department of public health may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.....\$4,171,653

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**OFFICE OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES.**

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**Department of Children and Families.**

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4800-0015 For central and area office administration and service coordination of the department of children and families; provided, that the associated expenses of employees whose AA and DD object class costs are paid from item 4800-1100 shall be paid from this item; provided further, that no funds shall be expended from this item for the compensation of unit 8 employees; provided further, that the department of children and families shall not place a child or adolescent referred by, or discharged from, the care of the department of mental health until the department of mental health forwards an assessment and recommendation as to whether the child or adolescent may be appropriately placed in foster care or if, due to severe emotional disturbance, such child or adolescent is more appropriate for congregate care placement; provided further, that the department of children and families shall assist the department of mental health in making such assessments and recommendations; provided further, that if placement of a child with someone other than a parent becomes necessary, the department of children and families shall place the highest priority on identifying a family resource within the child’s kinship or family circle and shall provide services and support to partner with the family resource in meeting the child’s needs; provided further, that unless otherwise authorized, all funds including federal reimbursements received by the department of children and families shall be credited to the General Fund, except for federal reimbursement used to support revenue maximization projects; provided further, that the department of children and families and the department of early education and care shall provide standards for early education and care placements made through the supportive child care program; provided further, that the department of children and families, in collaboration with the department of early education and care, shall maintain a centralized list detailing the number of children eligible for supportive child care services, the number of supportive slots filled

and the number of supportive slots available; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of children and families shall not reduce recoupment amounts recommended by the state auditor; provided further, that there shall not be a waiting list for the services; provided further, that all children eligible for services under item 3000-3060 shall receive those services; provided further, that the department of children and families shall maintain a timely, independent and fair administrative hearing system; provided further, that not later than November 29, 2024, and February 28, 2025, the department of children and families shall submit reports to the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities and the house and senate committees on ways and means on: (i) the fair hearing requests filed in fiscal year 2025, using non-identifying information, which shall state, for each hearing request: (A) the subject matter of the appeal; (B) the number of days between the hearing request and the first day of the hearing; (C) the number of days between the first day of the hearing and the hearing officer's decision; (D) the number of days between the hearing officer's decision and the agency's final decision; (E) the number of days of continuance granted at the appellant's request; (F) the number of days of continuance granted at the request of the department of children and families or the hearing officer's request, specifying which party made the request; and (G) whether the department of children and families' decision that was the subject of the appeal was affirmed or reversed; and (ii) the fair hearing requests filed before fiscal year 2025, which have been pending for more than 180 days, stating the number of those cases, how many of those cases have been heard but not decided and how many have been decided by the hearing officer but not yet issued as a final agency decision; provided further, that the department of children and families shall maintain and make available to the public, during regular business hours, a record of its fair hearings, with personal identifying information removed, including for each hearing request: the date of the request, the date of the hearing decision, the decision rendered by the hearing officer and the final decision rendered upon the commissioner of children and families' review; provided further, that the department of children and families shall make redacted copies of fair hearing decisions available within 30 days of a written request; provided further, that the department of children and families shall not make available any information in violation of federal privacy regulations; provided further, that not later than February 28, 2025, the department of children and families shall submit a report to the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities and the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) number of medical and psychiatric

personnel and their level of training currently employed by or under contract with the department of children and families; (ii) number of foster care reviews conducted by the department of children and families and the average length of time in which each review was completed; (iii) the number of social workers and supervisors who have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in social work; (iv) the total number of social workers and the total number of social workers holding licensure, by level; (v) number of the department of children and families' contracts reviewed by the state auditor and number of corrective action plans issued; and (vi) number of corrective action plans entered into by the department of children and families; provided further, that the department of children and families shall submit quarterly reports to the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities and the house and senate committees on ways and means on the caseload of the department of children and families; provided further, that the report shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the caseloads of residential placements, congregate care, foster care, therapeutic foster care, adoption, guardianship, 51A reports, substantiated 51A reports, the number of children who die in the care and custody of the department of children and families, the number of children currently eligible for supportive child care, the number of children presently receiving supportive child care and the number of medical and psychiatric consultation requests made by the department of children and families' social workers; (ii) the number of approved foster care placements; (iii) the number of children in psychiatric hospitals and community-based acute treatment programs who remain hospitalized beyond their medically-necessary stay while awaiting placement and the number of days each case remains in placement beyond that which is medically necessary; (iv) the number of children in the department of children and families' care and custody who are receiving medical or psychiatric care provided through other publicly-funded sources; (v) the number of children served by supervised visitation centers and the number of those children who are reunified with their families; (vi) the total number of children served, their ages, the number of children served in each service plan, the number of children in out-of-home placements and the number of placements each child has had before receiving an out-of-home placement; (vii) for each area office, the number of kinship guardianship subsidies provided in the quarters covered by the report and the number of kinship guardianship subsidies provided in that quarter for which federal reimbursement was received; (viii) for each area office, the total spending on services other than case management services provided to families to keep a child with the child's parents or reunifying the child with the child's parents, spending by the type of service including, but not limited

to, the number of children and a breakdown of spending for respite care, intensive in-home services, client financial assistance and flexible funding, community-based after-school social and recreation program services, family navigation services and parent aide services and the unduplicated number of families that receive the services; (ix) for each area office, the total number of families residing in shelters paid for by the department of children and families, a list of where the families are sheltered, the total cost and average cost per family at those shelters and a description of how the department of children and families determines who qualifies or does not qualify for a shelter; (x) for each area office, the number of requests for voluntary services, broken down by type of service requested, whether the request was approved or denied, the number of families that were denied voluntary services and received a 51A report, the reasons for denying such services and what, if any, referrals were made for services by other agencies or entities; (xi) the number of families receiving multiple 51A reports within a 10-month period, the number of cases reopened within 6 months of being closed and the number of children who return home and then reenter an out-of-home placement within 6 months; (xii) the number of children and families served by the family resource centers, by area; and (xiii) the number of children in the care and custody of the department of children and families whose whereabouts are unknown; provided further, that not later than January 31, 2025, the department of children and families shall submit a report to the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities and the house and senate committees on ways and means that details any changes to the rules, regulations or guidelines established by the department of children and families in the previous fiscal year to carry out its duties under chapter 119 of the General Laws including, but not limited to: (i) criteria used to determine whether a child has been abused or neglected; (ii) guidelines for removal of a child from the home; and (iii) standards to determine what reasonable efforts are being made to keep a child in the home; provided further, that on a monthly basis, the department of children and families shall provide the caseload forecasting office with data on children receiving services, young adults receiving services as defined in section 21 of said chapter 119, who continue to receive services as set forth in subsection (f) of section 23 of said chapter 119 and other pertinent data related to items 4800-0038 and 4800-0041 that is requested by the office; provided further, that the report shall also contain the number of children and families served by the family resource centers, by area, and an evaluation of the services provided and their effectiveness; provided further, that to the extent feasible within existing appropriations, the department of children and families shall maintain existing services for the aging-out

population; provided further, that the commissioner of children and families may transfer funds from item 4800-1100 into item 4800-0015 to maintain appropriate staffing ratios under the memorandum of agreement between the commonwealth and the Alliance/Local 509, SEIU executed on March 25, 2013; provided further, that not less than 15 days before any such transfer, the commissioner shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that not more than 2 per cent of said funds from said item 4800-1100 shall be transferred in fiscal year 2025; provided further, that the commissioner may transfer funds between items 4800-0030, 4800-0038, 4800-0040 and 4800-0041 for services only, and, as necessary, under an allocation plan, which shall detail, by object class, the distribution of the funds to be transferred; provided further, that transfers shall not be made for administrative costs; provided further, that not less than 15 days before any such transfer, the commissioner shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that not more than 5 per cent of any item shall be transferred in fiscal year 2025; provided further, that funds shall be expended for a unit to help identify at-risk youth and provide preventative services and to implement a missing or absent youth recovery response policy; and provided further, that not later than January 15, 2025, the department of children and families shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities that shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) number of young adults as defined in said section 21 of said chapter 119 who are continuing to receive services from the department of children and families as set forth in subsection (f) of said section 23 of said chapter 119, by each area office of the department of children and families; and (ii) total cost of such services; provided further, that not less than 30 days before contracting for, developing, implementing or using any risk assessment or structured decision management tool to assess child safety and risk at any stage of the child welfare process including, but not limited to, the intake, investigation or reunification stages, the department shall provide an assessment of the racial impact of using such tool; provided further, that the evaluation shall include whether the risk assessment or structured decision management tool is likely to have a disproportionate or unique impact on racial and ethnic minorities; provided further, that a report containing the methodology, data and findings from such evaluation shall be submitted to the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities and the house and senate committees on ways and means and shall be posted on the department's website; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Rise Above Foundation, Inc to build a



playground at the department of children and families' office in the city of Leominster .....\$152,847,836

4800-0016 For the department of children and families, which may expend for the operation of the transitional employment program not more than \$2,000,000 from revenues collected from various state, county and municipal government entities and state authorities for the costs related to the provision of services by the participants and the overhead costs and expenses incurred by the not-for-profit managing agent selected by the commissioner of children and families for administering the program; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner may enter into a contract with Roca, Inc. to manage the transitional employment program and to provide services to participants from the aging-out population, parolees, probationers, youth service releasees and other community residents considered to have employment needs.....\$2,000,000

4800-0025 For foster care review services .....\$5,269,774

4800-0030 For the continuation of local and regional administration and coordination of services provided by lead agencies through purchase-of-service contracts, including flex services .....\$11,201,980

4800-0036 For a sexual abuse intervention network program to be administered in conjunction with the district attorneys.....\$991,584

4800-0038 For guardianship, foster care, adoption, family preservation and kinship services provided by the department of children and families; provided, that services funded through this item shall include shelter services, substance use treatment, young parent programs, parent aides, education and counseling services, foster care, adoption and guardianship subsidies, tiered reimbursements used to promote the foster care placement of children with special medical and social needs, assessment of the appropriateness of adoption for children in the care of the department for more than 12 months, protective services provided by partnership agencies, targeted recruitment and retention of foster families, respite care services, post-adoption services and support services for foster, kinship and adoptive families and juvenile fire setter programs and services for people at risk of domestic violence, including payroll costs; provided further, that funds may be expended to support reforms at the department to improve foster care and placement stability and to ensure positive permanency outcomes for children; provided further, that not less than 30 days before making each such reform, the department shall provide an assessment of the racial

impact of such reform, including whether it is likely to have a disproportionate or unique impact on racial and ethnic minorities in the commonwealth; provided further, that such assessment shall be submitted to the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the clerks of the senate and house of representatives; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Tempo program at the Wayside Youth and Family Support Network, Inc; provided further, that the department may contract with provider agencies for the coordination and management of services, including flex services; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to the Jewish Family and Children's Service, Inc.'s Center for Early Relationship Support, including the Fragile Beginnings program, the Project Newborns Exposed to Substances: Support and Therapy and related clinical and community services for vulnerable families with children from birth to age 5, inclusive; and provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to Jewish Family and Children's Service, Inc. for the Bet Tzedek legal services program .....\$374,388,635

4800-0040 For family preservation, reunification and service coordination; provided, that services shall include family support and stabilization services provided by the department of children and families .....\$139,539,127

4800-0041 For congregate care services; provided, that funds may be expended from this item to provide community-based services, including in-home support and stabilization services, to children who would otherwise be placed in congregate settings; and provided further, that the department of children and families shall oversee area review teams that shall evaluate the feasibility of maintaining the child in the community in this manner whenever possible before recommending placement in a congregate care setting; provided further, that the department of children and families, in coordination with the office of the child advocate, shall develop and implement a plan for a pilot program to use evidence-based program models in department of children and families congregate care provider programs for youth that are in the department's care and who: (i) are experiencing an intensive behavioral or a behavioral and medical crisis; (ii) are being housed in emergency departments or inpatient units; and (iii) cannot safely receive treatment in the existing congregate programs; provided further, that the plan for the pilot program shall detail: (a) the proposed structure, size and scope of the proposed program; (b) any statutory or logistical challenges for implementation of the proposed program; and (c) a funding plan for the proposed program, including a breakdown of potential costs; and provided further, that not later than September 30, 2024, the

department shall issue a report on the design and implementation of the program to the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of health and human services and the office of the child advocate .....\$495,889,634

4800-0058 For the support of a foster care campaign to recruit new foster parents; provided, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department of children and families shall submit a report to the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities and the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) number of new foster care parents as a result of the foster care campaign; and (ii) methods in which the department is recruiting foster care parents .....\$975,000

4800-0091 For the department of children and families, which may expend not more than \$4,920,601 in federal reimbursements received under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 670 et. seq. during fiscal year 2025 to develop a training institute for professional development at the department; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, federal reimbursements received in excess of \$4,920,601 shall be credited to the General Fund .....\$4,920,601

4800-0200 For the support and maintenance of family resource centers throughout the commonwealth; provided, that funds may be expended to expand services at existing centers or to establish new centers in areas with identified coverage gaps; provided further, that centers supported through this item shall be subject to the selection and reporting requirements of item 4000-0051; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the purposes of supporting staff retention at family resource centers; and provided further, that not less than \$3,300,000 shall be expended for the Juvenile Court Mental Health Advocacy Project administered by Health Law Advocates, Inc. to increase access to mental health treatment for at-risk children and adolescents involved in or diverted from juvenile courts .....\$33,800,000

4800-1100 For the AA and DD object class costs of the department of children and families’ social workers; provided, that funds shall mitigate social worker caseloads in those area offices furthest above the statewide weighted caseload standard and towards achieving a social worker caseload ratio of 15 to 1 statewide; and provided further, that only employees of bargaining unit 8, as identified in the Massachusetts personnel administrative reporting and information system, shall be paid from this item.....\$311,500,072

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**OFFICE OF HEALTH SERVICES.**

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**Department of Mental Health.**

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5011-0100 For the operation of the department of mental health; provided, that not less than \$1,100,000 shall be expended for United Way of Tri-County, Inc.’s Call 2 Talk program .....\$35,008,446

5042-5000 For child and adolescent services, including the costs of psychiatric and related services provided to children and adolescents determined to be medically-ready for discharge from acute hospital units or mental health facilities and who are experiencing unnecessary delays in being discharged due to the lack of more appropriate settings; provided, that to fund said services, the commissioner of mental health may allocate funds from the amount appropriated in this item to other departments within the executive office of health and human services; provided further, that the department of mental health shall not refer or discharge a child or adolescent to the custody or care of the department of children and families until the department of mental health forwards its assessment and recommendation as to whether the child or adolescent is appropriate for foster care or, due to severe emotional disturbance, is more appropriate for group care; provided further, that the department of mental health shall expend not less than \$3,875,000 for the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project, or MCPAP; provided further, that not less than \$675,000 of that amount shall be expended for MCPAP for Moms statewide to address mental health concerns in pregnant and postpartum people and to expand support for pregnant and postpartum people by adding substance use disorder-specific education, training, consultation and care coordination to the project’s existing capacity; provided further, that amounts expended from this item for MCPAP that are related to services provided on behalf of commercially-insured clients shall be assessed by the commissioner on surcharge payors, as defined in section 64 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, and shall be collected in a manner consistent with the department’s regulations; provided further, that not later than March 17, 2025, the

department shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on: (i) an overview of MCPAP care coordination efforts; (ii) the number of psychiatric consultations, face-to-face consultations and referrals made to specialists on behalf of children with behavioral health needs in fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025; and (iii) recommendations to: (a) increase the number of specialists receiving referrals through MCPAP; (b) increase access to MCPAP in regions currently underutilizing the project; and (c) improve care coordination efforts to identify specialists available and accepting new child and adolescent patients, with priority to those children and adolescents who exhibit complex conditions and experience long wait lists for specialty psychiatry; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on: (1) the distribution of funds, delineated by initiative; (2) the number of individuals served; (3) the outcomes measured; and (4) recommendations for expanding cost-effective and evidence-based early mental health identification and prevention programming for children and adolescents in fiscal year 2025 and fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$4,500,000 shall be expended for a program to provide assertive community treatment for individuals under the age of 22 who exhibit symptoms of serious emotional disturbance, demonstrate an inability to consistently use less intensive levels of care in the community and have functional impairment and a history of difficulty in functioning safely and successfully in community, school, home or workplace settings; provided further, that the program shall: (A) include a team-based approach to service delivery that tailors services to the specific needs and acuity of each individual; (B) provide mental health services and social service assistance through a person-centered approach, which may include, but shall not be limited to, clinical assessment and outreach, medication treatment and outreach, care coordination including primary care, symptom management, harm reduction, family services, housing support and needs that arise in carrying out the acts of daily living; (C) be consistent, to the maximum extent possible, with the evidence-based practice standards for assertive community treatment as found in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's assertive community treatment evidence-based practices kit; and (D) not limit program services to a specific physical location; provided further, that the department shall prioritize geographic equity in administering the program; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the: (I) funds distributed through the program, delineated by recipient; (II) number of new programs created with said funds, delineated by

recipient, location, number of individuals served and ages of individuals served; and (III) projected need for the creation of new programs in the next fiscal year; provided further, that not less than \$6,000,000 may be expended for the department's emergency room diversion initiative to stabilize youth in crisis; and provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to the Behavioral Health Integrated Resources For Children Project at the University of Massachusetts at Boston for the operation of its school-based behavioral health technical assistance center.....\$131,040,885

5046-0000 For adult mental health and support services; provided, that the department of mental health may allocate not more than \$5,000,000 from item 5095-0015 to this item, as necessary, under allocation plans submitted to the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days before any such transfer, for residential and day services for clients formerly receiving care at department facilities; provided further, that not later than February 3, 2025, the department shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the distribution of funds per adult and child planning population and the types of services received in each region in fiscal year 2025; provided further, that the department shall maintain in fiscal year 2025 the same amount of community-based placements as in the previous 3 fiscal years; provided further, that in fiscal year 2025, the department shall expend on clubhouses not less than the amount expended on clubhouses in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that not less than \$16,800,000 shall be expended for rental subsidies for the department's clients; provided further, that not less than \$6,000,000 shall be expended to expand the jail diversion program; provided further, that funds shall be expended at not less than the same level as the prior fiscal year for jail diversion programs in municipalities that provide equal matching funds from other public or private sources; provided further, that not later than December 16, 2024, the department shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means regarding the: (i) number of crisis intervention team and jail diversion efforts; (ii) amount of funding per grant, delineated by city, town or provider; (iii) potential savings achieved; (iv) recommendations for expansion; and (v) outcomes measured; provided further, that the department shall expend not less than \$250,000 for the assisted outpatient treatment program at Eliot Community Human Services, Inc. to treat residents who suffer from serious and persistent mental illness and experience repeated interaction with law enforcement or have a high rate of recurring hospitalization due to mental illness, either through a voluntary agreement with the resident or by a court order mandating that the resident receive the treatment described in this program; provided further, that not later than April 3, 2025, the department,

in conjunction with Eliot Community Human Services, Inc., shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the assisted outpatient treatment program which shall include baseline and current metrics related to clients served including, but not limited to: (a) behavioral and physical medical diagnoses; (b) status of activities of daily living, including food, shelter and employment; (c) psychiatric hospitalizations; (d) treatment history; and (e) insurance status; and provided further, that the report shall include: (1) factors that proved successful in treating program participants, including practices used and type of staff functions necessary for success in treating program participants; (2) identification of issues and practices that present barriers to successful treatment; (3) a cost analysis of treatment; (4) a plan for furthering the sustainability of the program based on information from the analysis report; and (5) a proposal for a sustainable course of funding to further implement the program; provided further, that \$19,000,000 may be expended for the department's emergency room diversion initiative to stabilize adults in crisis; and provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for the International Institute of New England, Inc. for culturally and linguistically appropriate mental health services.....\$622,286,567

General Fund..... 99.52%  
 Behavioral Health Outreach, Access  
 and Support Trust Fund ..... 0.48%

5046-2000 For homelessness services; provided, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to expand safe haven housing in a manner that ensures geographically equitable access.....\$26,609,879

5046-4000 For the department of mental health, which may expend not more than \$125,000 in retained revenues collected from occupancy fees charged to the tenants in the creative housing option in community environments, or CHOICE, program under chapter 167 of the acts of 1987; provided, that all fees collected under said CHOICE program shall be expended for the routine maintenance and repair of facilities in the CHOICE program.....\$125,000

5047-0001 For emergency service programs and acute inpatient mental health care services; provided, that the department of mental health shall require a performance specification to be developed for safe aftercare options for adults upon release from acute inpatient mental health care services; and provided further, that not less than \$2,700,000 shall be expended for rental subsidies for the department's clients .....\$22,371,962

- 5055-0000 For forensic services provided by the department of mental health; provided, that funding shall be expended for juvenile court clinics in an amount not less than the amount expended in fiscal year 2024....\$17,090,093
- 5095-0015 For the operation of hospital facilities and community-based mental health services; provided, that in order to comply with the decision in *Olmstead v. L.C. ex rel. Zimring*, 527 U.S. 581 (1999) and to enhance care for clients, the department of mental health shall discharge clients residing in inpatient facilities to residential services in the community if: (i) the client is deemed clinically suited for a more integrated setting; (ii) the community residential service capacity and resources available are sufficient to provide each client with an equal or improved level of service; and (iii) the cost to the commonwealth of serving the client in the community is less than or equal to the cost of serving the client in inpatient care; provided further, that any client transferred to another inpatient facility as the result of a facility closure shall receive a level of care that is equal to or greater than the care that had been provided at the closed facility; provided further, that the department may allocate funds of not more than \$5,000,000 from this item to item 5046-0000, as necessary, under allocation plans submitted to the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days before any transfer for residential and day services for clients formerly receiving inpatient care at the centers and facilities; provided further, that the department shall maintain not less than 671 inpatient beds in its system in fiscal year 2025; provided further, that of said 671 beds, 65 beds shall be continuing care inpatient beds on the campus of Taunton state hospital; provided further, that within the existing appropriation, the department may operate more beds at Taunton state hospital; provided further, that the department shall operate not less than 260 adult continuing care inpatient beds at Worcester recovery center and hospital; provided further, that the department shall maintain not less than 75 men's recovery from addiction program beds at Taunton state hospital; provided further, that the department shall maintain not less than 45 women's recovery from addiction program beds at Taunton state hospital; provided further, that the department shall not take action in fiscal year 2025 to reduce the number of state-operated continuing care inpatient beds or other state-operated programs at the Taunton state hospital campus or relocate administrative hospital services associated with the operation of the hospital off campus; provided further, that the department shall not enter into new vendor-operated lease agreements or expand existing vendor-operated programs; provided further, that the department shall not enter into new interagency agreements or expand existing interagency agreements, programs or facilities until the department, in conjunction with the



division of capital asset management and maintenance, develops a comprehensive long-term use master plan for the campus, which shall be developed not later than March 1, 2025, with appropriate community input that is consistent with maintaining the publicly-provided mental health services that are currently delivered on-campus at Taunton state hospital; provided further, that the plan shall include maintenance of existing affiliations with institutions of higher education and possible future relationships with those institutions and others to maintain the sustainability of Taunton state hospital; provided further, that the plan shall be consistent with maintenance of the Taunton state hospital campus as a publicly-run mental health facility and shall not prohibit the inclusion of behavioral health programs or publicly-run pilot programs to meet the needs of individuals with mental health diagnoses, behavioral health diagnoses and those dual-diagnosed on the campus as part of the comprehensive long-term use master plan; provided further, that the comprehensive long-term use master plan shall be submitted to the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of health and human services, the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the department may authorize on the campus of Taunton state hospital, a behavioral health emergency department relief pilot program to accept medically-stable individuals with high acuity behavioral health and dual diagnoses from emergency departments in the southeast region; provided further, that medically-stable patients presenting in an emergency department with a high acuity behavioral health condition or who have a dual diagnosis shall be transferred to the pilot program if another appropriate setting cannot be located within 4 hours of admission to the emergency department; provided further, that the pilot program shall care for patients either for 14 days following admission or until an appropriate placement is found that meets the patient's needs, whichever is sooner; provided further, that the pilot program may be operated by the department and staffed by department registered nurses, psychiatrists and other staff as needed; provided further, that within the first 6 months following the authorization of the program by the department, in consultation with the department of public health, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the Massachusetts Nurses Association and the Emergency Nurses Association shall establish a staffing plan and program protocols; provided further, that for the purposes of the pilot program, Taunton state hospital may accept patients classified under section 12 of chapter 123 of the General Laws; provided further, that the pilot program may be authorized to operate for not more than 2 years; provided further, that the department shall submit a report with the joint committee

on mental health, substance use and recovery within 6 months after the conclusion date of the program; provided further, that the report shall evaluate the success of the program in decreasing emergency department overcrowding in the southeast region and the quality of care provided in the program; and provided further, that the report may be drafted by an independent entity, utilizing data from the department and the local hospitals in the southeast region.....\$385,344,365

**Department of Developmental Services.**

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- 5911-1003 For the administration and operation of the department of developmental services; provided, that the department shall not charge user fees for transportation or community day services; provided further, that the department shall not charge fees for eligibility determination for services provided by the department or for applications or requests for transfer of guardianship; provided further, that the commissioner of developmental services may transfer funds between items 5920-2025, 5920-2000, 5911-2000 and 5920-3000; provided further, that the commissioner shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days before any such transfer; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress, Inc.; and provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to Raising Harts Corporation in the town of Cohasset to support families with autistic children through inclusive programs and mentorship.....\$117,010,894
- 5911-2000 For transportation costs associated with community-based day and work programs; provided, that the department of developmental services shall provide transportation which shall be prioritized by need.....\$40,017,442
- 5920-2000 For vendor-operated, community-based residential adult services, including intensive individual supports; provided, that annualized funding shall be expended for turning 22 clients who began receiving services in fiscal year 2023 under item 5920-5000 of section 2 of chapter 126 of the acts of 2022; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the department of developmental services shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the use of shared-living services in the commonwealth, which shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) number of clients living in shared-living placements, broken down by age and location; (ii) average cost of shared-living services; (iii) number of clients living in a shared-living placement with individuals they knew prior to the arrangement; (iv) department’s oversight of the application and placement process; (v) safeguards

	in place for clients receiving these services; and (vi) potential for growth of the program; provided further, that the commissioner of developmental services may transfer funds from this item to item 5920-2010, as necessary, under an allocation plan which shall detail, by object class, the distribution of the funds to be transferred and which shall be submitted to the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days before any such transfer; and provided further, that not more than \$5,000,000 shall be transferred from this item in fiscal year 2025 .....	\$1,698,579,657
5920-2003	For supportive technology and remote services for individuals served by the department of developmental services .....	\$3,250,000
5920-2010	For state-operated, community-based residential services for adults, including community-based health services .....	\$331,099,736
5920-2025	For community-based day and work programs and associated transportation costs for adults; provided, that the department of developmental services shall provide transportation which shall be prioritized by need; provided further, that the department shall support individuals with disabilities who transitioned from employment services offered at sheltered workshops to community-based employment as part of the commonwealth's employment first initiative; provided further, that any public-private partnerships with employers and nonprofits shall encourage the highest level of independence among individuals with disabilities and shall provide options to maximize community involvement and participation; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (i) the number of eligible individuals employed in community-based employment in fiscal year 2024 and the number estimated for fiscal year 2025; (ii) the number and types of community-based employment partners; (iii) the outcomes measured; and (iv) recommendations for expansion; provided further, that the commissioner of developmental services may transfer such funds from this item to items 5920-2000, 5911-2000, 5920-3000, 5920-5000 and 5930-1000; and provided further, that the commissioner shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days before any such transfer .....	\$288,021,407
5920-3000	For respite services and intensive family supports .....	\$119,420,577
5920-3010	For contracted support services for families of children with autism through the autism division at the department of developmental services; provided, that the department shall expend not less than	

\$5,500,000 to provide services under the children’s autism spectrum disorder waiver under section 1915 of the Social Security Act; provided further, that the waiver shall include children with autism spectrum disorder ages 0 to 8, inclusive, including children with autism spectrum disorder ages 0 to 3, inclusive, who are receiving services through the department of public health’s early intervention program; provided further, that the department of developmental services shall take all steps necessary to ensure that the waiver program is fully enrolled and that eligible children with autism immediately begin to receive services under said waiver; provided further, that the department shall immediately file any waiver amendment necessary with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to comply with the requirements of this item; provided further, that not later than January 16, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on education and the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities on: (i) the number of contracted support services provided for families with children with autism under this item; (ii) the costs associated with such services; (iii) the services provided by the children’s autism spectrum disorder waiver, with information regarding the number of children enrolled in the waiver and receiving services; (iv) the linguistic and cultural diversity, age, gender and geographic representation of the applicants and the children enrolled in the program; (v) the department’s plans to continue to assess the demand for waiver services; (vi) any plans by the executive office of health and human services to expand the waiver for children on the autism spectrum of all ages in the future; and (vii) other information determined relevant by the department; and provided further, that the department shall submit copies of amended waivers to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on education and the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities upon submission of the amendment .....\$9,957,296

5920-3020 For the implementation of chapter 226 of the acts of 2014, including services and supports for individuals with a developmental disability attributable to autism spectrum disorder, Smith-Magenis syndrome or Prader-Willi syndrome; provided, that the department shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the: (i) number of individuals eligible for services; (ii) number of eligible individuals served; (iii) type of services provided; (iv) cost per service; and (v) cost of services per individual; and provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for the commission on autism established in section 217 of chapter 6 of the General Laws .....\$61,917,941

5920-3025	<p>For funding to support initiatives to address the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities who are aging including, but not limited to, individuals with Down syndrome and Alzheimer’s disease, through the identification of best practices for services for affected individuals, including: (i) medical care coordination models that address conditions common to individuals with developmental disabilities who are aging; (ii) training for direct care and other staff in the identification of dementia or other age-related conditions; and (iii) the collection of data regarding the effectiveness of the initiatives included in this item; provided, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department of developmental services shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means on the status of these initiatives including, but not limited to: (a) the number of participants served by each initiative; (b) the participant outcomes, including impacts on the physical and cognitive health of participants; (c) the cost of each initiative and the cost per participant; (d) the implementation plans for these initiatives in fiscal years 2026 and 2027; and (e) recommendations for enhancing the care of individuals with developmental disabilities who are aging.....</p>	\$100,000
5920-5000	<p>For services to clients of the department who turn 22 years of age during fiscal years 2024 and 2025 .....</p>	\$124,104,015
5930-1000	<p>For the operation of facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities; provided, that in order to comply with the decision in <i>Olmstead v. L.C. ex rel. Zimring</i>, 527 U.S. 581 (1999) and to enhance care for clients, the department of developmental services shall discharge clients residing in intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities or ICF/IID, to residential services in the community if: (i) the client is deemed clinically suited for a more integrated setting; (ii) community residential service capacity and resources available are sufficient to provide each client with an equal or improved level of service; and (iii) the cost to the commonwealth of serving the client in the community is less than or equal to the cost of serving the client in an ICF/IID; provided further, that any client transferred to another ICF/IID as the result of a facility closure shall receive a level of care that is equal to or greater than the level of care that had been provided at the closed ICF/IID; provided further, that the department may allocate funds from this item to items 5920-2000, 5920-2010 and 5920-2025, as necessary, under allocation plans which shall be submitted to the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days before any transfer for residential and day services for clients formerly receiving inpatient care at an ICF/IID; and provided</p>	

further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the department shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means, on: (a) all efforts to comply with the decision in *Olmstead v. L.C. ex rel. Zimring*, 527 U.S. 581 (1999); (b) the enhancement of care within available resources to clients served by the department; and (c) the steps taken to consolidate or close an ICF/IID .....\$124,809,632

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**BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.**

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7000-9101	For the operation of the board of library commissioners.....	\$2,074,268
7000-9401	For state aid to regional public libraries; provided, that the board of library commissioners may provide quarterly advances of funds as it deems appropriate under clauses (1) and (3) of section 19C of chapter 78 of the General Laws to regional public library systems throughout each fiscal year, in compliance with the office of the comptroller’s regulations on state grants, 815 C.M.R. 2.00; provided further, that the board shall provide funds for the continued operation of a single regional library system to serve the different geographic regions of the commonwealth; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the library for the commonwealth shall receive not less than 47.5 cents for each resident of the commonwealth; and provided further, that said amount shall not exceed 25 per cent of the amount appropriated under this item.....	\$19,000,000
7000-9402	For the talking book library at the Worcester public library .....	\$678,040
7000-9406	For the Perkins Braille and Talking Book Library in the city known as the town of Watertown, including the operation of the machine lending agency .....	\$3,860,420
7000-9501	For state aid to public libraries; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no city or town shall receive funds from this item in any year when the appropriation of the city or town for free public library service is below an amount equal to 102.5 per cent of the average of the appropriations for free public library services for the 3 years immediately preceding; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the board of library commissioners may grant waivers in excess of the waiver limit set forth under the second paragraph of section 19A of chapter 78 of the General Laws for fiscal year 2025 for not more than 1 year; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, of the amount by which this item exceeds the amount appropriated under item 7000-9501 of section 2 of chapter 194 of the acts of 1998, funds shall be	

distributed under the guidelines of the municipal equalization grant program, the library incentive grant program and the nonresident circulation offset program; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any payment made under this item shall be deposited with the treasurer of the city or town and held in a separate account and shall be expended by the public library of that city or town without appropriation.....\$20,000,000

7000-9506 For the technology and automated resource sharing networks .....\$6,169,480

7000-9508 For the Massachusetts Center for the Book, Inc., chartered as the Commonwealth Affiliate of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress; provided, that the Massachusetts Center for the Book, Inc. shall continue its work as a public-private partnership.....\$420,000

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

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**Office of the Secretary.**

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7002-0010 For the operation of the office of the secretary of economic development, including the operation of the Massachusetts permit regulatory office and the operation of the office of the director of wireless and broadband affairs; provided, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended as a grant to the SouthCoast Community Foundation, Inc. to provide supports to local or regional community-based organizations; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the United Way of North Central Massachusetts for the Leominster Flood Relief Fund to reimburse Leominster residents for damages related to severe weather events that occurred in September 2023; provided further, that not less than \$275,000 shall be expended to Greater Lowell Community Foundation, Inc. in the city of Lowell for community programs; and provided further, that not less than \$175,000 shall be expended to FORGE to operate a statewide program that promotes manufacturing and innovation by supporting manufacturing readiness for startups and connecting them to Massachusetts-based manufacturers to promote local supply chains and future resiliency.....\$6,253,258

7002-0017 For the provision of information technology services within the executive office of economic development .....\$2,151,666

7002-0020 For a transfer to the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation established in section 3 of chapter 40J of the General Laws and doing business as the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, for an advanced manufacturing program that provides a fully

	coordinated manufacturing training system for unemployed and underemployed individuals, including veterans .....	\$2,500,000
7002-0032	For the operation of the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation established in section 3 of chapter 40J of the General Laws and doing business as the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, including the John Adams Innovation Institute and the Massachusetts Broadband Institute.....	\$2,500,000
7002-0040	For a transfer to the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation for the small business technical assistance grant program; provided, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be disbursed as grants to community development corporations certified under chapter 40H of the General Laws, nonprofit community development financial institutions certified by the United States Department of the Treasury or nonprofit community-based organizations to provide technical assistance or training programs to businesses with not more than 20 employees; provided further, that priority shall be given to those organizations that focus on reaching underserved markets and to worker cooperatives and businesses governed by employee stock ownership plans; and provided further, that not later than January 31, 2025, the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on community development and small businesses detailing the: (i) community development corporations that received grants in fiscal year 2024; (ii) community development corporations that received or are expected to receive grants in fiscal year 2025; and (iii) criteria considered in the distribution of these grants .....	\$5,000,000
7002-1502	For the Transformative Development Fund established in section 46 of chapter 23G of the General Laws .....	\$250,000
7002-1503	For the Massachusetts Cybersecurity Innovation Fund established in section 4H of chapter 40J of the General Laws; provided, that not less than \$1,500,000 shall be expended, in collaboration with community colleges and state universities, to provide regional security operations center services for the monitoring and detection of cyber threat activity to municipalities, nonprofits and small businesses and cyber range services, which shall include opportunities for cybersecurity workforce training .....	\$2,450,000
7002-1508	For the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation established in section 3 of chapter 40J of the General Laws and doing business as the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative to establish programs that provide advice and training from successful, experienced	



entrepreneurs for startup enterprises and that create a talent pipeline to technology startups and innovation companies; provided, that funds shall be expended, in consultation with the Massachusetts Technology Development Corporation established in section 2 of chapter 40G and doing business as MassVentures, for an entrepreneur and startup mentoring program to provide assistance, mentoring and advice to startups and innovation companies by connecting early-stage entrepreneurs, technology startups and small businesses with successful, experienced business enterprises and capital financing; provided further, that the program shall make every reasonable effort to encourage diversity among participants; provided further, that all funds shall be expended for paid internships for students seeking careers in technology and innovation industries to work with companies competing actively in those fields; provided further, that the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative shall seek private funds necessary to match contributions equal to \$1 for every \$1 contributed by the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative through the internship program; provided further, that as a condition of such grants being awarded, the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative shall reach an agreement with the grant recipient on performance measures and indicators that shall be used to evaluate the performance of the grant recipient in carrying out the activities described in the recipient's application; provided further, that not later than June 16, 2025, the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative shall submit an annual report summarizing each program to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies; provided further, that the paid internship program report shall include the number of placements of students in paid internships during the academic year and an analysis of the impact of the program on the ability of its participants to enter the full-time job market in the technology and innovation industries after graduation; provided further, that the entrepreneurship program report shall include an overview of the activities of the programs, the number of participants in the programs and an analysis of the impact of the programs on the success of the participants' startup business ventures; and provided further, that the funds appropriated in this item shall not revert but shall be made available for these purposes through June 30, 2026.....\$1,350,000

7002-1510 For the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation established in section 3 of chapter 40J of the General Laws and doing business as the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative to support the operations and programming of the Center for Advanced Manufacturing.....\$1,200,000

7002-1517	For technical assistance to municipalities to promote compact, walkable downtowns that have a mix of commercial and residential uses, cultural and recreational amenities and access to public transportation .....	\$600,000
7002-1518	For the Innovation Commercialization Seed Fund established in section 45B of chapter 75 of the General Laws .....	\$400,000
7002-1519	For the Innovation Voucher Program Fund established in section 45C of chapter 75 of the General Laws .....	\$2,000,000
7002-2021	For a community empowerment and reinvestment grant program to be administered by the executive office of economic development to develop, strengthen and invest in communities: (i) that are disproportionately impacted by the criminal justice system; (ii) where a high percentage of individuals' incomes fall below 250 per cent of the federal poverty level; and (iii) with a large population of socially and economically disadvantaged and historically underrepresented groups; provided, that the board established in this item in section 2 of chapter 227 of the acts of 2020 shall make recommendations to the executive office on the criteria for making grants available to communities and organizations; provided further, that said board shall consist of individuals from and with experience advocating on behalf of said communities; provided further, that said board shall be comprised entirely of individuals who belong to a demographic of socially and economically disadvantaged and historically underrepresented groups; provided further, that eligible uses of grant funding shall include, but not be limited to, for socially and economically disadvantaged and historically underrepresented groups: (a) job training, job creation and job placement for those who face high barriers to employment in said communities; (b) transitional employment programs, social enterprise, pre-apprenticeship or other training programs; (c) school-based or community-based high school dropout prevention and re-engagement programs; (d) cooperative and small business development programs and community-based workforce development programs; and (e) programs focused on housing stabilization services, addiction treatment and trauma-informed mental health care; and provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (1) criteria established for creating grants; (2) grants approved under this item, delineated by municipality and organization; (3) grants expected to be approved under this item, delineated by municipality and	

organization; and (4) the status of funds distributed for approved grants.....\$10,000,000

Marijuana Regulation Fund ..... 100%

**Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation.**

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7006-0000 For the office of consumer affairs and business regulation, including expenses of an administrative services unit.....\$1,686,160

7006-0043 For the office of consumer affairs and business regulation, which may expend not more than \$807,901 from fees collected from the registration and renewal of home improvement contractor registrations under section 11 of chapter 142A of the General Laws for the administration and enforcement of the home improvement contractor registration program; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.....\$807,901

**Division of Banks.**

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7006-0010 For the operation of the division of banks; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the division shall assess 100 per cent of the amount appropriated in this item and the associated fringe benefit costs for personnel paid from this item upon financial institutions that the division currently regulates under section 2 of chapter 167 of the General Laws.....\$25,279,296

7006-0011 For the costs incurred by the division of banks associated with licensure of loan originators under chapter 255F of the General Laws; provided, that the division may expend revenues of not more than \$3,050,000 from the revenue received from administrative fees associated with the licensure fees and from civil administrative penalties collected under said chapter 255F; provided further, that not less than \$1,500,000 shall be expended by the commissioner of banks as grants for the operation of a program for best lending practices, first-time homeowner counseling for nontraditional loans and not less than 10 foreclosure education centers under section 16 of chapter 206 of the acts of 2007 and that the grants shall be awarded through a competitive application process using criteria established by the division; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the

purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the division may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$3,050,000

**Division of Insurance.**

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7006-0020 For the operation of the division of insurance, including the expenses of the board of appeal on motor vehicle policies and bonds, the associated fringe benefit costs for personnel paid from this item, certain other costs of supervising motor vehicle liability insurance and the expenses of the fraudulent claims board; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, 100 per cent of the amount appropriated in this item and the associated fringe benefit costs for personnel paid from this item shall be assessed upon the institutions which the division currently regulates under general or special laws or regulations, except for licensed business entity producers; and provided further, that the assessment shall be in addition to any assessments currently assessed upon those institutions.....\$16,269,621

7006-0029 For the operation of the health care access bureau under the division of insurance; provided, that the full amount appropriated in this item and the associated fringe benefit costs for personnel paid from this item shall be assessed upon the carriers licensed under chapters 175, 176A, 176B and 176G of the General Laws, as provided in section 7A of chapter 26 of the General Laws; provided further, that not later than January 8, 2025, the division shall submit a report to the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on health care financing and the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery outlining actions taken to comply with mental health parity provisions established in chapter 177 of the acts of 2022 including, but not limited to, analyses of: (i) evaluations and resolutions of consumer complaints alleging a carrier’s non-compliance with state and federal parity laws since the effective date of said chapter 177; and (ii) the performance of behavioral health parity compliance market conduct examinations since the effective date of said chapter 177 .....\$1,060,794

**Division of Occupational Licensure.**

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7006-0040 For the operation and administration of the division of occupational licensure .....\$11,701,280

7006-0142 For the administration of the office of public safety and inspections under the division of occupational licensure, which may expend not more than \$18,968,153 in revenues collected from fees or fines for annual elevator inspections, building inspections, amusement park ride inspections, state building code trainings and courses of instruction, licensing of pipefitters and hoisting equipment operators, all licensing programs administered by the office of public safety and inspections, revenues from fines collected under section 65 of chapter 143 of the General Laws and fees for appeals of civil fines issued under section 22 of chapter 22 of the General Laws and said section 65 of said chapter 143; provided, that funds shall be expended for the administration of the office of public safety and inspections including, but not limited to: (i) inspectional services; (ii) licensing services; (iii) the architectural access board; (iv) elevator inspections; (v) building inspections; and (vi) amusement device inspections; provided further, that the division shall employ not fewer than 70 full-time equivalent elevator inspectors, including an additional engineer, and that funds shall be expended to address the existing elevator inspection backlog and to defray the costs associated with performing overtime elevator inspections; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for a reimbursement program to be managed by the division of occupational licensure, which shall provide for the costs associated with the testing for the presence of pyrrhotite; and provided further, that reimbursements shall be made at a rate of 100 per cent for visual testing conducted by a licensed professional engineer for not more than \$600 and at a rate of 75 per cent for the testing of 2 core samples for not more than \$4,000.....\$18,968,153

**Division of Standards.**

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7006-0060 For the operation of the division of standards .....\$1,718,559

7006-0064 For the division of standards' oversight of motor vehicle repair shops  
.....\$320,000

7006-0065 For the division of standards, which may retain not more than \$836,834 from registration fees and fines collected under sections 184B to 184E, inclusive, of chapter 94 of the General Laws and section 56D of chapter 98 of the General Laws to support its

enforcement activities as provided under subsection (h) of section 184D of said chapter 94 and from revenues received from item-pricing violations collected through municipal inspection efforts and from weights and measures fees and fines collected from cities and towns for enforcement of weights and measures laws; provided, that notwithstanding said subsection (h) of said section 184D of said chapter 94, the division shall not fund the municipal grant program as provided under said subsection (h) of said section 184D of said chapter 94; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the division may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$836,834

7006-0066 For the support of municipal inspection efforts at the division of standards; provided, that not more than 15 per cent of the amount appropriated in this item shall be expended for administrative costs of the division .....\$160,372

**Department of Telecommunications and Cable.**

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7006-0071 For the operation of the department of telecommunications and cable; provided, that notwithstanding the second sentence of section 7 of chapter 25C of the General Laws, the assessments levied for fiscal year 2025 shall be made at a rate sufficient to produce 100 per cent of the amount appropriated in this item and the associated fringe benefit costs for personnel paid from this item.....\$3,456,243

**Massachusetts Office of Business Development.**

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7007-0150 For the Massachusetts office of business development for contracts with regional economic development organizations under the program established in sections 3J and 3K of chapter 23A of the General Laws; provided, that not less than \$1,500,000 shall be utilized for services performed by these organizations and not for attached projects.....\$2,000,000

Gaming Economic Development Fund..... 100%

7007-0300 For the operation of the Massachusetts office of business development and for marketing and promoting the commonwealth in order to attract and retain targeted businesses and industries; provided, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Center for Employee Ownership to contract for

services and for other operational costs that further the mission of the center .....\$1,526,818

7007-0800 For a state matching grant for the small business development center; provided, that no funds shall be expended from this item until the United States Small Business Administration has made a payment or has executed a contract to pay the University of Massachusetts at Amherst for the operation of the center; provided further, that the funds expended from this item shall not exceed 25 per cent of the gross operating cost of the center; provided further, that not more than \$300,000 from this item shall be expended for federal procurement technical assistance services within the center; provided further, that such services shall include, but not be limited to, assisting businesses in securing federal contracts, obtaining contract financing, generating responses to requests for proposals, interpreting bid documents, providing educational workshops and seminars and for the electronic identification and tracking of federal bid opportunities; and provided further, that funds expended for federal procurement technical assistance services within the center shall be subject to the receipt of matching funds from federal or private sources, including the United States Department of Defense.....\$1,426,222

7007-0801 For microlending grants, which shall be issued to established United States Treasury-certified community development financial institutions, United States Small Business Administration microlenders and United States Department of Agriculture microlenders making direct microenterprise and small business loans to borrowers on a regional basis and providing technical assistance to applicants and borrowers in order to foster business establishment and success; provided, that the funds shall be used to support the eligible organizations' lending and technical assistance activities; provided further, that not later than February 15, 2025, the Massachusetts office of business development shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means identifying the: (i) United States Treasury-certified community development financial institutions receiving grant issuances; (ii) names and loan amounts of each business receiving grant funds from the lending institution; (iii) federal dollar match received as a result of making the loan; (iv) number of jobs created through the business loans; and (v) number of failed loans; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the South Eastern Economic Development Corporation for these purposes; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Common Capital, Inc. for these purposes .....\$1,500,000

General Fund..... 53.36%

Gaming Economic Development Fund..... 46.64%

7007-0952 For the operation of the Commonwealth Zoological Corporation established in chapter 92B of the General Laws; provided, that funds appropriated in this item shall be expended to promote private fundraising, achieve self-sufficiency and serve as a catalyst for urban economic development and job opportunities for local residents; provided further, that the corporation shall take all steps necessary to increase the amount of private funding available for the operation of the zoos; provided further, that funding in this item shall not be transferred through interdepartmental service agreements; provided further, that not later than January 31, 2025, the corporation shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the status of, and amounts collected from, the private fundraising and enhanced revenue efforts identified in the draft Massachusetts Zoos Business and Operations Plan dated December 1996; provided further, that funds may be expended on a matching program to encourage private and corporate donations to support the Franklin Park Zoo and the Walter D. Stone Memorial Zoo; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be made available for zoos throughout the commonwealth that are not under the purview of the Commonwealth Zoological Corporation; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the Worcester Natural History Society, doing business as the EcoTarium Museum of Science and Nature, in the city of Worcester for its zoological park to support the daily care of the animals, community education programming and capital improvements to animal habitats; and provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Zoo in Forest Park and Education Center to support workforce and economic development, travel and tourism and wildlife conservation.....\$5,525,000

**Massachusetts Marketing Partnership.**

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7008-0900 For the operation and administration of the office of travel and tourism; provided, that the office shall be the commonwealth's official and lead agency to facilitate and attract: (i) major sports events and championships; and (ii) motion picture production and development; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (a) an overview of the tourism industry in the commonwealth; (b) the economic impact of domestic and international travelers to the commonwealth; (c) a breakdown of the regional tourism council grant allocations; and (d) initiatives undertaken to promote travel and tourism in the commonwealth; and provided further, that not



less than \$375,000 shall be expended to The Commonwealth Shakespeare Company, Inc. for their operations and free programming on the Boston Common and in the East Boston section of the city of Boston for educational theater and arts programming for elementary and secondary school students; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the office of travel and tourism to administer a grant program for places of public accommodation to install private or semi-private diaper changing stations accessible to all persons regardless of sex, gender or disability; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be transferred to the Massachusetts Tourism Trust Fund established in section 13T of chapter 23A of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the city of Newton to upgrade and develop the exhibits at Historic Newton, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$80,000 shall be expended for Irish Cultural Center, Inc. of Western New England located in the city known as the town of West Springfield for improvements to promote tourism in western Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Greater Lawrence Fellowship of the Arts, Inc. for advancement of the cultural arts in the Merrimack valley; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the office to establish an advisory commission as recommended in the report of the special commission relative to the seal and motto of the commonwealth established in chapter 2 of the resolves of 2020, which shall propose a new seal, flag and motto of the commonwealth; provided further, that members of the advisory commission shall include the executive director of the commission on Indian affairs or a designee, the director of the Massachusetts office on disability or a designee, a member of the Massachusetts historical commission chosen by the state secretary, the executive director of the Massachusetts cultural council or a designee, the executive director of Mass Humanities or a designee, the state secretary or a designee, the secretary of education or a designee, the executive director of the office of travel and tourism or a designee, a member chosen by the executive director of the commission on Indian Affairs, and a member chosen by the governor; provided further, that the advisory commission shall be co-chaired by 2 members as determined by the governor; provided further, that all appointments shall be made and the first meeting of the advisory commission shall be held within 60 days of the effective date of this act; provided further, that the advisory commission shall make recommendations for the adoption of: (i) a new design for the seal of the commonwealth; (ii) a new design for the flag of the commonwealth, which may be the same design as the seal of the commonwealth; and (iii) a new motto of the commonwealth; provided further, that the advisory commission

may issue a public request for proposals for a professional designer to prepare a new seal design and flag design based on the symbols and terms proposed by the advisory commission; provided further, that the advisory commission may create a public process and hold public hearings to solicit design ideas from the general public; provided further, that the advisory commission shall select 3 options for the design of a new seal of the commonwealth, 3 options for the design of a new flag of the commonwealth and 3 options for a new motto of the commonwealth and shall hold not less than 3 public hearings in geographically diverse locations across the commonwealth to solicit public input; provided further, that the advisory commission shall select a final design for a new seal and new flag of the commonwealth and a new motto of the commonwealth to submit with its final recommendations; provided further, that the advisory commission shall develop recommendations for implementation of the new state motto and the new designs of the state seal and flag including, but not limited to: (i) a timeline and cost estimates; and (ii) educational programs to help residents understand local indigenous history and the historical underpinnings of the previous and new seals, mottos and flags from an indigenous perspective; provided further, that following the selection of a new state motto and new designs for the seal and flag by the advisory commission, the governor shall submit legislation to the general court to amend relevant sections of the General Laws to codify the new state motto and designs for the seal and flag; and provided further, that the advisory commission shall make its final recommendations not later than 12 months after the effective date of this act .....\$1,373,309

7008-1116 For the commonwealth’s local economic development projects; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for MassEnergize, Inc. to support programs for climate resilience and clean energy in the Metrowest region; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Latin American Business Organization Inc. to provide technical assistance focused on financial management, access to capital, legal compliance, startup fundamentals and supplier diversity certification to historically disadvantaged businesses in Worcester county; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Latino Economic Development Corporation, Inc. to develop an initiative for the downtown area in the city of Chicopee; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the Coalition for an Equitable Economy, Inc. to promote an equitable and inclusive small business ecosystem; provided further, that not

less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Women's History Center, Inc. to promote civic participation through education, the arts, events and convenings; provided further, that not less than \$95,000 shall be expended to the city of Beverly for coastal resiliency projects; 75,000 shall be expended for the town of Chelmsford for a tree and invasive species inventory and management plan; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the League of Women for Community Service, Inc. in the city of Boston for the reconstruction of their historical headquarters; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Madison Park Development Corporation for the annual cultural district celebration curated for Nubian square residents, visitors and tourists by the social enterprise Black Market Nubian; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to Chica Project in the city of Quincy to support the organization's innovative, trauma-informed and culturally affirming girls empowerment and mentoring program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Equitable Opportunities Now to provide programs, services and technical assistance to support equitable economic opportunities in the cannabis industry within communities most impacted by the war on drugs; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to One Love Sports Academy Inc in the city of Boston for violence prevention programming, extracurricular activities and leadership development for at-risk and proven-risk youth in sections of the city of Boston with the highest rates of community violence and gun violence; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Chills' Diamond Ring Education Foundation Inc. in the city of Boston for development opportunities for youth, teens and young adults through mentorship, financial literacy education, business education, entrepreneurship opportunities, mental health supports, sports recreation and work readiness education; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Modern Mentor Inc. in the city of Boston for youth mentorship programming; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Marcus Anthony Hall Educational Institute (MAHEI), Inc. in the city of Boston for youth civic engagement and leadership training ; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to BAMS Fest, Inc. in the city of Boston for cultural programming centered on racial equity, creative freedom and economic empowerment for creative entrepreneurs; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to OrigiNation, Inc. for the cultural arts center in the Jamaica Plain section of the city of Boston for youth programming in dance and theater arts; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the HYPPE LLC in the city of Boston to provide year-round resources and accessibility

for youth to participate in dance classes and be exposed to cultural art through community field trips; and provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to H.E.R.O. Nurturing Center, Inc. in the city of Boston for individual and group healing and wellness activities; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Berkshire regional planning commission to support the work of the Berkshire Funding Focus program ; provided further, that not less than \$475,000 shall be expended to the town of Concord for planning the reuse and redevelopment of the former Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended for Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation, Inc. for staffing needs and enhanced programmatic offerings; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for the Hanscom Field advisory commission to study fine particulate matter near Hanscom field ; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for the Latina Circle, Inc. to promote racial equity and economic mobility ; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to Urban Impact Initiative Massachusetts Nonprofit Corporation to support organizations and programs in the cities of Springfield, Chicopee and Holyoke; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to New North Citizens Council, Inc. to support the Brightwood Elderly Living Loving Apartments; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for NeighborWorks Housing Solutions in the city of Brockton to digitize their records; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the East Bridgewater public library for upgrades and maintenance; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the cleanup and beautification of the downtown area in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for staffing at Haitian Community Partners Foundation, Inc. to provide services to the citizens in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the city of Haverhill for the purpose of signage at Ward Hill Business Park; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Goodwill Industries of the Berkshires and Southern Vermont, Inc. in the city of Pittsfield for building maintenance costs; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for The Pettengill House, Inc. in the city of Amesbury for its Individual and Family Stabilization Program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city of Amesbury for lighting improvements in the downtown region of the city; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Andover News LLC for operational support of nonpartisan journalism in the town of Andover; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for a downtown

beautification project in the city of Attleboro for the purchasing and installation of street furniture and infrastructure including, but not limited to, benches, trash receptacles and planter boxes; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of Canton to construct fences and address field safety concerns at various recreational fields in the town; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for a downtown beautification project in the town of Mansfield; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the town of Wilmington for roof repairs to the Wilmington Town Museum at the Col. Joshua Harnden Tavern; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 be allocated for the rehabilitation of the Veterans parking lot located between Central street, South street, Wall street and Cocasset street in the town of Foxborough; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Methuen Arlington Neighborhood, Inc. to increase and enhance entrepreneurial opportunities, neighborhood investment, revitalization activities and the self-sufficiency of low-income and moderate-income residents of the Methuen Arlington section of the city of Methuen; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Hispanic Image Smart Women's Biz Hub, Inc. to empower and provide professional development services to underrepresented entrepreneurs; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Wayland Community Pool, Inc. for facilities improvements; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Women of Color Coalition, Inc. to build infrastructure, capacity and expand program delivery; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the growth and expansion of the BIC Manufacturing Academy at the Berkshire Innovation Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Goshen for the Re-Imagine Goshen Center Project to transform underutilized areas downtown in the town of Goshen into integrated public spaces; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the W.E.B. Du Bois Sculpture Project at the Mason Public Library in the town of Great Barrington; provided further, that not less than \$12,500 shall be expended to the town of Southwick to promote economic development and encourage local shopping; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Wilder Homestead property in the town of Buckland to support restoration efforts; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for a grant program to support youth sports nonprofit programs that primarily serve low-income or marginalized students and that seek to foster improved outcomes in physical health, mental well-being, school participation and sense of community; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Lynn Disability Network for more inclusive

programming in the city of Lynn ; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to Casita Cultura Latina, Inc. for the Día de los Muertos event and other cultural events in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Museum of African American History, Incorporated in the town of Nantucket for security upgrades at the African Meeting House; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the Worcester Caribbean American Carnival Association, Incorporated; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the Black Heritage Juneteenth Festival in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Wellfleet department of community services to conduct a feasibility study of an outer Cape aquatic center including, but not limited to, swim safety courses for school-aged children; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Provincetown Theater for deferred maintenance costs; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for renovations at the Hyannis public library including, but not limited to, Americans with Disabilities Act compliance renovations; provided further, that not less than \$99,820 shall be expended for the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce for professional development programs; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the Cape Cod Canal Region Chamber of Commerce, Inc. for Cape Cod Canal Day; provided further, that not less than \$36,725 shall be expended for the town of Plympton for HVAC upgrades and replacements; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for the Sandwich Chamber of Commerce, Inc. to support operations of its welcome center; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for the town of Sandwich for recreation area improvements; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to ZUMIX, Inc. in the East Boston section of the city of Boston for the organization of the East Boston Latino Festival in the summer of 2024; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Winthrop public schools to support the arts; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Winthrop Little League, Inc. for necessary infrastructure at the dugout to support physical health in the Winthrop little league program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Friends of the Public Garden, Inc. to continue to preserve infrastructure for public bathroom accessibility at the Boston Common and the public garden in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Kennedy Center in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston for educational programming and family engagement; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for East End House, Inc. in the city of Cambridge to

provide comprehensive support services for families; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee, Inc. in the city of Cambridge for economic stability and mobility services; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Transition House, Inc. in the city of Cambridge to address domestic violence through intervention and prevention; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Margaret Fuller House, Incorporated in the city of Cambridge for community advancement programming; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to The Spot in the city of Cambridge to provide materials and services to residents in need ; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Eliot Family Resource Center in the city of Everett for comprehensive community-based services and resources; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for La Comunidad, Inc. in the city of Everett to support community programming and services; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Everett Haitian Community Center in the city of Everett for community programming, resources and services; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Chelsea Black Community, Inc. in the city of Chelsea for community-based services and resources; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. in the city of Chelsea for economic stability and mobility services; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for accessible sidewalk improvements in the town of Nahant; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Waltham Partnership for Youth, Inc. in the city of Waltham to sustain career enhancement programs and to support its continued operation; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to Camp Harbor View Foundation, Inc. to provide programming and family services at Camp Harbor View and its leadership academy; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Brookline for the Tech Buddies program, which provides technology, technical support and educational programming to vulnerable low-income seniors and adults with disabilities living in the town of Brookline; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Brookline to further its compliance with federal standards for language access ; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the Cape Verdean Association of Boston Inc. for community programming, including English as a second language, immersion, citizenship and pathway programs for workforce and economic development purposes; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the Wakefield Lynnfield Chamber of Commerce, Inc. for the design, purchase and

installation of banners in the downtown area of the town of Wakefield; provided further, that not less than \$80,000 shall be expended to the Greater Boston Stage Company for capital improvements to its venue in the town of Stoneham; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Caribbean Integration Community Development, Inc. to support economic development in the Greater Boston community as a whole, through its work to promote affordable housing and remove barriers to economic opportunity; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Swansea for improvements to Swansea memorial park; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Lakeville for ADA-compliant improvements to enhance and improve accessibility at the Lakeville public library; provided further, that not less than \$37,500 shall be expended to LexSeeHer, Inc. for the construction, installation and community education of the Lexington Women's Monument in the town of Lexington; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the construction of an outdoor stage at the Forbes library in the city of Northampton; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the New Dawn Arts Center, Inc. in the town of Ashburnham; provided further, that not less than \$105,000 shall be expended for Social Capital Inc. in the city of Woburn for youth leadership and civic engaging programming, migrant support and health equity work in the city of Woburn; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the department of public works infrastructure in the town of Tyngsborough; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Pepperell for municipal improvements; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Paxton for wireless internet upgrades and enhancements; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the purposes of the operation of the programs of the Menino Arts Center in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for The Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts, Inc. to support programming and operations, increase access to services, philanthropy and leadership development and enhance worker training and qualifications; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to Franco-American War Veterans, Inc. in the city of Leominster for its continued operations; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for Parkway Little League Baseball in the West Roxbury section of the city of Boston for infrastructure and operating costs; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for RAW Art Works, Inc. in the city of Lynn to support youth programming; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended to Urban Media Arts in



the city of Malden for capital improvements; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to The Daniels Farmstead Foundation, Inc. in the town of Blackstone for preservation repairs and upgrades to its historical premises; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for the Cape Ann Climate Coalition public outreach for the towns of Manchester-by-the-Sea, Rockport, Essex and the city of Gloucester; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for Cape Ann's Energy Future comprehensive review in the town of Manchester-by-the-Sea; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for a traffic study of state highway route 114 in the town of Middleton; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for bus shelters in the town of North Andover; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for technical assistance in resiliency planning and grant applications for the town of Salisbury; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for downtown economic development and promotion in the town of Topsfield; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Daniel Webster Preservation Trust, Inc. for renovations and preservation of the historic Daniel Webster House in the town of Marshfield; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Historic Winslow House Association, Inc. for renovations of the historic Winslow House in the town of Marshfield; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the town of Ashby for necessary improvements to the Ashby town gazebo; provided further, that not less than \$750,000 shall be expended to the Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority for downtown housing and economic development; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for the T-Wharf harbormaster office in the town of Rockport for public restroom ventilation upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to SAIL Home in the city known as the town of Weymouth; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Friends of Scituate FACTS, Inc. in the town of Scituate; provided further, that no less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Magical Moon Foundation, Inc. in the town of Marshfield; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Hull Lifesaving Museum, Inc. in the town of Hull; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Norwell Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. in the town of Norwell; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the ARC of the South Shore, Inc. in the town of Hingham; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the James P. Harrington Organization, Inc. in the town of Marshfield; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the installation of public art in the city known as the town of Franklin;

provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for improvements to the Kingsbury Grist Mill, Dwight-Derby House and Medfield Historical Society buildings in the town of Medfield; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to implement the updated town seal and associated branding in the town of Needham; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for upgrades to the lighting systems at the Rice Recreational Complex in the town of Wrentham; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Joseph Nee South Boston Collaborative Center for substance use disorder programming; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to South Boston Neighborhood House, Inc. for community programming; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Project D.E.E.P Assoc., Inc. for an educational enrichment program in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Ella J. Baker House Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Friends of Coppens Square Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for The Pear Square Collaborative, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Caribbean American Carnival Association of Boston, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council for the operation of the South Boston St. Patrick's Day-Evacuation Day parade; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Julie's Family Learning Program, Inc.; provided further, not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Redefining Our Community Inc. for the beautification of the Norfolk street bridge area; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Harry McDonough Sailing Center, Inc. to provide a free summer sailing program; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Boston Firefighter and Family Cancer Foundation Co. to support members who are diagnosed with occupational cancer; and provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce, Inc. in the village of Whitinsville in the town of Northbridge for workforce training, small business expansion and regional economic development initiatives .....\$9,706,545

7008-1300 For the operation of the Massachusetts international trade office .....\$142,391

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.**

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**Office of the Secretary.**

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- 7002-1091 For the development and operation of career technical institutes in vocational-technical schools in partnership with industry and community stakeholders; provided, that career technical institutes shall build out industry recognized credentialing pathways for adult learners in technical and trade fields to retrain and grow the workforce; provided further, that at the direction of the secretary of labor and workforce development, development funds may be transferred to the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund established in section 2WWW of chapter 29 of the General Laws to issue competitive grants to support the start-up and educational costs of career technical institutes; and provided further, that not later than December 13, 2024, the executive office of labor and workforce development shall submit a report to the joint committee on labor and workforce development and the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) a list of vocational-technical schools that are operating career technical institutes; (ii) the amount of funding each vocational-technical school will receive under this item; (iii) the number of students served by career technical institutes, including technical institutes established in chapter 74 of the General Laws and the number of adult learners participating in industry recognized credentialing pathways at each vocational-technical school, delineated by training program; and (iv) the employment outcomes of the graduates of the training programs .....\$10,379,600
- 7003-0100 For the operation of the executive office of labor and workforce development; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Community Action Inc.'s MakeIT Haverhill program; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for construction industry apprenticeship and career preparedness training programs administered by Building Pathways, Inc. to increase the participation of socially and economically disadvantaged populations .....\$1,904,807
- 7003-0101 For the costs of core administrative functions performed within the executive office of labor and workforce development; provided, that common functions that may be designated core administrative functions include, without limitation, human resources, financial management, information technology, legal, procurement and asset management; provided further, that the executive office shall, in consultation with the comptroller, develop a detailed plan for the expenditure of said funds, and for increasing efficiency and reducing costs through shared services; provided further, that not later than January 31, 2025, the secretary of labor and workforce development and the comptroller shall jointly submit the plan to the joint committee on labor and workforce development and the house and senate committees on ways and means; and provided further, that the General Fund shall be reimbursed the amount appropriated in

this item attributed to the department of industrial accidents based on rates approved by the office of the comptroller and for associated indirect and direct fringe benefit costs from assessments levied under section 65 of chapter 152 of the General Laws .....\$20,174,631

7003-0150 For the operation of a re-entry workforce development and supportive services program for formerly incarcerated persons, targeted at individuals transitioning from a house of correction or the department of correction; provided, that funds shall be used for: (i) job training for formerly incarcerated persons in order to facilitate job placement; (ii) wage subsidies to facilitate private sector employment and professional development; and (iii) support services and programs for court-involved youths; provided further, that the executive office of labor and workforce development shall take all necessary steps to secure private sector funding for this program; provided further, that the executive office shall coordinate with a local public or private nonprofit university to examine and develop a longitudinal evaluation framework to assess the efficacy and efficiency of the program; and provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the executive office of labor and workforce development shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means describing the administrative functions of the program, client outcomes and plans for the longitudinal evaluation framework .....\$2,500,000

Gaming Economic Development Fund..... 100%

7003-0151 For the purposes of expanding registered apprenticeships including, but not limited to, in the priority manufacturing, health care and information technology industries .....\$2,817,398

**Department of Economic Research.**

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7003-0105 For the operation of the department of economic research.....\$891,695

**Department of Labor Standards.**

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7003-0200 For the operation of the department of labor standards .....\$4,716,206

7003-0201 For the department of labor standards, which may expend not more than \$441,118 received from fees collected under section 3A of chapter 23 of the General Laws and civil fines issued under section 197B of chapter 111 of the General Laws, section 46R of chapter 140 of the General Laws and section 6F½ of chapter 149 of the General Laws .....\$441,118

**Department of Labor Relations.**

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7003-0900	For the operation of the department of labor relations .....	\$3,522,982
7003-0902	For the operation of the Joint Labor Management Committee for Municipal Police and Fire .....	\$350,000

**Department of Career Services.**

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7002-0012	For a youth-at-risk program targeting high-risk areas; provided, that these funds may be expended for the development and implementation of a year-round employment program for youth-at-risk and existing year-round employment programs, including programs that serve youth who are not more than 25 years of age, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning youth, youth of color, youth of all abilities, national origins and religions and low-income youth, including single income households, youth who are experiencing housing insecurity and other youth determined to be eligible by the Commonwealth Corporation; provided further, that \$500,000 of these funds shall be matched by private organizations; provided further, that the Commonwealth Corporation shall partner with the school-to-career connecting activities program at the department of elementary and secondary education to develop appropriate connections between the 2 programs; and provided further, that funds shall be available for expenditure through June 30, 2026, prior appropriation continued.....	\$15,740,000
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Gaming Economic Development Fund..... 100%

7002-1080	For the Learn to Earn Initiative to be designed and administered jointly by an interagency working group including the executive office of labor and workforce development, the executive office of education, the executive office of economic development, the executive office of health and human services, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the executive office of public safety and security; provided, that funds may be transferred to the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund established in section 2WWW of chapter 29 of the General Laws for the purposes of supporting a competitive grant program designed to create talent pipelines for businesses and provide career pathways toward high demand occupations as defined by the executive office of economic development and the executive office of labor and workforce development via cohort-based case management and support services for underemployed or unemployed individuals; provided further, that competitive grants shall only be awarded to partnerships	
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of organizations that work with underemployed or unemployed individuals; and provided further, that funding may also be made available to address barriers to obtaining and sustaining employment for job seekers who are underemployed or unemployed and participating in said grant program including, but not limited to: (i) transportation; and (ii) child care .....\$300,000

7003-0606 For the operation and maintenance of the Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Inc., to maintain and promote manufacturing as an integral part of the economy, and for programs designed to assist small and mid-sized manufacturing companies .....\$1,700,000

Gaming Economic Development Fund..... 100%

7003-0607 For the Commonwealth Corporation for an employment training program for unemployed young adults with disabilities; provided, that funds shall be awarded competitively by the Commonwealth Corporation to community-based organizations with recognized success in creating strong collaborations with employers to consider young adults with disabilities; and provided further, that a community-based organization that receives funding under this item shall provide extensive training and internship programming and ongoing post-placement support for participants and employers .....\$1,000,000

Gaming Economic Development Fund..... 100%

7003-0608 For the 1199SEIU Training and Upgrading Fund to deliver innovative worker training for eligible health care workers that will better the lives of health care workers, reduce costs and improve the quality of health care provided by MassHealth personal care attendants and provided at nursing homes, community health centers, hospitals and health systems.....\$1,000,000

Gaming Economic Development Fund..... 100%

7003-0800 For the operation of the MassHire in the department of career services; provided, that funds may be expended for the MassHire Workforce System .....\$2,221,183

7003-0803 For the operation of the one-stop career centers .....\$9,860,450

Gaming Economic Development Fund..... 100%

7003-1206 For the Massachusetts Service Alliance, Inc., to administer state service corps grants and provide training and support to volunteer and service organizations .....\$1,200,000

7003-1207 For the operation of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO Workforce Development Programs, Inc. to provide dislocated worker assistance, layoff aversion and job training with a focus on pathways to quality careers through traditional and nontraditional apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship training .....\$150,000

**Department of Industrial Accidents.**

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7003-0500 For the operation and administrative expenses of the department of industrial accidents; provided, that not later than January 31, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the scope, objective and results of grant recipients’ safety training program; and provided further, that the General Fund shall be reimbursed the amount appropriated in this item and for associated indirect and direct fringe benefit costs from assessments levied under section 65 of chapter 152 of the General Laws .....\$22,433,922

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES.**

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7004-0001 For the operation of the commission on Indian affairs .....\$148,537

7004-0099 For the operation of the executive office of housing and livable communities; provided, that the executive office may make expenditures against federal grants for certain direct and indirect costs under a cost overhead allocation plan approved by the comptroller; provided further, that the comptroller shall maintain an account on the state accounting and reporting system to make these expenditures; provided further, that expenditures made against the account shall not be subject to appropriation and may include the cost of personnel; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive office may conduct annual verifications of household income levels based upon state tax returns to administer the state and federal housing subsidy programs funded by items 7004-0108, 7004-9005, 7004-9024, 7004-9030, 7004-9033 and 7004-9316 of this section and items 7004-9014, 7004-9019 and 7004-9020 of section 2D; provided further, that as a condition of eligibility or continued occupancy by an applicant or tenant, the executive office may require disclosure of the social security numbers of the applicant or tenant and members of the applicant’s or tenant’s household solely for use in verification of income eligibility; provided further, that the executive office may deny or terminate participation in subsidy programs for failure by an applicant or tenant to provide a social security number for use in verification of income eligibility; provided further, that the

executive office may consult with the department of revenue, the department of transitional assistance or any other state or federal agency to conduct income verification; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, these state agencies shall consult and cooperate with the executive office and furnish any information in the possession of the agencies including, but not limited to, tax returns and applications for public assistance or financial aid; provided further, that in conducting income verifications, the executive office may enter into an interdepartmental service agreement with the department of revenue to utilize the department of revenue's wage reporting and bank match system to verify the income and eligibility of participants in federally-assisted housing programs and that of members of the participants' households; provided further, that not later than September 13, 2024, the executive office shall promulgate and uniformly enforce regulations clarifying that a household that otherwise qualifies for any preference or priority for state-subsidized housing based on homeless or at-risk status shall retain that preference or priority notwithstanding receipt of assistance that is intended to be temporary including, but not limited to, any temporary or bridge subsidies provided with state or federal funds, which shall include households receiving assistance under item 7004-0108 after July 1, 2013; provided further, that the executive office shall operate local offices in the 10 cities and towns in which the executive office maintained office locations as of January 1, 2024 in order to continue to accept in-person applications and provide other services related to the emergency assistance housing program funded by item 7004-0101; provided further, that the offices shall have sufficient staffing to determine eligibility promptly and provide other program services to families; provided further, that the executive office may operate additional local offices in other municipalities that are geographically convenient to those families who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness; provided further, that not later than September 2, 2024, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to, for each local office: (i) the municipality in which each office is located; (ii) the ways in which applicants can submit applications and connect with staff, including, if available, in-person, by telephone and online; (iii) the daily business hours of in-person and telephonic operation of each office; (iv) the number of full-time equivalent staff assigned to each office; (v) the average wait time for direct communication with a staff member whether in-person or by telephone; and (vi) any steps the executive office plans to take to increase accessibility to intake services related to emergency assistance housing programs across the



commonwealth; provided further, that at least annually, the executive office shall conduct staff trainings which shall include, but not be limited to, notice of changes in laws related to items of appropriation under the administration of the executive office; provided further, that the executive office shall provide the caseload forecasting office with enrollment data and any other information pertinent to caseload forecasting that is requested by the office on a monthly basis; provided further, that the information shall be provided in a manner that meets all applicable federal and state privacy and security requirements; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for Massachusetts Fair Housing Center, Inc. to protect residents of the commonwealth from housing discrimination; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be provided to the Center for Human Development, Incorporated for a grant to an organization coordinating homelessness prevention efforts across the 4 western counties .....\$15,731,798

7004-0100 For the operations of the homeless shelter and services unit, including the compensation of caseworkers and support personnel .....\$17,554,827

7004-0101 For certain expenses of the emergency housing assistance program under section 30 of chapter 23B of the General Laws; provided, that eligibility shall be limited to families with incomes at or below 115 per cent of the 2023 or a later-issued higher federal poverty level; provided further, that any family whose income exceeds 200 per cent of the federal poverty level for a sustained and consecutive period of 90 days while the family is receiving assistance funded by this item shall not become ineligible for assistance due to exceeding the income limit for a period of 6 months from the date that the income level was exceeded; provided further, that families who are eligible for assistance through a temporary emergency family shelter shall include families who: (i) are at risk of domestic abuse in their current housing situation or are homeless because they fled domestic violence and have not had access to safe, permanent housing since leaving the housing situation that they fled; (ii) through no fault of their own, are homeless due to fire, flood or natural disaster; (iii) through no fault of their own, have been subject to eviction from their most recent housing due to: (a) foreclosure; (b) condemnation; (c) conduct by a guest or former household member who is not part of the household seeking emergency shelter and over whose conduct the remaining household members had no control; or (d) nonpayment of rent caused by a documented medical condition or diagnosed disability or caused by a documented loss of income within the last 12 months directly as a result of a change in household composition or a loss of income source through no fault of the family; or (iv) are in a housing situation where they are not

the primary leaseholder or are in a housing situation not meant for human habitation and where there is a substantial health and safety risk to the family that is likely to result in significant harm should the family remain in the housing situation; provided further, that temporary emergency assistance shall be provided to families who, on the date of application for emergency assistance, have no other feasible alternative housing as defined under 760 CMR 67.06(1)(b) and who, but for not having spent 1 night in a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings including, but not limited to, a car, park, abandoned building, medical facility, bus or train station, airport or campground, would be eligible for emergency assistance under clauses (i) to (iv), inclusive; provided further, that the executive office of housing and livable communities shall submit quarterly reports, broken down by month, to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing expenditures under the preceding proviso, including: (1) the number of families who received emergency assistance under the preceding proviso; (2) the number of families entering the emergency assistance system after having already stayed in a place not meant for human habitation; and (3) the number of families entering the emergency assistance system having stayed in a place not meant for human habitation after having requested services provided for in this item within the preceding 6 months and within the preceding week; (4) the number of families described under clause (3) who received a written denial of their request for services prior to staying in a place not meant for human habitation and the number who neither entered the emergency shelter system nor received a written denial on the day of their request; and (5) available data on the race and ethnicity of the families described under clauses (1) to (4) inclusive; provided further, that nothing contained in this item shall require that emergency assistance be provided to a family that, on the date of application for emergency assistance, has other feasible housing as defined under said 760 CMR 67.06(1)(b) and that said housing adequately accommodates the size and disabilities of the family; provided further, that not less than annually, the executive office shall provide training to relevant staff to ensure compliance with legal requirements related to eligibility for the emergency housing assistance program, including eligibility based on a family having no other feasible alternative housing as defined under said 760 CMR 67.06(1)(b); provided further, that the executive office shall collaborate with the executive office of health and human services, the Massachusetts interagency council on housing and homelessness and family homelessness service providers on strategies and best practices for the prevention of family homelessness; provided further, that the health and safety risk shall be determined by the

department of children and families or a department-approved entity through risk assessments; provided further, that a family who receives emergency housing assistance due to domestic abuse shall be connected to the appropriate social service agency; provided further, that temporary assistance under this item shall be terminated upon the offer of available housing or other assistance sufficient to maintain or stabilize housing; provided further, that a family may not decline an offer for available housing if the offer adequately accommodates the size and disabilities of the family and the new housing placement would not result in a job loss for the client; provided further, that any family who declines an adequate offer of available housing or other assistance sufficient to maintain or stabilize housing shall become ineligible for assistance from this item; provided further, that families receiving benefits under this item shall have 30 per cent of their income set aside in a savings account, subject to reasonable exceptions as set forth under executive office regulations in effect in fiscal year 2025; provided further, that the amount saved shall be exempt from otherwise applicable asset limits; provided further, that the family may withdraw the amount placed in savings upon transition to permanent housing or losing eligibility for shelter services; provided further, that families receiving emergency assistance shall receive housing search assistance that attempts to facilitate a sustainable housing placement within 4 weeks of entry into the emergency assistance shelter, motel or hotel; provided further, that families receiving assistance for longer than 32 weeks shall have an executable shelter exit plan that facilitates a housing placement in a new sustainable tenancy or a safe residence including, but not limited to, a placement for which the family is not the primary leaseholder, as soon as possible; provided further, that funds may be advanced to contracted service providers to cover 1-time upfront costs needed to operate shelters; provided further, that as part of executive office efforts to prevent abuse of the emergency assistance program, the executive office shall enter into a wage match agreement with the department of revenue; provided further, that eligibility for shelter by an otherwise eligible family shall not be impaired by prior receipt of any nonshelter benefit; provided further, that an eligible household that is approved for shelter placement shall be placed in a shelter as close as possible to the household's home community, unless a household requests otherwise; provided further, that if the closest available placement is not within 20 miles of the household's home community, the household shall be transferred to an appropriate shelter within 20 miles of its home community at the earliest possible date, unless the household requests otherwise; provided further, that the executive office shall notify local school departments of the placement of a family in its district within 5 days

of placement; provided further, that the executive office shall make every effort to ensure that children receiving services from this item shall continue attending school in the community in which they lived before receiving services funded from this item; provided further, that the executive office shall use its best efforts to ensure that a family placed by the emergency housing assistance program shall be provided with access to refrigeration and basic cooking facilities; provided further, that if a family with a child under 3 years of age is placed in a hotel or motel, the executive office shall ensure that the hotel or motel provides a crib that meets all state and federal safety codes for each child under 3 years of age; provided further, that the executive office may require identity and custody verifications needed to ensure the safety of children prior to placement into shelter; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive office shall immediately provide shelter for up to 30 days to families who appear to be eligible for shelter based on statements provided by the family and any other information in the possession of the executive office but who need additional time to obtain any third-party verifications reasonably required by the executive office; provided further, that shelter benefits received under the preceding proviso shall not render a family ineligible under any regulation which provides that a family who previously received shelter is ineligible for shelter benefits for a period of 12 months; provided further, that families receiving shelter benefits who are found ineligible for continuing shelter benefits shall be eligible for aid pending a timely appeal under said chapter 23B; provided further, that the executive office shall not impose unreasonable requirements for third-party verifications and shall accept verifications from a family whenever reasonable; provided further, that this item shall be subject to appropriation and in the event of a deficiency, nothing in this item shall give rise to or shall be construed as giving rise to any enforceable right or entitlement to services in excess of the amounts appropriated in this item; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, not less than 90 days before promulgating or amending any regulations, administrative practices or policies that would alter eligibility for or the level of benefits under this program, other than that which would benefit the clients, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities and the clerks of the senate and house of representatives setting forth justification for such changes including, but not limited to, any determination by the secretary of housing and livable communities that available appropriations will be insufficient to meet projected expenses and the projected savings from any proposed changes; provided further,

that no funds from this item shall be expended for personnel or administrative costs; provided further, that the executive office shall submit quarterly reports, broken down by month, to the house and senate committees on ways and means with the most recently available monthly data, including data on the race and ethnicity of all families where available and applicable expressed as a percentage of the total, on: (A) applications for services provided for in this item and in item 7004-0108 as well as requests for services under this item and item 7008-0108, with a request for services defined as any point at which the household seeking services provides information to the executive office as part of any enrollment, triage, or eligibility determination, regardless of whether a formal application is completed and regardless of whether the contact is by telephone, by office visit, or by other means; (B) front-door entries into the emergency assistance system; (C) applications and requests for services provided for in this item and in item 7004-0108 that are denied and the bases of all such denials expressed as a percentage of the total; (D) applications and requests for services provided for in this item and in item 7004-0108 that do not result in a formal denial, a front-door entry into the emergency assistance system or verified diversion as a result of HomeBASE household assistance expressed as a percentage of the total; (E) the number of households submitting multiple applications or making multiple requests for services within the previous 1-month period and the previous 6-month period; (F) diversions as a result of HomeBASE household assistance; (G) exits from the emergency assistance system, delineated by reason for exit, including at-fault terminations, exits because the household is no longer income eligible, exits through HomeBASE household assistance with no other subsidy and exits to affordable, subsidized, or otherwise assisted housing; (H) the number of applications and requests that do not result in the household entering emergency assistance shelter within 48 hours and for which such nonentry is attributable to each of the following: written denial, pending documentation or verifications, no imminent homelessness or household withdrawal of the application; (I) the average, minimum and maximum cost per family of emergency assistance under this item; (J) the number of families served under this item who required further assistance under this item or under item 7004-0108 at a later date; (K) the type of assistance later required and provided; (L) the total number of families receiving assistance under item 7004-0101 that have received assistance under this item or item 7004-0108 during each of the previous 1, 2 and 3 years; (M) the number of children served under this item broken down by age; (N) the number of applications and requests from households that became homeless within 12 months of depleting their HomeBASE assistance under item 7004-

0108; (O) the reasons for homelessness in the applications and requests received under clause (N) and the number of applications and requests received under said clause (N) that are denied; and (P) the average and maximum length of stay for families currently staying in an emergency assistance shelter placement; provided further, that said quarterly reports shall also include the following information from the department of children and families: (I) the number of families assessed for a health and safety risk in the previous quarter; (II) the number of families determined to be at a substantial health and safety risk; (III) the number of families receiving multiple health and safety assessments within the previous 6-month period; and (IV) the standards used to determine a substantial health and safety risk; provided further, that said quarterly reports shall also include: (i) the number of families that applied for a transfer from their current shelter placement to a unit that can accommodate their disability-related needs, delineated by reason for the application; (ii) the number of families whose applications for reasonable accommodation have been approved but that are waiting for transfer due to lack of available units able to accommodate their disability-related needs, delineated by category of accommodation including, but not limited to, access to cooking facilities, first-floor or elevator access, noncarpeted unit, physical modification to unit, scattered site unit, geographic proximity to service providers and wheelchair accessibility; (iii) the number of families currently in shelter units located more than 20 miles away from their home community; (iv) the number of families with at least 1 child who attends a school other than the child's school of origin as a result of placement in a shelter unit outside of their home community; (v) both the average and maximum number of days that families spend in placements under the circumstances described in clauses (ii) to (iv), inclusive, prior to being transferred to a shelter unit for which none of the circumstances in said clauses (ii) to (iv), inclusive, apply; (vi) the percentage of applications for a transfer that were approved; and (vii) the average number of days and the maximum number of days between the application submission and the approval; provided further, that funds shall be expended on shelter units suitable to meet the needs of households with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodation; provided further, that funds shall be expended for expenses incurred as a result of families being housed in hotels due to the unavailability of contracted shelter beds; provided further, that not less than \$800,000 shall be expended for a Home Works program to provide opportunities for children in the emergency housing assistance program to attend out-of-school time and summer programming run by youth serving organizations; provided further, that a youth serving organization shall apply to contract with the executive office

of housing and livable communities to receive contract slots to serve children in the program; and provided further, that the executive office may expend funds for the administration and implementation of the Home Works program .....\$326,071,903

7004-0102 For the homelessness program to assist individuals who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless, including assistance to organizations which provide shelter, transitional housing and services that help individuals avoid entry into shelters or successfully exit shelters; provided, that no organization providing services to the homeless shall receive less than an average per bed, per night rate of \$25; provided further, that the executive office of housing and livable communities may allocate funds to other agencies for the program; provided further, that no funds shall be expended for costs associated with the homeless management information system; provided further, that the executive office shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the contracts awarded to service providers; provided further, that the reports shall include, but not be limited to: (i) each contracted service provider; (ii) the amount of the contracts; (iii) a description of the services to be provided; and (iv) the date upon which each contract was executed; provided further, that the full amount appropriated in this item shall be allocated to contracted service providers; and provided further, that programs currently providing shelter may renegotiate how to use said program’s shelter fund, with the agreement of the executive office and the host municipality, to provide alternative services proven to be effective, including housing first models, transitional housing and diversion away from shelters .....\$110,752,398

7004-0104 For the home and healthy for good program operated by Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, Inc. to reduce the incidence of chronic and long-term homelessness in the commonwealth; provided, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to continue a supportive housing initiative for unaccompanied homeless young adults who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning; provided further, that Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, Inc. shall be solely responsible for the administration of this program; provided further, that not later than February 28, 2025, the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, Inc. shall submit a report to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the executive office of housing and livable communities, the joint committee on housing and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (i) the number of people served, including available demographic information; (ii) the average cost per participant; (iii) whether

participants have previously received services from the executive office; and (iv) any projected cost-savings to the commonwealth associated with this program; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for a statewide permanent supportive housing program to serve people experiencing long-term homelessness and who have complex medical and behavioral health needs for the purpose of ending homelessness, promoting housing stability and reducing costly utilization of emergency and acute care; provided further, that the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, Inc. shall be solely responsible for the administration of this program; provided further, that not later than February 28, 2025, the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, Inc. shall submit a report to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the executive office of housing and livable communities, the joint committee on housing and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (a) the number of people served, including available demographic information; (b) the average cost per participant; (c) whether participants have previously received services from the executive office; and (d) any projected cost-savings associated with this program for the executive office or in the utilization of emergency and acute care; and provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended by the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, Inc. for promotion, resource development and technical assistance related to the creation of permanent supportive housing for persons with disabilities who are experiencing homelessness and the development of other solutions to homelessness.....\$8,890,000

7004-0105 For permanent supportive housing units to house individuals experiencing homelessness and mitigate overcrowding in homeless shelters; provided, that not less than \$3,005,000 may be expended to sustain low-threshold sponsor-based leasing that had been previously linked to the pay-for-success projects funded through the Social Innovation Financing Trust Fund established under section 35VV of chapter 10 of the General Laws; provided further, that the executive office of housing and livable communities shall prioritize geographic equity when expending funds from this item; provided further, that the executive office may contract directly with the organizations that received Social Innovation Financing vouchers funded under 7004-9024 in fiscal year 2022; and provided further, that not later than February 28, 2025, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the distribution methodology and locations of units supported by this item.....\$8,905,000



- 7004-0106 For the continued implementation and evaluation of the homeless family preference in private multi-family housing program established by New Lease for Homeless Families, Inc.....\$250,000
- 7004-0107 For the administration of local housing programs; provided, that not less than \$80,000 shall be expended to the Martha's Vineyard Commission to update housing production plans for towns in the county of Dukes County; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action, Inc. for outreach related to and the operation of its confronting the history of housing discrimination curriculum and for the development of additional curriculum units; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to New Beginnings Reentry Services, Inc. to reduce recidivism and provide housing to formerly incarcerated women in the city of Boston transitioning back into the community; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to support staffing at W.A.T.C.H., INC and to prevent evictions; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to maintain patient safety and security at the Community Day Center of Waltham, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of Somerville to establish a short-term housing bridge pilot program to facilitate interim housing stability for individuals applying for more affordable permanent housing situations; provided further, that eligibility for the pilot program shall include households with individuals: (i) age 60 or older residing in the city of Somerville, who are otherwise eligible for housing under item 7004-9005 or item 7004-9024; (ii) with incomes of not more than 80 per cent of the area median income; and (iii) at risk of eviction due to their inability to consistently pay rent; provided further, that households participating in the pilot program shall not, while receiving such assistance, be required to pay more than 30 per cent of their monthly adjusted income for rent; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the city of Revere to create a pilot program for grants of not less than \$5,000 directed to eligible first-time homebuyers who have lived in a jurisdiction selected by the city for not less than 18 months; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Crossroads Family Shelter in the East Boston section of the city of Boston to provide mental health, substance use and clinical recovery services for those impacted by family homelessness; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 be expended to Chelsea Restoration Corporation in the city of Chelsea to promote home ownership for low-to-moderate income residents in the city of Chelsea and the surrounding areas; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for SouthCoast Fair Housing, Inc. to promote equitable access to safe, affordable

housing for all residents throughout Bristol and Plymouth counties; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Pathway to Possible, Inc. in the city of Newton to provide housing, support and advocacy for people with cognitive and developmental disabilities; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for Newton At Home, Inc. to provide financial assistance to qualifying seniors in the city of Newton; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to Welcome Home, Inc. in the city of Newton for its home goods pantry; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Transgender Emergency Fund of Massachusetts, Inc. for efforts and programming including, but not limited to, supports for housing insecure and homeless individuals; provided, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended to Housing Families, Inc. to purchase transport vans; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the city of Fitchburg for downtown housing development; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for Community Action Agency of Somerville, Inc. for tenant rights education and advocacy; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. for its mobile homeless outreach team for service in the cities of Everett, Malden and Medford; and provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended as grants to the Lynn Housing Authority to provide housing stabilization services and information and referral services to households who face significant barriers to sustaining housing, including, but not limited to, those who are currently or previously have been served with: (i) residential assistance payments under item 7004-9316; or (ii) emergency rental assistance and other services under the executive office of housing and livable communities' 2019 novel coronavirus eviction diversion initiative .....\$1,810,000

7004-0108 For a program of short-term housing assistance to help families eligible for temporary emergency shelter under item 7004-0101 in addressing obstacles to maintaining or securing housing; provided, that the assistance shall include not less than 12 months of housing stabilization and economic self-sufficiency case management services for each family receiving benefits under this item; provided further, that a family shall not receive more than \$30,000 in a 24-month period from this item; provided further, the executive office of housing and livable communities shall provide household assistance in an amount up to \$15,000, or a higher cap established in item 7004-0108, for a subsequent 12-month period to eligible families; provided further, that not less than \$2,500,000 shall be made available to administering agencies for circumstances in which the administering agency believes an award greater than

\$30,000 in a 24-month period is essential to resolve a housing crisis, in accordance with guidance from the executive office of housing and livable communities; provided further, that so long as a family meets the requirements of its housing stabilization plan, a family that received household assistance under this item whose income increases shall not become ineligible for assistance due to exceeding the income limit; provided further, that a family shall not be deemed ineligible as a result of any single violation of a self-sufficiency plan; provided further, that the executive office of housing and livable communities shall take all steps necessary to enforce regulations to prevent abuse in the short-term housing transition program, including a wage match agreement with the department of revenue; provided further, that a family that was terminated from the program or did not make a good faith effort to follow its housing stabilization plan during the term of its assistance shall be ineligible for benefits under said item 7004-0101 and this item for 12 months from the last date the family received financial assistance under said item 7004-0101 and this item; provided further, that a family's housing stabilization plan shall adequately accommodate the ages and disabilities of the family members; provided further, that families receiving benefits under this program who are found ineligible for continuing benefits shall be eligible for aid pending a timely appeal under chapter 23B of the General Laws; provided further, that families who are denied assistance under this item may appeal that denial under said chapter 23B, including subsection (F) of section 30 of said chapter 23B and regulations adopted to implement said chapter 23B; provided further, that the executive office, as a condition of continued eligibility for assistance under this program, may require disclosure of social security numbers by all members of a family receiving assistance under this item for use in verification of income with other agencies, departments and executive offices; provided further, that if a family member fails to provide a social security number for use in verifying the family's income and eligibility, then the family shall no longer be eligible to receive benefits from this program; provided further, that the executive office shall administer this program through the following agencies, unless administering agencies are otherwise procured by the executive office: the Berkshire Housing Development Corporation; Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance, Inc.; Community Teamwork Inc.; the Housing Assistance Corporation; the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority; Way Finders, Inc.; Metro Housing Boston; the Lynn Housing Authority and Neighborhood Development; the South Middlesex Opportunity Council, Inc.; NeighborWorks Housing Solutions; and RCAP Solutions, Inc.; provided further, that the executive office shall reallocate funding based on performance-

based statistics from underperforming service providers to above average service providers in order to move as many families from hotels, motels or shelters into more sustainable housing; provided further, that the executive office shall use funds provided under this program for stabilization workers to focus efforts on housing retention and to link households to supports, including job training, education, job search and child care opportunities available, and may enter into agreements with other public and private agencies for the provision of these services; provided further, that a stabilization worker shall be assigned to each household; provided further, that funds shall be used to more rapidly transition families served by the program into temporary or permanent sustainable housing; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, not less than 90 days before promulgating or amending any regulation, administrative practice or policy that would alter eligibility for or the level of benefits under this program to less than the benefit level available on June 30, 2024, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the clerks of the senate and house of representatives setting forth the justification for such changes including, but not limited to, any determination by the secretary of housing and livable communities that available appropriations will be insufficient to meet projected expenses; provided further, that the executive office shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means, which shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) number of families served, including available demographic information, as well as the number of children served under this item broken down by age; (ii) type of assistance given; (iii) average, minimum and maximum cost per family of said assistance; and (iv) total number of families receiving benefits under item 7004-0101 that have received assistance under item 7004-0108 during the previous 1, 2 and 3 years, including available demographic information; provided further, that the executive office shall expend funds under item 7004-0108 on families residing in temporary emergency shelters and family residential treatment or sober living programs under items 4512-0200 and 4513-1130 if said families otherwise meet all eligibility requirements applicable to emergency shelter under item 7004-0101, except that, solely for the purposes of this item, the fact that a family is residing in a temporary emergency domestic violence shelter under item 4513-1130 or in a family residential treatment or sober living program under item 4512-0200 shall not preclude said family from receiving assistance; provided further, that this item shall be subject to appropriation and, in the event of a deficiency, nothing in this item shall give rise to, or shall be construed as giving rise to, any enforceable right or entitlement to services in excess of the amounts appropriated in this item; and

provided further, that household assistance funds shall be advanced to the administering agencies at the end of each month and before the next month's disbursement, the amount of which shall be estimated based on the prior month's expenditure with a reconciliation not less than annually.....\$57,322,001

7004-0202 For the rapid transition of homeless individuals into sustainable permanent housing; provided, that programs under this item shall be administered by direct service providers contracted under item 7004-0102; provided further, that these programs may include, but shall not be limited to, vocational training, temporary assistance and permanent supportive housing; and provided further, that not later than January 31, 2025, the executive office of housing and livable communities shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the: (i) total number of people served; (ii) total number of people transitioned into permanent housing; and (iii) types of programs implemented .....\$5,000,000

7004-3036 For housing services and counseling; provided, that funds shall be expended as grants to 9 regional housing consumer education centers operated by the regional nonprofit housing authorities; provided further, that the grants shall be awarded through a competitive application process under criteria established by the executive office of housing and livable communities; and provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Regional Housing Network of Massachusetts, Inc. for coordination and information technology .....\$8,974,000

7004-3045 For a tenancy preservation program for neutral party consultation services in eviction cases before the housing court department of the trial court for individuals with disabilities and for families with individuals with disabilities; provided, that the disability of the program participant or family member must be directly related to the reason for eviction to be eligible for the program.....\$2,042,755

7004-4314 For the expenses of a service coordinators program established by the executive office of housing and livable communities to assist tenants residing in state-aided public housing; provided, that the executive office shall distribute funding for resident service coordinators in a geographically equitable manner; and provided further, that funding shall be made available for resident service coordinators that serve multiple smaller housing authorities .....\$6,500,000

7004-9005 For subsidies to housing authorities and nonprofit organizations, including funds for deficiencies caused by certain reduced rentals in housing for the elderly, handicapped, veterans, families and

relocated persons under sections 32 and 40 of chapter 121B of the General Laws; provided, that the executive office of housing and livable communities may expend funds appropriated under this item for deficiencies caused by certain reduced rentals which may be anticipated in the operation of housing authorities for the first quarter of the subsequent fiscal year; provided further, that no funds shall be expended from this item to reimburse the debt service reserve included in the budgets of housing authorities; provided further, that the amount appropriated in this item shall be considered to meet all obligations under said sections 32 and 40 of said chapter 121B; provided further, that new reduced rental units developed in fiscal year 2025 eligible for subsidies under this item shall not cause any annualization that results in an amount exceeding the amount appropriated in this item; provided further, that all funds in excess of normal utilities, operations and maintenance costs may be expended for capital repairs; provided further, that no employee of a housing authority shall simultaneously be an elected executive officer within the same municipality in which the authority is located; provided further, that housing authorities and nonprofit organizations situated in municipalities that do not comply with the provisions of section 3A of chapter 40A of the General Laws shall continue to qualify for funding from the local capital projects fund; and provided further, that the administration shall make every attempt to direct efforts toward rehabilitating housing authority family units requiring \$10,000 or less in repairs .....\$115,000,000

General Fund..... 83.74%  
 Local Capital Projects Fund..... 16.26%

7004-9007 For costs associated with the implementation of the duties of the executive office of housing and livable communities under chapter 235 of the acts of 2014; provided, that in conjunction with said duties, funds may be expended on the creation and implementation of an information technology platform for state-aided public housing to be administered by the executive office; and provided further, that the executive office, in making changes to said information technology platform, shall collaborate and coordinate with housing authorities to ensure equitable and effective systems .....\$1,250,000

7004-9024 For the Massachusetts rental voucher program to provide rental assistance to low-income families and elderly persons through mobile and project-based vouchers; provided, that the income of eligible households shall not exceed 80 per cent of the area median income; provided further, that the executive office of housing and livable communities may require that not less than 75 per cent of newly issued vouchers be targeted to households whose income at

initial occupancy does not exceed 30 per cent of the area median income; provided further, that the executive office may award mobile vouchers to eligible households currently occupying project-based units that shall expire due to the nonrenewal of project-based rental assistance contracts; provided further, that the executive office, as a condition of continued eligibility for vouchers and voucher payments, may require disclosure of social security numbers by participants and members of a participant's household in the Massachusetts rental voucher program for use in verification of income with other agencies, departments and executive offices; provided further, that if a participant or member of a participant's household fails to provide a social security number for use in verifying the household's income and eligibility, then that household shall no longer be eligible for a voucher or to receive benefits from the voucher program; provided further, that any household that is proven to have caused intentional damage to its rental unit in an amount exceeding 2 months of rent during any 1-year period shall be terminated from the program; provided further, that if the use of a mobile voucher is or has been discontinued, then the mobile voucher shall be reassigned; provided further, that the executive office shall pay regional administering agencies not less than \$50 per voucher per month for the costs of administering the program; provided further, that subsidies shall not be reduced due to the cost of inspections; provided further, that the executive office shall provide assistance using a payment standard so that the required household payment for a household choosing a unit with gross rent less than or equal to the payment standard shall be not more than 30 per cent of the household's monthly adjusted income; provided further, that "gross rent" shall mean the contract rent plus an amount allowed by the executive office for tenant-paid utilities; provided further, that the payment standard shall be set, at the discretion of the executive office, at either 110 per cent of the current area-wide fair market rent or 110 per cent of the current small area fair market rent, both established by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the same size of dwelling unit in the same region, except as necessary as a reasonable accommodation for a household member with a disability or as otherwise directed by the executive office, except that a reduction by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in such fair market rental shall not reduce the payment standard applied to a household continuing to reside in a unit without a change in voucher size for which the household was receiving assistance at the time the fair market rent or small area fair market rent was reduced; provided further, that if the gross rent for the unit does not exceed the applicable payment standard, the monthly assistance payment for the household for both project-

based and tenant-based assistance shall be equal to the gross rent less the required household payment, except that the required household payment in any project-based unit that is subsidized under another federal or state subsidy or public housing program shall be subject to applicable limits on tenant-paid rent under such federal or state program; provided further, that for a household receiving tenant-based assistance under this section, if the household chooses a unit with a gross rent that exceeds the applicable payment standard, the monthly assistance payment for the household shall be limited to the amount by which the applicable payment standard exceeds 30 per cent of the monthly adjusted income of the household; provided further, that even if a household with tenant-based assistance chooses a unit with gross rent exceeding the payment standard, at the time the household initially leases a dwelling, the total amount that the household may be required to pay for gross rent, including the amount by which the gross rent exceeds the payment standard, shall not exceed 40 per cent of the monthly adjusted income of the household at the time the household initially receives tenant-based assistance with respect to any dwelling; provided further, that households receiving tenant-based assistance under this section may pay more than 40 per cent of the monthly adjusted income of the household, at their option; provided further, that the executive office shall establish the amounts of the mobile and project-based vouchers so that the appropriation in this item shall not be exceeded by payments for rental assistance and administration; provided further, that the executive office shall not enter into commitments that shall cause it to exceed the appropriation; provided further, that participating local housing authorities may take all steps necessary to enable them to transfer mobile voucher program participants from the Massachusetts rental voucher program into another housing subsidy program; provided further, that the requested rent level for mobile vouchers shall be determined reasonable by the administering agency; provided further, that for mobile vouchers currently leased, the new rent limit shall not begin until the anniversary date of the lease; provided further, that the executive office may assist any housing authority, at the authority's written request, in the immediate implementation of a homeless prevention program utilizing alternative housing resources available to them for low-income families and the elderly by designating participants in the Massachusetts rental voucher program at risk of displacement by public action through no fault of their own; provided further, that not later than December 2, 2024, the executive office of housing and livable communities shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on housing on the utilization of rental vouchers during the last 3 fiscal years



under this item and item 7004-9030; provided further, that the report shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) number and average value of rental vouchers currently distributed in the commonwealth in each county and in each municipality; (ii) average number of days that it takes for a household to utilize a voucher after receiving it from the administering agency; (iii) number of households that reach the date by which they must lease up their voucher without having found an available unit; (iv) number of households that apply for an extension by the deadline to lease up their voucher and the number of extensions granted; (v) actions taken by the executive office to reduce the wait time for households to lease up their voucher; (vi) number of distributed vouchers available to be utilized; (vii) number and type of new vouchers issued after July 1, 2024; (viii) number of families on a waitlist for an available rental voucher; (ix) average number of days that it takes for project-based vouchers awarded by the executive office to be utilized after the award is made; and (x) obstacles faced by the executive office in its efforts to provide the information detailed in the preceding provisos, if applicable; provided further, that the report shall comply with state and federal privacy standards; and provided further, that the executive office may expend funds from this item for costs related to the completion of the voucher management system, prior appropriation continued .....\$219,038,574

7004-9030 For the rental assistance program established in section 16 of chapter 179 of the acts of 1995; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, assistance may be provided in the form of either mobile vouchers or project-based vouchers; provided further, that the vouchers shall be in varying dollar amounts set by the executive office of housing and livable communities based on considerations including, but not limited to, household size, composition, household income and geographic location; provided further, that the executive office’s approved monthly rent limits for vouchers shall be set, at the discretion of the executive office, at either up to 110 per cent of the current area-wide fair market rent or up to 110 per cent of the current small area fair market rent, except as necessary as a reasonable accommodation for a household member with a disability or as otherwise directed by the executive office, both based on unit size as established annually by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the same size of dwelling unit in the same region; provided further, that the requested rent level for vouchers shall be determined reasonable by the administering agency; provided further, that for vouchers currently leased, the new rent limit shall not begin until the anniversary date of the lease; provided further, that any household that is proven to have caused intentional damage to its rental unit in

an amount exceeding 2 months of rent during any 1-year period shall be terminated from the program; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be no maximum percentage applicable to the amount of income paid for rent by each household holding a mobile voucher; provided further, that unless the executive office implements a payment standard or utility allowance for the program, each household may be required to pay not less than 25 per cent of its net income as defined under regulations promulgated by the executive office for units if payment of utilities is not provided by the unit owner or not less than 30 per cent of its income for units if payment of utilities is provided by the unit owner; provided further, that payments for the rental assistance program may be provided in advance; provided further, that the executive office shall establish the amounts of the mobile vouchers so that the appropriation in this item is not exceeded by payments for rental assistance and administration; provided further, that the executive office shall not enter into commitments which shall cause it to exceed the appropriation set forth in this item; provided further, that the amount of a rental assistance voucher payment for an eligible household shall not exceed the rent less the household's minimum rent obligation; provided further, that not later than December 16, 2024, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (i) expenditures from this item; (ii) the number of outstanding rental vouchers; and (iii) the number and types of units leased, prior appropriation continued.....\$16,355,696

7004-9031 For capital grants to improve or create accessible affordable housing units for persons with disabilities; provided, that grants shall be administered by the executive office of housing and livable communities in consultation with the executive office of health and human services; provided further, that the executive office shall prioritize capital projects that include units that accommodate or will accommodate voucher recipients under the alternative housing voucher program established in chapter 179 of the acts of 1995; provided further, that the projects shall be for the purpose of improved accessibility and may include, but not be limited to, the widening of entrance ways, the installation of ramps, the renovation of kitchen or bathing facilities, the installation of signage in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the implementation of assistive technologies; and provided further, that not later than February 28, 2025, the executive office shall submit a report to the joint committee on housing and the house and senate committees on ways and means including, but not be limited to, the: (i) number of eligible units created or modified; (ii) types of capital projects funded; and (iii) costs associated with these projects .....\$2,500,000

- 7004-9033 For rental subsidies to eligible clients of the department of mental health; provided, that the executive office of housing and livable communities shall establish the amounts of such subsidies so that payment of the rental subsidies and of any other commitments from this item shall not exceed the amount appropriated in this item.....\$16,548,125
- 7004-9034 For a housing assistance for reentry transition pilot program; provided, that the program shall be administered by the executive office of housing and livable communities in consultation with the executive office of public safety and security; provided further, that funds shall be expended for rental subsidies to participants in re-entry programs funded under items 8000-0655 and 8900-1100 and nonprofit reentry programs serving participants returning to the community from a county correctional facility or state prison; and provided further, that the executive office of housing and livable communities shall establish the amount of said subsidies so that executive office spending does not exceed the amount appropriated, prior appropriation continued .....\$3,000,000
- 7004-9315 For the executive office of housing and livable communities, which may expend for the administration and monitoring of the low-income housing tax credit and local administration programs not more than \$3,493,584 from fees collected under these programs; provided, that funds may be expended for the costs of administering and monitoring the programs, including the costs of personnel, subject to the approval of the secretary of housing and livable communities; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$3,493,584
- 7004-9316 For a program to provide assistance in addressing obstacles to maintaining or securing housing for families with a household income: (i) not more than 30 per cent of area median income who are homeless and moving into subsidized or private housing or are at risk of becoming homeless; or (ii) more than 30 per cent but not more than 50 per cent of area median income who are homeless and moving into subsidized or private housing or are at risk of becoming homeless due to a significant reduction of income or increased expenses; provided, that assistance shall be administered by the executive office of housing and livable communities through contracts with the regional HomeBASE agencies; provided further,

that not less than 50 per cent of the funds shall be provided to households with an income not more than 30 per cent of area median income, subject to the executive office's discretion based on data reflecting program demand and usage; provided further, that in distributing 50 per cent of the funds, the executive office shall prioritize those families most likely to otherwise require shelter services under item 7004-0101; provided further, that the amount of financial assistance shall not exceed \$7,000 in any 12-month period; provided further, that residential assistance payments may be made through direct vendor payments according to standards to be established by the executive office; provided further, that the agencies shall establish a system for referring families approved for residential assistance payments, who the agencies determine would benefit from these services, to existing community-based programs that provide additional housing stabilization supports, including assistance in obtaining housing subsidies and locating alternative housing that is safe and affordable for any such families; provided further, that the program shall be administered under guidelines established by the executive office; provided further, that income verification shall be conducted by using: (a) documentation provided by the household, requiring the same documentation and process used to conduct income verification under this item in fiscal year 2024 or fewer documents as directed by the executive office; (b) third-party income verification; or (c) validated receipt of certain MassHealth or department of transitional assistance benefits demonstrating that the household earns less than 50 per cent of area median income; provided further, that the manner in which income verification is conducted shall be at the discretion of the executive office but that the executive office shall not discontinue the use of said options for income verification listed in the preceding proviso; provided further, that the executive office shall allow a short, simple application requiring minimal processing time; provided further, that the executive office shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the: (1) number of families who applied for assistance; (2) number of families approved for assistance; (3) minimum, median and average amount of financial assistance awarded; (4) total amount of assistance awarded to date, including a breakdown by income category; and (5) number of families falling into each income category; provided further, that the executive office shall track a family's reason for assistance by the same categories used in item 7004-0101; provided further, that not less than \$3,000,000 shall be expended to provide assistance to households of all sizes and configurations including, but not limited to, elders, persons with disabilities and unaccompanied youths; provided further, that household assistance funds shall be advanced to the administering agencies at the end of

each month and prior to the next month's disbursement, the amount of which shall be estimated based on the prior month's expenditure with a reconciliation not less than annually; provided further, that notwithstanding clauses (i) and (ii), funds shall be expended to families and individuals who are at risk of injury or harm due to domestic violence in their current housing situation and whose household income is not more than 60 per cent of the area median income; and provided further, that families and individuals that are at risk of injury or harm from domestic violence who meet the qualifications of enrollment in the address confidentiality program shall be afforded the opportunity to register with and become enrolled in the address confidentiality program as offered by the secretary of the commonwealth .....\$197,406,952

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION.**

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7009-1700	For the operation of information technology services within the executive office of education .....	\$24,682,575
7009-6379	For the operation of the office of the secretary of education; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the executive office of education, in consultation with the department of elementary and secondary education and the department of higher education, shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education on the implementation and expansion of the high quality college and career pathways initiative, including but not limited to, early college, innovation pathways and dual enrollment programs; provided further, that said report shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the public schools and districts participating in early college, innovation pathways, dual enrollment or career and vocational technical education programs; (ii) the institutions of higher education partnering with public schools and districts to offer early college, innovation pathways, dual enrollment or career and vocational technical education programs; (iii) the employers and employer partners participating in the innovation pathways program; (iv) the number of students participating in high quality college and career pathways; and (v) recommendations to enhance student participation in high quality college and career pathways .....	\$3,084,991
7009-6600	For the development and initial implementation of high-quality early college programs; provided, that such programs shall incorporate the guiding principles of designated early college pathways, as developed jointly by the department of higher education and the department of elementary and secondary education; provided further, that priority shall be given to programs that serve students who are currently underrepresented in college; and provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months .....	\$15,000,000

**Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.**

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7010-0005	For the operation of the department of elementary and secondary education; provided, that notwithstanding chapter 66A of the General Laws, the department of elementary and secondary education, the department of early education and care, the department of children and families and the disabled persons protection commission may share with each other personal data
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regarding students who receive services in special education programs approved, licensed, monitored or regulated by the department of elementary and secondary education and the department of early education and care to carry out their respective responsibilities under state and federal law; provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary education may fund direct support to teachers and administrators who are providing services to assist in state education initiatives; provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall conduct an assessment on the education workforce in school districts across the commonwealth; provided further, that the assessment shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the number of teachers who have completed a certification program in high-need subject areas, which may include, but shall not be limited to science, technology, mathematics, computer science, special education, and English as a second language; (ii) the number of teacher vacancies in high-need subject areas by school district; (iii) the number of vacancies in high-need subject areas as compared to total number of teacher vacancies; and (iv) the ratio of teachers to students in each school district; provided further, that not later than February 1, 2025, the department of elementary and secondary education, in consultation with the executive office of education, shall submit a report on their findings to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education; and provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary education may direct public, private and charter schools that serve students in any of grades 6 to 12, inclusive, and issue student identification cards to include on all new or replacement student identification cards issued after renewal of existing or execution of new printing contracts the telephone and text number for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and the Hey Sam youth mental health text line .....\$13,125,593

7010-0012 For grants to cities, towns and regional school districts for payments of certain costs and related expenses for the program to eliminate racial imbalance established in section 12A of chapter 76 of the General Laws; provided, that funds shall be made available for payment for services rendered by the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO), Inc. and Springfield public schools; provided further, that all grant applications submitted to and approved by the department of elementary and secondary education shall include a detailed line item budget specifying how such funds shall be allocated and expended; provided further, that not later than January 31, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the joint committee on education and the house and senate committees on ways and means on the impact of the grant program

on student outcomes, the expenditure of funds by districts and the extent to which the services rendered by METCO support the goals of the grant program; and provided further, that funds appropriated in this item for fiscal year 2025 shall not revert to the General Fund but shall be available until December 31, 2025 .....\$29,408,285

7010-0033 For a literacy and early literacy grant programs; provided, that literacy and early literacy programs receiving funding through this item shall submit ongoing evaluation and documentation of outcomes to the department of elementary and secondary education; provided further, that said evaluations shall be compared to measurable goals and benchmarks developed by the department; and provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months .....\$5,298,364

7010-1192 For grants to cities, towns, school districts and nonprofit entities for educational improvement projects; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Community Recreation Association, Inc. in the town of Dalton; provided further, that not less than \$210,000 shall be expended for Allston-Brighton Community Development Corporation to provide youth services for residents of the Commonwealth Development and Faneuil Gardens apartments in the Brighton section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for Zamir Chorale of Boston, Inc. to support its musical and educational programming; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended to the city of Newton to expand mental health programs, including phone-free projects, to all 4 middle schools in the city of Newton to promote student engagement and social development; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Berkshire Educational Resources K12 to provide research and organizational assistance to school districts in Berkshire county; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for improvements to the Tom Ross field at the Raymond school in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Flying Cloud Institute, Inc. in the town of Great Barrington to support the continued education of young people and educators through science and art; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Andover for the development of plans for a team room or weight room or improvements to the concession stand at Eugene V. Lovely Memorial Field at Andover high school; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to Canton high school for continuing an Italian language and cultural education curriculum with the Cultural Italian American Organization; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of North



Andover for a bus pilot program between North Andover middle school and the Joseph N. Hermann Youth Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Youth Development Organization, Inc. in the city of Lawrence to support elementary and middle school students in their participation in STEM and arts afterschool enrichment; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Girls on the Run Greater Boston, Inc to provide social-emotional learning and physical activity curriculum to elementary and middle school-aged girls in the city of Lynn and the towns of Lynnfield, Marblehead, Nahant, Saugus and Swampscott; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of Boylston for safety upgrades at Boylston elementary school including roof replacement and other related repairs; provided further, that not less \$50,000 shall be expended for the Together for Kids Coalition in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Worcester Education Collaborative and the United Way of Central Massachusetts, Inc. for the Worcester Literacy Partnership; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to The REAL Program, Inc. in the city of Lynn for early education programming; provided further, that not less than \$66,000 shall be expended for the purchase of a replacement boiler at the Hubbardston Center school in the town of Hubbardston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Calmer Choice, Inc. for the development and support of anti-addiction and mental health programs in Cape Cod school districts; provided further, that not less than \$67,000 shall be expended for costs associated with new environmental science and technology and veterinary science programs, including survey and engineering service expenses, at Cape Cod Regional Technical high school in the town of Harwich; provided further, that not less than \$72,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Maritime Academy for classroom seating; provided further, that not less than \$32,630 shall be expended to the town of Plymouth for facility repairs; provided further, that not less than \$52,781 shall be expended for the town of Pembroke for library repairs; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Winthrop in public schools for the implementation of English as a second language instruction and technological support; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the theater program at public schools in the city of Cambridge; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the music program at the high school in the city of Chelsea; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the music program at the high school in the city of Everett; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the public schools in the city

of Everett for student-led environmental initiatives; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Girls on the Run Greater Boston, Inc to provide social-emotional learning and physical activity curriculum to elementary and middle school-aged girls in the cities of Chelsea, Everett and Cambridge and the Charlestown section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to For Kids Only Afterschool, Incorporated for a pilot workforce development program to support programming for low-income and at-risk children and educators; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Bunker Hill Monument Association in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston regarding the history of the Bunker Hill monument; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Courageous Sailing Center for Youth, Inc. in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston for youth programming and enrichment opportunities; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Merrimack Valley Children's Academy, Inc. for operational costs and programming; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to the SouthCoast Community Foundation, Inc to administer a 1-time grant program to provide educational, health, wellness, nutritional, arts, cultural, housing security, safety and emergency resources to underserved residents in the Greater New Bedford area; provided further, that funds appropriated for the grant program in fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2024 shall not revert and shall be made available for the purposes of the program for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the New Bedford Youth Court program in the city of New Bedford and the Fall River Youth Court program in the city of Fall River to support juvenile diversion programs based on the principles of peer-lead restorative justice; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for programs and resources to support farm to school and food system literacy programming in public elementary and secondary schools and early education programs; provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary education may expend these funds to: (i) offer grants through the current operating farm to school FRESH grant program in an amount of not less than \$750,000; and (ii) expand the school wellness coaching program in an amount of \$250,000; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Essex National Heritage Commission, Inc. for the Teaching Hidden Histories program; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for LEAP for Education, Inc. to provide middle and high school students with academic enrichment opportunities and post-secondary and career readiness; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Community Music School

of Springfield, Inc. in the city of Springfield for the adaptive music program ; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Springfield Day Nursery Corporation in the city of Springfield to support at-risk children, address learning gaps and prepare students for school achievement; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of Malden for accessibility improvements to the Forestdale school playground; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Dunstable for library improvements and personal protection equipment; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Girls on the Run of Western MA, Inc. to provide social-emotional learning and physical activity curricula to elementary and middle school-aged girls; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Wessagusset Primary School Parent Council, Inc. for improvements to the Wessagusset elementary school playground in the city known as the town of Weymouth; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Ralph Talbot Primary School Parent Council for improvements to the Ralph Talbot elementary school playground in the city known as the town of Weymouth; provided further that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Partnership for Youth, Inc. to continue delivering remote or on-site training and capacity building for school and community leaders in the areas of youth violence risk assessment and harm reduction for at-risk youth; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the National History Day in Massachusetts program, operated by the Massachusetts Historical Society, to sustain and increase access to the program for students and teachers across the commonwealth ; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Hingham Sports Partnership, Inc. to partially fund the construction of a teen fitness and wellness facility in the town of Hingham; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to Old Sturbridge, Inc. in the town of Sturbridge for an educational program providing experiential learning field trips for students; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to BizarBots Robotics, Incorporated to engage young people in science and robotics in the town of Holbrook; provided further, that not less than \$95,000 shall be expended for the Bates elementary school in the city of Salem for playground renovations; provided further, that not less than \$70,000 shall be expended to the town of Sutton for safety and security upgrades at Sutton public schools; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Parent Villages, Inc. in the city of Springfield; provided, that not less than \$137,500 shall be expended for Arlington Youth Counseling Center, Inc. in the town of Arlington for youth mental health support; provided further, that not less than

\$120,000 shall be expended for English at Large, Inc. in the city of Woburn for English language tutoring and small group instruction; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to communities in the Metrowest region, including the city of Framingham and the towns of Ashland, Holliston, Hopkinton, Medway and Natick to address mental health needs in schools; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for cultural proficiency programs at Hopkinton public schools; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Medway public schools for mental health programs; and provided further, that not less than \$106,000 shall be expended for improvements to the Swift River elementary school in the town of New Salem.....\$5,368,911

7027-0019 For school-to-career connecting activities; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the board of elementary and secondary education, in cooperation with the executive office of labor and workforce development and the state workforce investment board, may establish and support a public-private partnership to link high school students with economic and learning opportunities on the job as part of the school-to-career transition program; provided further, that this program may include the award of matching grants to workforce investment boards or other local public-private partnerships involving local community job commitments and worksite learning opportunities for students; provided further, that the grants shall require at least a 200 per cent match in wages for the students from private sector participants; provided further, that the program shall include, but not be limited to, a provision that business leaders commit resources to pay salaries, to provide mentoring and instruction on the job and to work closely with teachers; provided further, that public funds shall pay for the costs of connecting schools and businesses to ensure that students serve productively on the job; provided further, that the program shall partner with the YouthWorks program at the Commonwealth Corporation to develop appropriate connections between the 2 programs; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Bottom Line, Inc. to provide college transition and college retention services for low-income or aspiring first-generation college students; and provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for research and education at The Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole in the town of Falmouth.....\$7,593,346

7027-0020 For the implementation, operation and expansion of innovation pathway programs; provided, that such programs shall incorporate the guiding principles of innovation pathway programs, as

developed jointly by the department of elementary and secondary education and the department of higher education; and provided further, that preference shall be given to programs that encourage career opportunities in high demand industries .....\$5,386,584

7027-1004 For services that improve outcomes for English language learners, including, but not limited to, English language acquisition professional development to improve the academic performance of English language learners; provided, that funds shall be expended to implement the programs under chapter 71A of the General Laws; provided further, that funds may be expended for the professional development of vocational-technical educators who educate English language learners; provided further, that funds may be expended to administer the requirements under chapter 138 of the acts of 2017; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended on grants to high-quality, intensive English language learning programs in districts serving gateway municipalities as defined under section 3A of chapter 23A of the General Laws; provided further, that funds shall be expended for districts to provide support for middle and high school students deemed to be at risk of dropping out of school as a result of language barriers or challenges in English language acquisition; and provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months.....\$3,672,228

7028-0031 For the expenses of school-age children in institutional schools under section 12 of chapter 71B of the General Laws; provided, that the department of elementary and secondary education may provide special education services to eligible incarcerated persons in houses of correction; and provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall continue to collaborate with the department of youth services to align curriculum at the department of youth services with the statewide curriculum frameworks and to support the reintegration of youth from facilities at the department of youth services into regular public school settings .....\$8,729,028

7035-0001 For a program to be run by the department of elementary and secondary education for planning grants and implementation grants for regional and local partnerships to expand existing and develop new career and technical education programs, including the establishment and support of career technical institutes, including technical institutes established in chapter 74 of the General Laws; provided, that preference shall be given in awarding planning and implementation grants to vocational schools with demonstrable waitlists for admission; and provided further, that funding may be

used for transportation costs that are not otherwise reimbursed via the regional school transportation program .....\$3,500,000

7035-0002

For the provision and improvement of adult basic education services; provided, that grants shall be distributed to a diverse network of organizations that have demonstrated a commitment and an effectiveness in the provision of such services and that are selected competitively by the department of elementary and secondary education; provided further, that such grants shall support the successful transition of students from other adult basic education programs to community college certificate and degree-granting programs; provided further, that the grants shall be contingent upon satisfactory levels of performance as defined and determined by the department; provided further, that preference in awarding grants shall be given to organizations providing services to high percentages of parents of infants, toddlers and preschool and school-age children; provided further, that funds shall be expended to reduce the waitlist of students for English language learning services; provided further, that grants shall not be considered an entitlement to a grant recipient; provided further, that the department shall consult with community colleges and other service providers in supporting and implementing content, performance and professional standards for adult basic education programs and services; provided further, that funds may be expended on phase 2 pay-for-performance contracts based on outcomes-based contract measuring and funding services that result in employment and wage gains and that require bridge funding while final performance results are being analyzed; provided further, that the department shall fund a professional development system to provide training and support for adult basic education programs and services; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for Operation ABLE of Greater Boston, Inc. to provide basic workforce and skills training, employment services and job reentry support to older workers; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the economic development and industrial corporation in the city of Lynn for workforce training programs .....\$59,758,278

7035-0006

For reimbursements to regional school districts for the transportation of pupils; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the commonwealth's obligation shall not exceed the amount appropriated in this item; provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall explore alternative transportation delivery, contracting and reimbursement models to identify possible economical and efficient approaches by which districts can transport students to public schools and related opportunities; and provided further, that not later

than February 28, 2025, the department shall submit the results of its review to the joint committee on education, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the executive office for administration and finance.....\$99,456,813

7035-0007 For reimbursements to cities, towns, regional vocational or county agricultural school districts, independent vocational schools and collaboratives for certain expenditures for transportation of nonresident pupils to approved vocational-technical programs of any regional or county agricultural school district, city, town, independent school or collaborative under section 8A of chapter 74 of the General Laws; provided, that if the amount appropriated in this item is insufficient to fully fund said section 8A of said chapter 74, initial reimbursements made by the department of elementary and secondary education may be prorated by the department to all eligible cities, towns, regional vocational or county agricultural school districts, independent vocational schools and collaboratives .....\$1,000,000

7035-0008 For reimbursements to cities, towns and regional school districts for the cost of transportation of nonresident pupils as required by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Public Law 100-77, as amended; provided, that not later than February 14, 2025, the department of elementary and secondary education shall submit with the house and senate committees on ways and means a preliminary estimate of the costs eligible for reimbursement under this item in fiscal year 2026; and provided further, that the commonwealth’s obligation shall not exceed the amount appropriated in this item .....\$28,671,815

7035-0035 For a competitively bid, statewide, performance-based integrated program to increase participation and performance in advanced placement courses, particularly among underserved populations, to prepare students for college and career success in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and English; provided, that funds shall support all of the following program elements for each school: (i) open access to courses; (ii) identifying underserved students and increasing their rates of participation in advanced placement courses; (iii) equipment and supplies for new and expanded advanced placement courses; (iv) support for the costs of advanced placement exams; and (v) support for student study sessions; provided further, that these funds may support teacher professional development, including a College Board-endorsed advanced placement summer institute for math, science and English advanced placement teachers; provided further, that the program shall provide a matching amount of not less than \$1,000,000 in private funding for direct support of educators; provided further, that

funds shall be disbursed by the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year to cover costs expended between August 1, 2024 and July 31, 2025; and provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months.....\$3,392,809

7053-1909 For reimbursements to cities and towns for partial assistance in the furnishing of lunches to school children, including partial assistance in the furnishing of lunches to school children under section 6 of chapter 548 of the acts of 1948, as inserted by chapter 538 of the acts of 1951, and for supplementing funds allocated for the special milk program; provided, that authorized payments in the aggregate for partial assistance in the furnishing of lunches to school children shall not exceed the required state revenue match contained in the National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq., as amended, and implementing regulations.....\$5,314,176

7053-1925 For the school breakfast program for public and nonpublic schools and for grants to improve summer food programs during the summer school vacation period; provided, that within the summer food program, priority shall be given to extending such programs for the full summer vacation period and promoting increased participation in such programs; provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall solicit proposals from returning sponsors and school food authorities in time for implementation of such grant program during the summer of 2025; provided further, that such grants shall only be awarded to sponsors who can demonstrate their intent to offer full summer programs or increase participation; provided further, that the department shall require sufficient reporting from each grantee to measure the success of such grant program; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department shall select grantees for the program authorized by this item; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the universal school breakfast program through which all children in schools receiving funds under such program shall be provided free, nutritious breakfast; provided further, that subject to regulations by the board of education that specify time and learning standards, breakfast shall be served during regular school hours; provided further, that participation shall be limited to those elementary schools mandated to serve breakfast under section 1C of chapter 69 of the General Laws where not less than 60 per cent of the students are eligible for free or reduced price meals under the federally-funded school meals program; provided further, that kindergarten to grade 12, inclusive, public schools that are required to serve breakfast under said section 1C of said chapter 69 and where not less than 60 per cent of students are eligible for free or reduced price meals shall offer school breakfast after the instructional day



has begun and the tardy bell rings; provided further, that not later than September 1, 2024, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the status of school district compliance with this requirement including, but not limited to, all data regarding breakfast-delivery models utilized and participation rates; provided further, that not less than \$700,000 shall be expended for a grant with Project Bread-The Walk for Hunger, Inc., to enhance and expand the summer food service outreach program and the school breakfast outreach program; and provided further, that nothing in the universal school breakfast program shall give rise to legal rights in any party or provide enforceable entitlement to services, prior appropriation continued.....\$5,016,445

7061-0008 For school aid to cities, towns, regional school districts, counties maintaining agricultural schools, independent vocational schools and independent agricultural and technical schools to be distributed under chapters 70 and 76 of the General Laws and section 3.....\$6,904,384,137

General Fund..... 96.06%  
 Student Opportunity Act Investment Fund..... 3.26%  
 Education Fund ..... 0.68%

7061-0012 For the reimbursement of extraordinary special education costs under section 5A of chapter 71B of the General Laws; provided, that the approved costs threshold for fiscal year 2025 shall be as defined in said section 5A of said chapter 71B of the General Laws and the program shall reimburse municipalities for both the eligible instructional costs and for the cost of required out-of-district transportation associated with implementing individual education plans of students receiving special education services in a manner consistent with said section 5A of said chapter 71B; provided further, that in accordance with section 27 of chapter 132 of the acts of 2019, the program shall reimburse 75 per cent of all required out-of-district transportation costs eligible for reimbursement in fiscal year 2025; provided further, that reimbursements shall be prorated so that the expenses of this item shall not exceed the amount appropriated in this item; provided further, that upon receipt by the department of elementary and secondary education of required special education cost reports from school districts, the department shall reimburse districts based on fiscal year 2024 claims; provided further, that the department may expend funds to continue and expand voluntary residential placement prevention programs between the department of elementary and secondary education and other departments within the executive office of health and human services that develop community-based support services for children and their families; provided further, that the department

shall provide not less than \$10,500,000 to the department of developmental services for the voluntary residential placement prevention program; provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall fully cooperate in providing information and assistance necessary for the department of developmental services to maximize federal reimbursement and to effectively serve students in less restrictive settings; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for school districts in which special education costs exceed 25 per cent of the total district costs and in which tuition and other circuit-breaker eligible costs for placements at an approved private school located within the district exceed both \$1,000,000 and 25 per cent of all tuition and other circuit-breaker eligible costs for placements at approved private schools; provided further, that the department shall expend funds: (i) to provide books in accessible synthetic audio format that are made available through the National Instructional Materials Access Center repository; and (ii) for outreach to and training of teachers and students on the use of National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard format and the use of human speech audio digital textbooks; provided further, that the department shall expend funds for the costs of borrowing audio textbooks by special education students; provided further, that funds may be expended for the monitoring and follow-up activities of the department's complaint management system, review and approval of local educational authority applications and local school districts' compliance with the requirements of part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, as amended in 2004, by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, Public Law 108-446, 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq., in the provision of special education and related services to children with disabilities; provided further, that funds may be expended to administer the reimbursements funded in this item; provided further, that funds may be expended to reimburse districts for extraordinary increases in costs incurred during fiscal year 2025 that would be reimbursable under said section 5A of said chapter 71B; provided further, that reimbursements for current year costs shall be limited to school districts that experience increases of greater than 25 per cent from costs reimbursable under said section 5A of said chapter 71B and incurred during fiscal year 2024 to costs reimbursable under said section 5A of said chapter 71B and incurred during fiscal year 2025 or other cases of extraordinary hardship where special education costs increase in relationship to total district costs as the department may define through regulations or guidelines; provided further, that reimbursements for current year costs shall be allocated as 1-time grants; provided further, that the department shall conduct audits of fiscal year 2024 claims; provided further, that if the fiscal year 2024

claims are found to be inaccurate, the department shall recalculate the fiscal year 2025 reimbursement amount and adjust the third and fourth quarter payments to the districts to reflect the new reimbursement amount; provided further, that not later than January 31, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the results of the audit; and provided further, that not later than February 28, 2025, the department shall submit to the house and senate committees on ways and means a preliminary estimate of the costs eligible for reimbursement through this item in fiscal year 2026, prior appropriation continued .....\$492,227,484

7061-0028

For grants to school districts, charter schools and educational collaboratives to adapt, expand or strengthen multi-tiered systems of support to respond to the social emotional and behavioral health needs of students, families and educators; provided, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall develop the criteria for the grants; provided further, that grants may be awarded to school districts, charter schools and educational collaboratives that: (i) integrate equitable, culturally-competent and accessible social emotional learning skills into curriculum; (ii) implement targeted and evidenced-based supports for students at risk of not reaching social and behavioral expectations; (iii) provide professional development for staff members to recognize and respond to mental and behavioral health challenges that may arise during in-person or remote learning; and (iv) solicit feedback from a culturally and regionally diverse cross-section of students, families and caregivers to ensure that social emotional learning efforts reflect the school community’s values and priorities; provided further, that preference in awarding grants shall be given to applicants that prioritize racial equity and cultural responsiveness; provided further, that in awarding grants the department may consider the amount of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds received by a district; provided further, that, for districts that the department determines have received substantial Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funding, preference in awarding grants may be given to those districts that commit to not less than a 100 per cent match in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds; provided further, that grant awards shall not be contingent upon a match in federal funding for those districts that the department determines have not received substantial Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funding; provided further, that the department shall, to the extent feasible, take affirmative steps to ensure the success of grant recipients in strengthening multi-tiered systems of support including, but not limited to, increased outreach and administrative support; and provided further, that not

less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for a pilot program to provide universal mental health screenings for students in kindergarten to grade 12, inclusive; provided further, that participants in the pilot program shall establish mental health support teams composed of existing student support personnel and screenings shall be performed by a member of such a team; provided further, that grants awarded through the program may be used to support costs related to implementation of screening protocols, professional development and technical assistance; provided further, that not later than July 1, 2025, each participant in the pilot program shall submit a report to the department of elementary and secondary education including, but not limited to, the: (a) number of students who received mental health screenings, delineated by demographic group and grade level; (b) number of students requiring additional support or follow-up screenings, including students who indicated suicidal ideation or intent to self-harm; (c) length of time between the initial screening and subsequent support services provided; (d) number of students referred for additional support services outside of the school district; and (e) types of screening tools used; provided further, that not later than September 3, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the joint committee on education, the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery and the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include: (1) a description of the participants in the pilot program; (2) a summary of the data collected from program participants; and (3) any recommendations to further expand the availability of mental health screenings for students.....\$6,000,000

Behavioral Health Outreach, Access and Support  
 Trust Fund..... 72.87%  
 General Fund ..... 27.13%

7061-0029 For the office of school and district accountability established in section 55A of chapter 15 of the General Laws.....\$1,590,112

7061-0033 For a reserve to assist towns negatively impacted by shortfalls in federal impact aid for the education of children in families employed by the federal government on military reservations located within a town’s limits; provided, that any grants provided under this item shall be expended by a school committee without further appropriation; and provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be made available to the town of Lincoln to mitigate the costs of educating the children of retired-military families .....\$1,450,000

7061-9010 For fiscal year 2025 reimbursements to certain cities, towns and regional school districts of charter school tuition and the per-pupil

capital facilities component included in the charter school tuition amount for commonwealth charter schools, as calculated under subsections (ff) and (gg) of section 89 of chapter 71 of the General Laws; provided, that notwithstanding said subsection (ff) of said section 89 of said chapter 71, the per-pupil capital facilities component of the commonwealth charter school tuition rate for fiscal year 2025 shall be \$1,188; provided further, that in accordance with section 25 of chapter 132 of the acts of 2019, the department shall provide under this appropriation not less than 100 per cent of the total eligible state obligation in fiscal year 2025; provided further, that if the amount appropriated is insufficient to fully fund all reimbursements required by said section 89 of said chapter 71, the department shall fund the reimbursements in accordance with the following priorities: (i) the payment of the first year tuition for students previously enrolled in a private or parochial school or students who are homeschooled; (ii) the payment of tuition for siblings where required by subsection (i) of said section 89 of said chapter 71; (iii) the per-pupil capital facilities component; (iv) the 100 per cent increase reimbursement; and (v) the remaining increase reimbursements, beginning with the most recent year.....\$198,988,065

7061-9200 For the department’s education data analysis and support for local districts.....\$1,162,475

7061-9400 For student and school assessment, including the administration of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System exam established by the board of elementary and secondary education under sections 1D and 1I of chapter 69 of the General Laws and for grants to school districts to develop portfolio assessments for use in individual classrooms as an enhancement to student assessment; provided, that the portfolio assessments shall not replace the statewide standardized assessment based on the curriculum frameworks; provided further, that funds may be expended for any further exams approved by the board under said sections; provided further, that funds may also be expended on the development and implementation of related curriculum standards and instructional support; and provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall expend funds for school and student assessment in accordance with the determination made by the board of elementary and secondary education as to the method of assessment in the 2024-2025 school year .....\$41,439,132

7061-9401 For the University of Massachusetts at Amherst to manage an alternative assessment pilot program; provided, that the program shall be administered under a contract with the Massachusetts Consortium for Innovative Education Assessment to directly

support the member districts of the consortium in developing and piloting tools and practices to assess student and school performance; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the university to disseminate tools and practices developed within the consortium, making such tools and practices freely available to all schools and districts; and provided further, that the consortium shall issue an annual report that includes recommendations to the commissioner of elementary and secondary education and the joint committee on education .....\$550,000

7061-9408 For targeted assistance and support to schools and districts at risk of or determined to be underperforming or chronically underperforming under sections 1J and 1K of chapter 69 of the General Laws, including schools and districts that have been identified as in need of “focused support/targeted support” or “broad/comprehensive support” within the state’s framework for accountability and assistance under departmental regulations and guidelines; provided, that no funds shall be expended in any school or district that fails to file a comprehensive school or district plan under section 1I of said chapter 69; provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall only approve reform plans with proven, replicable results in improving student performance; provided further, that in carrying out this item, the department may contract with school support specialists, turnaround partners and such other external assistance as necessary in the expert opinion of the commissioner of elementary and secondary education to successfully turn around failing school and district performance; provided further, that no funds shall be expended on targeted assistance unless the department has approved, as part of the comprehensive district improvement plan, a professional development plan that addresses the needs of the district as determined by the department; provided further, that grants made under this item shall be awarded in coordination with the departments of early education and care and higher education; provided further, that funds shall be available for the establishment of a new school leadership initiative through cohort-based training and coaching; provided further, that funds may be expended for the purchase of instructional materials under section 57 of chapter 15 of the General Laws; provided further, that no funds shall be expended on instructional materials except where the purchase of such materials is part of a comprehensive plan to align the school or district curriculum with the Massachusetts curriculum frameworks; provided further, that preference in distributing funds shall be given to proposals that coordinate reform efforts within all schools in a district in order to prevent conflicts between multiple reforms and interventions among the schools, and which demonstrate innovative

approaches that have improved student performance including, but not limited to, partnerships between community-based organizations and school districts; provided further, that not later than January 15, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education describing and analyzing all targeted assistance efforts funded by this item; provided further, that no funds shall be expended on recurring school or school district expenditures unless the department and school district have developed a long-term plan to fund such expenditures from the district's operational budget; provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months; and provided further, that any funds distributed from this item to a city, town or regional school district shall be deposited with the treasurer of such city, town or regional school district and held in a separate account and shall be expended by the school committee of such city, town or regional school district without further appropriation .....\$16,403,545

7061-9601 For the department of elementary and secondary education, which shall expend not more than \$2,612,438 for teacher preparation and certification services from fees related to such services; provided, that for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.....\$2,612,438

7061-9607 For the administrative and programmatic costs of recovery high schools; provided, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall work collaboratively with the bureau of substance addiction services for the successful transition and continued operation of the recovery high schools model; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) number of youths served per high school; and (ii) outcomes measured for youths .....\$2,919,704

7061-9611 For grants or subsidies for after-school and out-of-school programs; provided, that preference shall be given to after-school proposals developed collaboratively and that support quality enhancements and increased access to after-school and summer learning programs by public and nonpublic schools and private community-based programs; provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall fund only those applications which

contain accountability systems and measurable outcomes, under guidelines to be determined by the department in consultation with the department of early education and care; provided further, that applicants shall detail funds received from all public sources for existing after-school and out-of-school programs and the types of programs and students served by the funds; provided further, that funds shall be expended for services that actively include children with disabilities in after-school programs that also serve nondisabled children, and services that include children for whom English is a second language and children identified as low-income; provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall consult with the executive office of health and human services and the department of early education and care to maximize the provision of wrap-around services and to coordinate programs and services for children and youths during after-school and out-of-school programs; provided further, that not later than September 30, 2024, the department of elementary and secondary education shall select the grant recipients; provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months; provided further, that funds shall be expended to convene regional networks to work with the department of elementary and secondary education and the department of early education and care to support the implementation of school and community partnerships; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the continued operation of a pilot data-sharing program designed to provide school districts with funds to partner with local community-based organizations and share identifiable student data to the extent allowed by law; provided further, that not later than June 28, 2025, the grantee shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the effects of the pilot program on students participating in the programs partnered with school districts; and provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended as a grant to the Crystal Springs school in the town of Freetown to support programs and services for children, adolescents and young adults with developmental disabilities.....\$10,697,449

General Fund..... 81.28%  
Youth Development & Achievement Fund .. 18.72%

7061-9612 For the implementation of subsection (f) of section 1P of chapter 69 of the General Laws to create safe and supportive school environments; provided, that funds shall be expended for the safe and supportive schools grant program and for a full-time staff member devoted to carrying out the responsibilities under said subsection (f) of said section 1P of said chapter 69; provided further, that funds shall be expended for: (i) statewide and regional



conferences that shall, in part, highlight best practices in the use of the online self-assessment tool; (ii) expert technological assistance in upgrading the usability of the online self-assessment tool; and (iii) an evaluation of the grant program; provided further, that funds shall be expended for leadership summits to assist superintendents and principals with developing safe and supportive school and district cultures including, but not limited to, the implementation of the online self-assessment tool; provided further, that grants shall be awarded to school and school district teams that create school-wide action plans based on all the elements of the safe and supportive schools framework and self-assessment tool; provided further, that grant awards shall be prioritized to applications that include a process for developmentally appropriate input from students who are reflective of the school population; provided further, that schools receiving continuation grants to implement school-wide action plans shall incorporate such action plans into their school improvement plans developed under section 1I of said chapter 69; provided further, that not later than November 1, 2024, grant awards shall be allocated by the department of elementary and secondary education to schools and school districts; provided further, that districts shall create district plans that support recipient schools; and provided further, that any unexpended funds in this item shall not revert to the General Fund but shall be made available for these purposes until June 30, 2026 .....\$661,461

7061-9619 For the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology; provided, that the institute shall have access to the Massachusetts education computer system; and provided further, that the institute may join the state buying consortium .....\$1

7061-9624 For the School of Excellence program at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute; provided, that every effort shall be made to recruit and serve equal numbers of male and female students; provided further, that sending districts of students attending the institute shall not be required to expend any funds for the cost of these students while in attendance at the institute; and provided further, that the Massachusetts Academy of Math and Science at the institute shall provide professional development activities at the academy, including salary and benefits for teachers and visiting scholars.....\$2,000,000

7061-9626 For grants to the members of the Massachusetts YouthBuild Coalition, Inc., for the purpose of providing comprehensive education, workforce training and skills development to youth.....\$3,000,000

7061-9634 For the Mass Mentoring Partnership, Inc., which shall be responsible for administering a competitive statewide grant program

for public and private agencies to start or expand youth mentoring programs according to current best practices and for purposes including advancing academic performance, self-esteem, social competence and workforce development; provided, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall transfer the amount appropriated in this item to the Mass Mentoring Partnership, Inc., for these grants; provided further, that in order to be eligible to receive funds from this item, each public or private agency shall provide a matching amount equal to \$1 for every \$1 disbursed from this item; and provided further, that not later than March 15, 2025, the Mass Mentoring Partnership, Inc. shall submit a report to the department detailing the impact of the grants, expenditure of funds and the amount and source of matching funds raised .....\$3,050,000

7061-9813

For rural school aid to eligible towns and regional school districts, excluding vocational schools, independent agricultural, technical schools and charter schools; provided, that a school district shall be eligible for rural school aid if a school district has a student density of not more than 35 students per square mile and an average annual per capita income of not more than the average annual per capita income for the commonwealth for the same period; provided further, that rural school aid shall be allocated equitably in the following priority order: (i) school districts serving less than 11 students per square mile; (ii) school districts serving not more than 21 students per square mile; and (iii) school districts serving not more than 35 students per square mile; provided further, that not later than December 1, 2024, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing: (a) recommendations for additional adjustments to the rural school aid calculation for fiscal year 2026 to improve the accuracy and equity of the student density component and the per capita income component; and (b) the calculation and planned distribution of funds to school districts; provided further, that not later than February 1, 2025, any district receiving funds under this item shall submit a plan to the department of elementary and secondary education outlining steps the district will take to increase regional collaboration, consolidation or other efficiencies over the next 3 fiscal years; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall submit a report to the joint committee on education and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing steps that participating districts have taken in regionalization and consolidation; and provided further, that funds distributed from this item shall not be considered chapter 70 aid for the calculation of the minimum required local contribution for fiscal year 2026.....\$17,500,000

- 7061-9814 For a competitive grant program to support the development and expansion of high-quality, comprehensive summer learning opportunities for students in districts with high concentrations of low-income students; provided, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall develop the criteria for grants; provided further, that grants shall be awarded to programs that: (i) include not less than 150 hours of programming with a focus on academic and college and career readiness skills, including critical thinking, collaboration and perseverance; (ii) are research-based summer programs; and (iii) engage with a variety of organizations and leverage cost-sharing partnerships with local districts, private funders and nonprofit institutions; provided further, that in awarding grants, the department may consider the amount of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funding received by a district; provided further, that, for districts that the department determines have received substantial Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funding, preference in awarding grants may be given to those districts that commit to not less than a 100 per cent match in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds; provided further, that grant awards shall not be contingent upon a match in federal funding for those districts that the department determines have not received substantial Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funding; and provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months.....\$3,000,000
- 7061-9815 For a grant program administered by the department of elementary and secondary education in coordination with the executive office of public safety and security for the prevention of hate crimes, as defined under section 32 of chapter 22C of the General Laws, and incidences of bias in public schools; provided, that grants shall be used for education, professional development, prevention or community outreach; and provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall develop guidelines for grant distribution including, but not limited to, prioritizing schools that have experienced hate crimes or incidences of bias within the last 2 years.....\$1,000,000

**Department of Higher Education.**

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- 7066-0000 For the operation of the department of higher education; provided, that the department shall recommend savings proposals that permit public institutions of higher education to achieve administrative and program cost reductions, resource reallocation and program reassessment and to utilize resources otherwise available to such institutions; provided further, that in order to meet the estimated

costs of employee fringe benefits provided by the commonwealth on account of employees of the Massachusetts State College Building Authority and the University of Massachusetts Building Authority and in order to meet the estimated cost of heat, light, power and other services, if any, to be furnished by the commonwealth to projects of these authorities, the boards of trustees of the community colleges, state universities and the University of Massachusetts shall transfer to the General Fund, from the funds received from the operations of the projects, the costs, if any, as shall be incurred by the commonwealth for these purposes in the current fiscal year as determined by the appropriate building authority, verified by the commissioner of higher education and approved by the secretary of administration and finance; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for a campus violence prevention administrator and such other activities as are needed to fund the full implementation of chapter 337 of the acts of 2020 to advance statewide campus safety initiatives, including sexual violence prevention; provided further, that funds shall be expended to meet existing statutory requirements and provide orientation, professional development and support for the boards of trustees in areas including, but not limited to, recruitment, training and accountability; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the training resources and internship networks, or TRAIN, grant program established in section 179 of chapter 46 of the acts of 2015; provided further, that not less than \$1,500,000 shall be expended for monthly stipends and other support services for participants in order to facilitate participation in the program; provided further, that not more than \$100,000 shall be expended for administrative costs for the program; provided further, that the department shall seek additional proposals to expand the TRAIN grant program to additional community colleges in fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less than \$450,000 shall be expended for the Journey into Education & Teaching, Inc. program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to public institutions of higher education with supportive substance abuse recovery student housing to provide opioid antagonists to treat overdoses and to provide training to students, faculty and staff in the administration of opioid antagonists and responses to overdoses; and provided further, that the department of higher education may direct public and private institutions of higher education that issue student identification cards to include on all new or replacement student identification cards issued after renewal of existing or execution of new printing contracts the telephone and text number for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and the Hey Sam youth mental health text line .....\$5,195,011

7066-0009 For the New England Board of Higher Education.....\$378,525

- 7066-0015 For the community college workforce training incentive grant program established in section 15F of chapter 15A of the General Laws; provided, that eligible incentive revenues under this program may also include workforce training contracts administered or paid through public agencies, municipalities, public grants, nonprofit organizations or private gifts .....\$1,360,000
- 7066-0016 For a program of financial aid to support the matriculation at public and private institutions of higher education of persons in the custody of the department of children and families under a care and protection petition upon reaching 18 years of age or persons in the custody of the department matriculating at such an institution at an earlier age; provided, that no such person shall be required to remain in the custody of the department beyond 18 years of age to qualify for such aid; provided further, that said aid shall not exceed \$6,000 per recipient per year; and provided further, that said aid shall only be granted after exhausting all other sources of financial support.....\$1,485,000
- 7066-0019 For the department of higher education to support the dual enrollment program allowing qualified high school students to take college courses; provided, that public and private institutions of higher education may offer courses in high schools in addition to courses offered at the institutions or online if the number of students is sufficient; provided further, that preference in awarding grants for early college programs shall be given to public institutions of higher education; and provided further, that funds may be expended in summer months .....\$13,100,000
- 7066-0021 For reimbursements to public institutions of higher education for foster and adopted child fee waivers under section 19 of chapter 15A of the General Laws; provided, that no funds shall be distributed from this item before certification by the state universities, community colleges and the University of Massachusetts of the actual amount of tuition and fees waived for foster and adopted children attending public institutions of higher education under said section 19 of said chapter 15A that would otherwise have been retained by the campuses according to procedures and regulations promulgated by the board of higher education; and provided further, that reimbursements to public institutions of higher education for fee waivers granted in prior fiscal years may be expended from this item .....\$7,294,911
- 7066-0025 For an innovation and incentive program for the University of Massachusetts, the state universities and the community colleges; provided, that funds shall be distributed by the commissioner of

higher education to public institutions of higher education through a competitive grant process based on priorities determined by the board of higher education in pursuit of operational efficiency and strategic goals; provided further, that priorities may include support of workforce programs that train students for high-quality employment and for outreach programs that engage surrounding communities with high-quality educational programs, and programs that focus on timely or accelerated student completion of associate and bachelor's degree programs with lower and more predictable student costs; provided further, that not later than February 1, 2025, the department of higher education shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing campuses receiving funds through this item and the criteria used to award funds; and provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months.....\$2,552,156

7066-1123 For student behavioral health services at state universities, community colleges and municipally-owned colleges including, but not limited to, crisis services, therapy, the assessment of learning disorders, responses to sexual assault, substance use disorder services and assistance to students struggling with stress, anxiety or other mental health needs; provided, that funds from this item shall be administered by the department of higher education; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be distributed amongst the community colleges; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be distributed amongst the state universities; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to support the administration, management and distribution of funds from this item; and provided further, that not later than February 1, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the methodology used to distribute funds from this item, prior appropriation continued.....\$4,228,000

Behavioral Health Outreach, Access and Support  
Trust Fund..... 100.00%

7066-1400 For additional operational funding for state universities; provided, that funds from this item shall be distributed in accordance with the funding formula in line item 7066-1400 of section 2 of chapter 165 of the acts of 2014; provided further, that funding from this item shall be contingent upon approval of a funding formula that incorporates equity by the board of higher education; provided further, that not later than March 1, 2025, the state universities shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the total balance in all budgeted and off-budget funds; and provided further, that the allocation of funds shall be approved by the board of higher education .....\$3,655,242

7066-9600

For a discretionary grant program to provide funds to school districts and public institutions of higher education partnering together to offer inclusive concurrent enrollment programs for school age children with disabilities, as defined in section 1 of chapter 71B of the General Laws, who are between the ages 18 and 22, inclusive; provided, that the grant program shall be limited to students who are considered to have severe disabilities and, in the case of students age 18 or 19, shall be limited to students with severe disabilities who have been unable to achieve the competency determination necessary to pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System exam; provided further, that on a discretionary basis, public institutions of higher education may choose to additionally include students with severe developmental disabilities over 21 years of age through the grant program; provided further, that such students with disabilities shall be offered enrollment in credit and noncredit courses that include students without disabilities, including enrollment in credit and noncredit courses in audit status for students who may not meet course prerequisites and requirements; provided further, that the partnering school districts shall provide supports, services and accommodations necessary to facilitate a student's enrollment; provided further, that the department of higher education shall develop guidelines to ensure that the grant program promotes civic engagement and mentoring of faculty in public institutions of higher education and supports college success, work success, participation in student life of the college community and provision of a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment; provided further, that the department shall develop strategies and procedures to help sustain and replicate the existing inclusive concurrent enrollment programs initiated through the grant program including, but not limited to: (i) providing funds to retain employment specialists; (ii) assisting students in meeting integrated competitive employment and other transition-related goals; (iii) adopting procedures and funding mechanisms to ensure that new partnerships of public institutions of higher education and school districts providing inclusive concurrent enrollment programs fully utilize the models and expertise developed in existing partnerships; and (iv) conducting evaluations and research to further identify student outcomes and best practices; provided further, that the department shall develop a mechanism to encourage existing and new partnerships to expand the capacity to respond to individual parents and schools in underserved areas that request an opportunity for their children to participate in the inclusive concurrent enrollment initiative; provided further, that tuition for courses shall

be waived by the state institutions of higher education for students enrolled through this grant program; provided further, that the department shall maintain the position of inclusive concurrent enrollment coordinator who shall be responsible for administering the grant program, coordinating the advisory committee, developing new partnerships, assisting existing partnerships in creating self-sustaining models and overseeing the development of videos and informational materials as well as evaluation and research through the institute for community inclusion to assist new colleges and school districts; provided further, that not later than July 17, 2024, the department shall select grant recipients and shall distribute a request for grant proposals subject to future appropriation not later than May 31, 2025; provided further, that not later than January 31, 2025, the department of higher education, in consultation with the department of elementary and secondary education, shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on education and the joint committee on higher education on (i) student outcomes in programs funded under this item; and (ii) progress report on efforts to implement the higher education access law in accordance with sections 12, 35, 36, 165 and 168 of chapter 126 of the acts of 2022; provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months; and provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be transferred to the Massachusetts Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Initiative Trust Fund established in section 2VVVVV of chapter 29 of the General Laws .....\$5,000,000

7070-0065 For a scholarship program to provide financial assistance to Massachusetts students enrolled in and pursuing a program of higher education in any approved public or independent college, university, school of nursing or any other approved institution furnishing a program of higher education; provided, that funds from this item may be expended on the administration of the scholarship program; provided further, that the commissioner of higher education, in coordination with the Massachusetts state scholarship office, shall follow adopted guidelines governing the eligibility for and the awarding of financial assistance; provided further, that the priority application deadline for the MASSGrant program shall be June 30, 2024; provided further, that funds from this item shall be made available for the MASSGrant or MASSGrant Plus programs in an amount not less than the amount made available in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that not less than \$22,000,000 shall be made available for the Gilbert Grant; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be made available for early educator scholarships; provided further, that funds from this item shall be made available for paraprofessional grants in amounts not less than the amounts



made available in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that not less than \$430,000 shall be made available for One Family, Inc.; and provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be made available for the Chief Justice Ralph D. Gants Scholarship program, administered by the Massachusetts Bar Foundation to provide stipends for judicial internships to current law students with demonstrated financial need, prior appropriation continued; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for financial assistance to students enrolled in independent, nonprofit vocational-technical institutions of higher education in the commonwealth that are minority-serving institutions as defined by the United States Department of Education at least once in the previous 3 years and whose majority of students are eligible for Pell grants.....\$175,688,311

7077-0023 For the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University; provided, that funds shall be expended under a resident veterinary tuition remission plan as approved by the commissioner of higher education for supportive veterinary services provided to the commonwealth; provided further, that funds from this item may support collaborative arrangements that may include teaching partnerships, articulation agreements or both with community colleges and vocational-technical schools that offer veterinary technician programs, veterinary health care programs or both approved by the board of higher education; provided further, that the school may work in consultation with the Norfolk county agricultural high school on veterinary programs; provided further, that the school may work in consultation with the Bristol county agricultural high school on veterinary programs; and provided further, that funds appropriated in this item shall support bioterrorism prevention research conducted in consultation with emergency authorities in the commonwealth relative to diseases that can be transmitted from animals to humans .....\$7,000,000

7100-4000 For funding to community college campuses; provided, that funds shall be expended for the continued implementation of community college reform, for continued initiatives to strengthen the connections between the colleges, local businesses and regional workforce investment boards and to improve workforce training at the colleges; provided further, that funding shall be allocated among the campuses using a formula that incorporates equity, developed by the commissioner of higher education in consultation with the secretaries of education, labor and workforce development and economic development; provided further, that the department of higher education, in consultation with the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges shall convene a working group to review and update the performance funding formula; provided

further, that the working group membership shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the secretary of education or a designee; (ii) the commissioner of the department of higher education or a designee; (iii) the chair of the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges or a designee; (iv) 2 presidents of community colleges; (v) a representative from the Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education; (vi) a representative from the Massachusetts Business Roundtable; (vii) a representative from the Massachusetts Community College Council; and (viii) the house and senate chairs for the joint committee on higher education; provided further, that said working group shall evaluate outcomes for student success and workforce alignment at the community colleges, including but not limited to, student completion rates, supports for socially and economically disadvantaged students, program alignment with workforce needs, and operational goals of each community college; provided further, that said working group may evaluate tuition and fee disparities between campuses; provided further, that said working group shall provide recommendations for an updated formula-based funding system; provided further, that said working group shall submit recommendations on or before March 14, 2025, to the secretary of education, the secretary of administration and finance, the board of higher education, and house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges shall convene a working group to study and recommend administrative efficiency and effectiveness initiatives at the community colleges; provided further, that the working group membership shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the secretary of education or a designee; (ii) the commissioner of the department of higher education or a designee; (iii) 2 presidents of community colleges; (iv) 2 chief financial officers of the public community colleges; provided further, that said working group shall evaluate current and future shared service delivery models for administrative services among the public community colleges, including but not limited to the following functions: (a) procurement; (b) information technology; (c) accounting; (d) human resources; and (e) payroll; provided further, that the working group shall submit recommendations on or before March 15, 2025, to the secretary of education, secretary of administration and finance, the board of higher education, and house and senate committees on ways and means; and provided further, that the allocation of funds shall be approved by the board of higher education .....\$3,766,551

Education Fund ..... 100.00%

7100-4002 For Supporting Urgent Community College Equity through Student Services, or SUCCESS, grants to community colleges to provide wraparound supports and services to improve outcomes for their most vulnerable populations, which may include, but shall not be

limited to, low-income, first-generation, minority and disabled students and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning students; provided, that funds shall be disbursed based on a formula and criteria developed in consultation with the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges; provided further, that eligible wraparound support activities shall include, but not be limited to, peer mentors, academic skills workshops, field trips to 4-year schools and targeted academic, career, transfer and scholarship advising; provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months; and provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department shall report to the joint committee on higher education and the house and senate committees on ways and means on the progress made on implementing and funding this program, including any regulations, guidelines or criteria used to distribute the funds, and on the final distribution of funds to campuses, prior appropriation continued .....\$18,322,212

Marijuana Regulation Fund ..... 100.00%

7100-4003 For the department of higher education to support a hunger-free campus initiative in order to address food insecurity at 2- and 4-year public institutions of higher learning and minority-serving institutions as defined by the United States Department of Education; provided, that the department may award grants to campuses that maximize student enrollment in federal nutrition benefit programs, promote on-campus grocers that accept nutrition benefit program benefits, increase access to available meal cards and meal swipe options where feasible, maximize student access to on-campus or area food pantries in collaboration with regional food banks and support other campus-designed projects to address college student food insecurity that are developed through task forces that include students with lived experience in food insecurity; provided further, that the department shall issue a request for proposals through which colleges may apply and award grants based on the demonstrated need and a proposed implementation plan submitted by each applicant; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, within 90 days following the enactment of the general appropriations act, the commissioner of higher education shall submit to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on higher education and the clerks of the house of representatives and senate a report that identifies the date by which the request for proposals will be issued to eligible colleges and the deadline for responses .....\$500,000

7520-0424 For a health and welfare reserve for eligible personnel employed at the community colleges and state universities.....\$6,529,017

**University of Massachusetts.**

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7100-0200 For the operation of the University of Massachusetts; provided, that not later than January 31, 2025, the university shall meet with the chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and means and the chairs of the joint committee on higher education to review the university's multi-year financial forecast including, but not limited to, trends in student enrollment, anticipated cost savings initiatives and efforts to reduce student tuition and fees; provided further, that funding for each center and institute at the University of Massachusetts at Boston shall be provided at an amount not less than in fiscal year 2018; provided further, that if, as a result of extraordinary or unforeseen circumstances, the university deems it necessary to reduce funding to any of said institutions, the university shall submit a report detailing: (i) the reasons for such reductions; (ii) all steps taken to avoid such reductions including, but not limited to, the identification of other sources of existing funds, raising of new revenues and the pursuit of savings initiatives and efficiencies; and (iii) a mitigation plan to ameliorate the effects on students and university staff of such reductions, for which input from students and university staff shall be solicited; provided further, that the report shall be submitted to the joint committee on higher education and the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 120 days prior to any such funding reduction or institutional closure; provided further, that the university shall expend funds for the University of Massachusetts at Amherst Cranberry Station; provided further, that the university shall expend funds for the operation of the Massachusetts office of public collaboration at the University of Massachusetts at Boston and for annual operations of the advanced technology and manufacturing center in the city of Fall River; provided further, that funds may be expended for the operation of the Future of Work Research Initiative at the University of Massachusetts Labor Centers at the university's Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth and Lowell campuses; provided further, that funds shall be expended by the university on student behavioral health services including, but not limited to, crisis services, therapy, the assessment of learning disorders, responses to sexual assault, substance abuse services and assistance to students struggling with stress, anxiety or other mental health needs; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Africana Studies department at the University of Massachusetts at Boston for a program of community organizing, outreach and civic engagement related to public safety and public health in the Dorchester, Roxbury and

Mattapan sections of the city of Boston; and provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Hillel House at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst, Inc. to address security concerns and support student safety .....\$760,630,874

General Fund..... 99.51%  
 Education Fund ..... 0.49%

- 7100-0700 For the operation of the community mediation center grant program administered by the office of public collaboration at the University of Massachusetts at Boston under section 47 of chapter 75 of the General Laws; provided, that funding from this item shall be made available for pre-court mediation services to promote housing stabilization; and provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts prisoner re-entry mediation program .....\$3,013,465
- 7100-0701 For the Center for Portuguese Studies and Culture at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth; provided, that funds shall be allocated directly to the center .....\$250,000
- 7100-0702 For the Institute for Asian American Studies at the University of Massachusetts at Boston to study the history and experiences of anti-Asian racism in the United States and in the commonwealth.....\$300,000

**State Universities.**

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- 7109-0100 For Bridgewater State University; provided, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Racial Equity and Justice Institute at Bridgewater State University for the expansion of professional development and consultive supports to aid in the closing of racial educational equity gaps in higher education,701
- 7110-0100 For Fitchburg State University.....\$41,993,969
- 7112-0100 For Framingham State University.....\$41,290,595
- 7113-0100 For the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.....\$23,114,994
- 7113-0101 For Gallery 51 at the Berkshire Cultural Resource Center in the city of North Adams to be administer by the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts .....\$50,000
- 7114-0100 For Salem State University .....\$63,026,026

7114-0110	For the Frederick E. Berry Institute for Politics and Civic Engagement at Salem State University; provided, that the institute shall promote public service and civic engagement through programs, educational opportunities and related events that offer inclusive and firsthand civic learning experiences for students.....	\$200,000
7115-0100	For Westfield State University.....	\$39,637,534
7116-0100	For Worcester State University; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Latino Education Institute and precollegiate programs at Worcester State University.....	\$38,924,136
7117-0100	For the Massachusetts College of Art and Design.....	\$25,862,609
7118-0100	For the Massachusetts Maritime Academy.....	\$24,311,925

**Community Colleges.**

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7502-0100	For Berkshire Community College.....	\$14,840,522
7503-0100	For Bristol Community College.....	\$30,626,080
7504-0100	For Cape Cod Community College.....	\$16,625,187
7505-0100	For Greenfield Community College .....	\$14,487,538
7506-0100	For Holyoke Community College; provided further, that not less than \$80,000 shall be expended to Holyoke Community College to purchase new vehicles.....	\$27,207,638
7507-0100	For Massachusetts Bay Community College.....	\$21,839,616
7508-0100	For Massasoit Community College .....	\$28,946,844
7509-0100	For Mount Wachusett Community College.....	\$20,184,867
7509-0101	For the Senator Stephen M. Brewer Center for Civic Learning and Community Engagement at Mount Wachusett Community College to increase service learning and volunteerism in the north central Massachusetts region of the commonwealth, to support the development of a food pantry and other emergency services for students at risk of dropping out due to financial circumstances, for deliberative dialogues within the community addressing issues of concern within society and for programmatic development, updates and technologies within the center.....	\$150,000

7510-0100	For Northern Essex Community College.....	\$26,659,658
7511-0100	For North Shore Community College.....	\$29,306,678
7512-0100	For Quinsigamond Community College; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for a child watch center at Quinsigamond Community College .....	\$29,634,745
7514-0100	For Springfield Technical Community College.....	\$33,281,660
7515-0100	For Roxbury Community College; provided, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to Roxbury Community College's for its Center for Economic and Social Justice for workforce and small business development within the clean energy sector .....	\$14,517,293
7515-0120	For the operation of the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center at Roxbury Community College.....	\$1,128,694
7515-0121	For the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center at Roxbury Community College; provided, that the college may expend an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 received from fees, rentals and facility expenses associated with the running and operation of national track meets, high school track meets, high school dual meets, Roxbury Community College athletic events, other special athletic events, conferences, meetings and programs; provided further, that only expenses for contracted services associated with these events, event staff, utilities and capital needs of the facility shall be funded from this item; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the college may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.....	\$2,500,000
7516-0100	For Middlesex Community College.....	\$31,969,817
7518-0100	For Bunker Hill Community College; provided further, that not less than \$190,000 shall be expended for the Boston Welcome Back Center at Bunker Hill Community College to assist internationally-educated nurses to become licensed to practice in commonwealth.....	\$37,150,150

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY.**

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**Office of the Secretary.**

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8000-0038	For the operation of a witness protection program under chapter 263A of the General Laws .....	\$250,000
8000-0070	For the research and analysis of the committee on criminal justice; provided, that funds may be expended to support the work of the sentencing commission .....	\$141,866
8000-0202	For the purchase and distribution of sexual assault evidence collection kits .....	\$93,631
8000-0313	For local public safety projects and grant programs; provided, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the Norton police department for the installation of security fencing to store police department vehicles and equipment; provided further, that not less than \$26,000 shall be expended to CASA Project, Inc. in the city of Worcester for its court-appointed special advocates program in Worcester county; provided further, that not less than \$55,000 shall be expended to the town of Spencer for improvements at the police department and for the purchase of a rescue truck for the fire department; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Dorchester Armory in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston to provide event safety; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Cape and Islands district attorney's office for file digitization; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Compete with Purpose, Inc. for the Score4More, Inc.'s annual Save R Streets event, a 2-day basketball tournament and peace weekend aimed at reducing violence in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$5,000 shall be expended for the police department in the town of Carlisle for equipment to collect and study traffic data; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to BlueForce Strategies Inc. to provide law enforcement organizations in the commonwealth with no-cost training in areas such as de-escalation, stress mitigation and management through its Community First Project; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended for the purpose of the removal and replacement of failing insulation and drop ceiling tiles at the Brookfield police department; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to Sisters@Heart, Inc. for the purchase, installation, maintenance and related costs of publicly accessible automatic external defibrillators in the city of Attleboro, town of Norton and other nearby communities; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended to NEMLEC Police Foundation, Inc. for the purchase of a drone and supportive equipment for use by member communities, including, but not limited to, the cities of Amesbury and Haverhill and the towns of Andover, Merrimac and North Andover, and for	



other necessary related expenditures; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the town of Washington to acquire a vehicle for use by its police department; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended to the Westfield police department to purchase transportation equipment; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the Holyoke Safe Neighborhood Initiative for community programming; provided further, that not less than \$750,000 shall be expended to provide law enforcement agencies with access to critical incident stress management and peer support programs to address police officer mental wellness and suicide prevention under section 118 of chapter 253 of the acts of 2020; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the police department in the town of Georgetown for weapons replacement; provided further, that not less than \$70,000 shall be expended for the replacement of a dispatch system at the fire department and police department in the city of Gloucester; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the city of Gloucester for automatic external defibrillators; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for the police department in the town of Groveland to equip an all-terrain vehicle with search and rescue equipment; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for the police department in the town of Newburyport for the replacement of radios; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of North Reading for defibrillators; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for roadway safety improvements in the town of West Newbury; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Ipswich for the improvement of accessibility and functionality of town meeting rooms; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the Sandwich fire department for peer support services; provided further, that not less than \$5,282 shall be expended for the town of Plympton for acquiring a patrol vehicle; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the town of Kingston for public safety efforts; provided further, that not less than \$30,582 shall be expended for the Plymouth fire department to purchase equipment; provided further, that not less than \$44,000 shall be expended to the town of Auburn for the purchase and installation of a backup repeater and related equipment; provided further, that not less than \$44,000 shall be expended to Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School for the purchase and installation of new HVAC units; provided further, that not less than \$32,000 shall be expended to the town of Millbury for improvements and equipment for the police station in the town of Millbury; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Shrewsbury for a

comprehensive code review and building assessment; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Shrewsbury for Maple avenue park improvements; provided further, that not less than \$12,500 shall be expended for Southwick Firemen's Association, Inc. for equipment upgrades in the town of Southwick; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of Berlin for renovations to the public safety complex; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the Attleboro Vincentian Immersion Reentry Project operated by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul District Council of Attleboro in the city of Attleboro that serves incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals throughout Bristol county; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Cohasset police department to purchase an off-road utility task vehicle; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the Hull police department to purchase advanced technology equipment; provided further, that not less than \$45,000 shall be expended to the Duxbury fire department to purchase equipment and resources; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the police department of the town of Abington for the purchase of a utility vehicle; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the police department of the town of Abington for the purchase of a drone for law enforcement use; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Milton police department for dedicated speed prevention patrols on state highway route 138 in the town of Milton; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Milton police department for dedicated speed prevention patrols on state highway route 28 in the town of Milton; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Randolph police department for dedicated speed prevention patrols on state highway route 28 in the city known as the town of Randolph; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the cities of Springfield and Chicopee for C3 police management in low-income and downtown neighborhoods to facilitate community involvement; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the family services unit of the Braintree police department; and provided further, that not less than \$294,000 shall be expended for a police training program offered by Greenfield Community College

.....\$2,610,864

8000-0600 For the office of the secretary of public safety and security, including the highway safety bureau, to provide matching funds for a planning and administration grant under 23 U.S.C. section 402 and the costs associated with the implementation of chapter 122 of the acts of 2019; provided, that executive office of public safety and

security staff may provide administrative processing for departments under the executive office’s purview; and provided further, that local police departments, sheriffs’ offices, the department of state police, the department of correction and other state agencies, authorities and educational institutions with law enforcement functions as determined by the secretary that receive funds for the cost of the replacement of bulletproof vests through the office of the secretary may expend without further appropriation these funds to purchase additional vests in the fiscal year in which they receive such reimbursements .....\$7,095,424

8000-0601 For the operation of the project safe neighborhood grant program; provided, that not later than March 3, 2025, the executive office of public safety and security shall submit a report to the joint committee on public safety and homeland security and the house and senate committees on ways and means which shall include, but not be limited to: (i) established grant criteria for the program; (ii) a list of grant applicants; (iii) a list of successful grant applicants, including grant amounts; and (iv) summaries of the successful grant proposals .....\$2,000,000

8000-0605 For efforts to combat human trafficking, including a competitive grant program to be administered by the executive office of public safety and security; provided, that not later than March 3, 2025, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing expenditures from this item, including a list of grant recipients.....\$500,000

8000-0655 For a grant program to be administered by the executive office of public safety and security for emerging adults re-entry programs to reduce recidivism among individuals between 18 and 25 years of age, inclusive, who are returning to the community from state prisons and county correctional facilities; provided, that the secretary of public safety and security shall distribute funds through a competitive grant program; provided further, that grants shall be awarded to applicants that: (i) are community-based nonprofit programs; (ii) have a demonstrated commitment from the department of correction or a sheriff’s office to work collaboratively to deliver services in their respective facilities; (iii) provide both pre-release and post-release services to individuals between 18 and 25 years of age, inclusive, who are returning to the community from state prisons and county correctional facilities including, but not limited to, probationers and parolees; (iv) provide a continuum of programming from state prisons or county correctional facilities into the community; (v) provide pre-release services for all participating individuals that include transition plans, education programs,

workforce readiness and life skills programs and counseling; (vi) provide post-release services that include case management for not less than 12 months after participating individuals have been released; and (vii) provide a plan for ensuring that proposed programs shall be implemented with adherence to a research-based, evidence-based or evidence-informed program design; provided further, that not more than 7 grants shall be awarded; provided further, that not more than 7.5 per cent of the total appropriation in this item shall be used to provide administrative support and training to grantees, including program design, technical assistance and program evaluation, and to provide training and technical assistance to any other organization or institution working on emerging adult justice initiatives; provided further, that contracts for grantees may be awarded for periods of not more than 5 years with options for additional renewal periods; and provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to, the: (a) successful grant applications and the services they provide; (b) amount of funds awarded to each grant recipient; (c) criteria used to evaluate grant applications; (d) number of participants served by each program and the communities they are returning to; and (e) outcomes and recidivism rates of the participants in each of the programs .....\$7,000,000

Marijuana Regulation Fund ..... 100%

8000-1001 For the Boston regional intelligence center, or BRIC, to upgrade, expand and integrate technology and protocols related to anti-terrorism, anti-crime, anti-gang and emergency response; provided, that intelligence developed shall be shared with the BRIC communities and other state, municipal and federal agencies as necessary; and provided further, that the BRIC shall provide technology required to access the intelligence with its municipal partners, the department of state police, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, the Massachusetts Port Authority and appropriate federal agencies to assure maximum interagency collaboration for public safety and homeland security .....\$850,000

8000-1127 For a nonprofit security grant program to provide support for target hardening and other security enhancements to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attacks or hate crimes, as defined under section 32 of chapter 22C of the General Laws; provided, that prioritization shall be given to nonprofit organizations that have experienced instances of terrorist attacks or hate crimes, as defined under said section 32 of said chapter 22C; provided further, that the grants shall be distributed in a geographically

equitable manner across the eastern, central and western regions of the commonwealth; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2025, the executive office of public safety and security shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) number of grant applicants; (ii) successful grant applicants; (iii) criteria used to evaluate grant applications; and (iv) amount of funds awarded to each grant recipient; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended by the executive office for a security personnel program to be piloted at nonprofits that have demonstrated to be at high risk for terrorist attacks or hate crimes; and provided further, that the participating nonprofits shall contribute matching funds to the pilot program equal to \$1 for every \$1 contributed by the commonwealth.....\$5,200,000

8000-1213 For the school of reentry; provided, that funds may be spent on the credible messenger program .....\$1,601,672

8000-1225 For the operation of the office of grants and research; provided, that not later than March 1, 2025, the executive office of public safety and security shall submit to the joint committee on public safety and homeland security, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the clerks of the house of representatives and senate a report on the state of hate in the commonwealth including, but not limited to, the number of bias-motivated incidents, without regard to whether the incidents constitute hate crimes, and any recommendations for combating prejudice in the commonwealth .....\$293,193

8000-1700 For the provision of information technology services within the executive office of public safety and security.....\$23,562,681

8100-0111 For a grant program to be known as the Senator Charles E. Shannon, Jr. community safety initiative, to be administered by the executive office of public safety and security to support regional, multidisciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through coordinated programs for prevention and intervention, coordinated law enforcement, including regional gang task forces and regional crime mapping strategies, focused prosecutions and reintegration strategies for ex-convicts; provided, that the secretary of public safety and security shall distribute grant funds through a competitive grant program that gives preference to applications that: (i) demonstrate high levels of youth violence, gang problems and substance use in a region; (ii) demonstrate a commitment to regional, multijurisdictional strategies to deal with such community safety issues, including written commitments for municipalities, law enforcement agencies, community-based organizations and

government agencies to work together; (iii) clearly outline a comprehensive plan that establishes measurable outcomes for municipalities to work with law enforcement, community-based organizations and government agencies to address gang activity; (iv) outline measurable outcomes that demonstrate program success, detail a plan for collecting data related to achieving those measurable outcomes and commit to sharing the data with the executive office; (v) make a written commitment to match grant funds with a 25 per cent match provided by either municipal or private contributions; and (vi) identify a local governmental unit to serve as the fiscal agent; provided further, that clusters of municipalities, in partnership with nonprofit organizations and other agencies, including district attorneys' offices, may apply for such grant funds; provided further, that such grant funds shall be considered 1-time grants awarded to public agencies and shall not annualize into fiscal year 2026 or subsequent years; provided further, that administrative costs for successful grant applications shall not exceed 10 per cent of the value of the grant; provided further, that no grant funds shall be awarded to the department of state police; provided further, that not later than August 15, 2024, the executive office shall publish guidelines and an application for the competitive portion of the grant fund program; provided further, that not later than December 16, 2024, grant funds shall be made available to applicants; provided further, that not later than 60 days after the distribution of the grant funds, the executive office shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the distribution of the grant funds; provided further, that not less than \$400,000 shall be expended for targeted violence prevention initiatives at state or federally-assisted housing sites; provided further, that preference shall be given to sites that have been subject to enforcement actions by the United States Department of Justice; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Racism-based Violence Injury & Prevention Lab at Boston College to conduct a study evaluating the impacts of early life trauma on those incarcerated in the commonwealth for violent offenses; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of correction shall permit investigators funded from this item access to inmates in correctional facilities for the purpose of completing said study .....\$13,332,730

**Chief Medical Examiner.**

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8000-0105 For the operation of the office of the chief medical examiner established in chapter 38 of the General Laws; provided, that not later than January 16, 2025, the office shall submit a report to the

house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the current caseload of the office and each of its medical examiners and the caseload for fiscal year 2024; (ii) the number of procedures performed in fiscal year 2024; (iii) the current turnaround time and backlogs; (iv) the current response time to scenes; (v) the number of cases completed in fiscal year 2024; (vi) the current status of accreditation with the National Association of Medical Examiners; (vii) progress in identification and completion of reports; and (viii) progress in improving delays in decedent release .....\$18,973,088

8000-0122 For the office of the chief medical examiner, which may expend for its operations not more than \$6,888,616 in revenues collected from fees for services provided by the office; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.....\$6,888,616

**Department of Criminal Justice Information Services.**

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8000-0110 For the operation of the department of criminal justice information services, including criminal justice information services, criminal offender record information services, firearms support services and victim services; provided, that funds may be expended to enable housing authorities to have access to criminal offender record information when qualifying applicants for state-assisted housing.....\$3,331,614

8000-0111 For the operation of the public safety information system and the criminal records review board within the department of criminal justice information services, which may expend for the operation of the board not more than \$4,000,000 in revenues collected from fees for services provided by the board; provided, that funding from this item may be retained and expended from fees charged and collected under section 172A of chapter 6 of the General Laws; provided further, that funds may be expended to assist ex-offenders in obtaining and maintaining employment and to provide education and assistance regarding criminal records under said section 172A of said chapter 6; provided further, that the commissioner of criminal justice information services may make funds from this item available for a competitive grant process to provide such training and education; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and

related expenditures, the board may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system; and provided further, that any unexpended funds in this item shall not revert but shall be made available for the purpose of this item until June 30, 2026 .....\$4,000,000

**Sex Offender Registry.**

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8000-0125 For the operation of the sex offender registry including, but not limited to, the costs of maintaining a computerized registry system and the classification of persons subject to the registry; provided, that the registration fee paid by convicted sex offenders under section 178Q of chapter 6 of the General Laws shall be retained and expended by the sex offender registry board; and provided further, that not later than December 16, 2024, the sex offender registry shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means outlining: (i) the utilization of data-sharing agreements with state agencies to find addresses of offenders that are out of compliance; (ii) plans to establish new data-sharing agreements with other executive branch agencies; and (iii) detailed plans to improve overall data collection and registry maintenance to enhance public safety .....\$7,120,954

**Department of State Police.**

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8100-0006 For the department of state police, which may expend for the costs of private police details, including administrative costs, an amount not more than \$37,250,000 in revenues collected from fees charged for those details; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$37,250,000

8100-0012 For the department of state police, which may expend for the costs of security services provided by state police officers, including overtime and administrative costs, not more than \$3,500,000 from fees charged for those services; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most



recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$3,500,000

8100-0018 For the department of state police, which may expend not more than \$3,205,922 from revenues collected for certain police activities provided under agreements authorized in this item; provided, that for fiscal year 2025, the colonel of state police may enter into service agreements with the commanding officer or other person in charge of a military reservation of the United States located within the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency and any other service agreements as necessary to enhance the protection of persons, assets and infrastructure from possible external threat or activity; provided further, that said agreements shall establish the responsibilities pertaining to the operation and maintenance of police services including, but not limited to: (i) provisions governing payment to the department for the cost of regular salaries, overtime, retirement and other employee benefits; and (ii) provisions governing payment to the department for the cost of furnishings and equipment necessary to provide the police services; provided further, that the department may charge any recipients of police services for the cost of the services under this item; provided further, that the colonel may expend from this item for costs associated with joint federal and state law enforcement activities from federal reimbursements received; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$3,205,922

8100-0102 For the costs associated with state police personnel assigned to the Massachusetts Port Authority, which may expend for the costs of police activities provided by state police officers, including overtime and administrative costs, not more than \$49,000,000 from fees collected for those activities; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department of state police may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$49,000,000

8100-0515 For the expenses of hiring, equipping and training state police recruits to maintain appropriate staffing levels for the state police; provided, that funds shall be expended to promote diversity and

inclusion in the hiring of police recruits; and provided further, that funds shall be expended to implement comprehensive racial bias training within the department of state police to address racial inequities in policing practices.....\$10,645,944

8100-1001 For the administration and operation of the department of state police; provided, that the department shall expend funds from this item to maximize federal grants for the operation of a counter-terrorism unit and the payment of overtime for state police officers; provided further, that the department shall maintain the division of field services, which shall include, but not be limited to, the bureau of metropolitan district operations; provided further, that not less than 40 officers shall be provided to the department of conservation and recreation to patrol its watershed property; provided further, that the department of state police shall enter into an interagency agreement with the department of conservation and recreation to provide police coverage on department of conservation and recreation properties and parkways; provided further, that funds shall be expended from this item for the administration and operation of an automated fingerprint identification system and for the motor carrier safety assistance program; provided further, that the creation of a new or an expansion of the existing statewide communications network shall include the office of law enforcement in the executive office of energy and environmental affairs at no cost to or compensation from the executive office; provided further, that the department of state police may expend funds from this item for the administration of budgetary, procurement, fiscal, human resources, payroll and other administrative services of the office of the chief medical examiner, the municipal police training committee and the department of criminal justice information services; provided further, that the department shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the total compensation paid to each trooper, delineated by category of payout; (ii) the total compensation paid to each troop in the aggregate, delineated by regular and overtime compensation; (iii) the average hours of overtime accumulated, delineated by trooper and reason for the use of overtime; (iv) the average hours of overtime accumulated, delineated by troop in the aggregate; and (v) a detailed plan outlining steps to decrease overtime usage and increase accountability and oversight within the department; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for upgrades at the New Braintree Regional Dispatch Center, including for a replacement radio system; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the department of state police Troop H to conduct dedicated patrols along the Southwest Corridor park in

the Back Bay, Roxbury and South End sections of the city of Boston and the Paciuska Memorial circle, Southampton street bridge, Edward Everett square and Old Harbor reservation areas in the South Boston and Dorchester sections of the city of Boston; and provided further, that the department may enter into an interagency service agreement with the Suffolk sheriff's office to assist with public safety needs for events, including the South Boston St. Patrick's Day-Evacuation Day Parade.....\$383,103,231

**State Police Crime Laboratory.**

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- 8100-1004 For the operation and related costs of the state police crime laboratory, including the analysis of samples used in the prosecution of controlled substance offenses conducted at the former department of public health facilities; provided, that the analysis of narcotic drug synthetic substitutes, poisons, drugs, medicines and chemicals shall be funded from this item in order to support the law enforcement efforts of the district attorneys, the state police and municipal police departments; provided further, that the practices and procedures of the state police crime laboratory shall be informed by the recommendations of the forensic sciences oversight board; and provided further, that the department of state police shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the caseload of each lab; (ii) all relevant information regarding turnaround time and backlogs by type of case; and (iii) the accreditation status of each lab.....\$33,277,752
  
- 8100-1005 For the analysis of narcotic drug synthetic substitutes, poisons, drugs, medicines and chemicals at the University of Massachusetts medical school to support the law enforcement efforts of the district attorneys, the department of state police and municipal police departments.....\$829,250

**Municipal Police Training Committee.**

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- 8200-0200 For the operation of veteran, reserve and in-service training programs conducted by the municipal police training committee; provided, that no expenditures authorized by this item shall be charged to item 8200-0222 .....\$21,365,758
  - General Fund..... 93.48%
  - Public Safety Training Fund ..... 6.52%
  
- 8200-0222 For the municipal police training committee, which may collect and expend not more than \$2,800,000 to provide training to new recruits;

provided, that the committee shall charge \$3,200 per recruit for the training; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the committee shall charge a fee of \$3,200 per person for training programs operated by the committee for all persons who begin training not later than July 1, 2024; provided further, that the fee shall be retained and expended by the committee; provided further, that the trainee or, if the trainee is a recruit, the municipality in which the recruit shall serve, shall provide the fee in full to the committee not later than the first day of orientation for the program in which the trainee or recruit has enrolled; provided further, that no recruit or person shall begin training unless the municipality or the person has provided the fee in full to the committee; provided further, that for recruits of municipalities, upon the completion of the program, the municipality shall deduct the fee from the recruit's wages in 23 equal monthly installments unless otherwise negotiated between the recruit and the municipality in which the recruit shall serve; provided further, that if a recruit withdraws from the training program prior to graduation, the committee shall refund the municipality in which the recruit was to have served a portion of the fee according to the following schedule: (i) if a recruit withdraws from the program prior to the start of week 2, 75 per cent of the fee shall be refunded; (ii) if a recruit withdraws from the program after the start of week 2 but prior to the start of week 3, 50 per cent of the fee shall be refunded; (iii) if a recruit withdraws from the program after the start of week 3 but prior to the start of week 4, 25 per cent of the fee shall be refunded; and (iv) if a recruit withdraws after the start of week 4, the fee shall not be refunded; provided further, that a recruit who withdraws from the program shall pay the municipality in which the recruit was to have served the difference between the fee and the amount forfeited by the municipality according to the schedule; provided further, that the schedule shall also apply to trainees other than recruits who enroll in the program; provided further, that no expenditures shall be charged to this item that are not directly related to new recruit training; provided further, that no expenditures shall be charged to this item that are related to chief, veteran, in-service or reserve training or any training not directly related to new recruits; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the committee may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$2,800,000

**Department of Fire Services.**

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8324-0000 For the administration of the department of fire services, including the office of the state fire marshal, the hazardous materials emergency response program, the board of fire prevention regulations established in section 4 of chapter 22D of the General Laws, the expenses of the fire safety commission and the Massachusetts firefighting academy, including the Massachusetts fire training council certification program, municipal and nonmunicipal fire training and expenses of the council; provided, that the fire training program shall use the split days option; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, 100 per cent of the amount appropriated in this item for the administration of the department of fire services, the office of the state fire marshal, the Massachusetts firefighting academy, critical incident stress management programs, the On-Site Academy, other fire department training academies, the regional dispatch centers, the radio and dispatch center improvements and the associated fringe benefit costs of personnel paid from this item for these purposes shall be assessed upon insurance companies writing fire, homeowners multiple peril or commercial multiple peril policies on property situated in the commonwealth and paid within 30 days after receiving notice of this assessment from the commissioner of insurance; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, 100 per cent of the amount appropriated in item 8100-1001 for all purposes related to fire and arson investigation shall be assessed upon insurance companies writing fire, homeowners multiple peril or commercial multiple peril policies on property situated in the commonwealth, and paid within 30 days after receiving notice of this assessment from the commissioner of insurance; provided further, that not more than 10 per cent of the amount designated for the arson prevention program shall be expended for the administrative cost of the program; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, 100 per cent of the amount appropriated in this item for the operation of the hazardous materials emergency response program and the associated fringe benefit costs of personnel paid from this item for these purposes shall be assessed upon insurance companies writing commercial multiple peril, nonliability portion policies on property situated in the commonwealth and commercial auto liability policies as referenced in line 5.1 and line 19.4, respectively, in the most recent annual statement on file with the commissioner of insurance; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be allocated by the department for critical incident stress management; provided further, that not less than \$1,500,000 shall be expended by the department for the On-Site Academy for critical incident stress management services in support of

emergency medical services, fire, corrections officers, and law enforcement officers; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be allocated by the department for the student awareness fire education program; and provided further, that funds shall be expended for the hazardous materials emergency response program under chapter 21K of the General Laws .....\$40,304,215

8324-0050 For the commonwealth’s local fire departments; provided, that not less than \$70,000 shall be expended for the purchase of a new pickup truck for the fire department in the town of Barre; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for firefighter turnout gear and emergency preparedness enhancements for the Leicester fire department; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Randolph fire department for obtaining personal protective equipment in the town of Randolph; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Hanson fire department for rescue training and cardiac screening programs in the town of Hanson; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Barnstable county for fire training programs and equipment; provided further, that not less than \$57,000 shall be expended to the town of Westborough for the purchase of gear and equipment for the Westborough fire department; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for thermal imaging cameras at the Boxford fire department; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for hose replacements at the Newburyport fire department; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Quaboag regional school district to support the Quaboag fire district program to train students and support workforce development in the region ; provided further, that not less than \$32,000 shall be expended to the Norton fire department for the purchase of turnout gear; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the firefighter cadet program at South Shore vocational technical high school in the town of Hanover; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Quincy fire department for communications infrastructure; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Holbrook fire department for professional development and programming; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for a municipal grant program administered by the fire marshal for firefighter cancer screenings, including advanced blood testing and imaging; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the purchase of a new set of electric jaws of life for the West Bridgewater fire department; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the purchase of new positive pressure ventilation fans for the Easton fire department; provided further, that not less than

\$50,000 shall be expended for the purchase of extrication equipment for the Randolph fire department; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for emergency medical equipment and vehicles for the Stoughton fire department; and provided further, that not less than \$65,000 shall be expended to the town of Freetown fire department for the purchase of turnout gear .....\$1,176,500

8324-0304 For the department of fire services, which may expend for enforcement and training not more than \$8,500 from revenue generated under chapter 148A of the General Laws; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$8,500

8324-0500 For the department of fire services, which may expend not more than \$2,299,910 in revenues collected from fees for annual issuance of boiler and pressure vessel certificates and inspections; provided, that funds shall be expended for the operation of the department and to address the existing boiler and pressure vessel inspection backlog; provided further, that funds shall be expended for hiring additional engineering inspectors or engineers; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$2,299,910

**Military Division.**

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8700-0001 For the operation of the military division, including the offices of the adjutant general and state quartermaster, the operation of the armories, the Camp Curtis Guild rifle range and certain national guard aviation facilities; provided, that notwithstanding chapter 30 of the General Laws, certain military personnel in the military division may be paid salaries according to military pay grades; and provided further, that the division may expend funds appropriated in this item for the administration of budgetary, procurement, fiscal, human resources, payroll and other administrative services; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to support mental health services for military personnel .....\$13,730,282

8700-1140	For the military division, which may expend for the costs of national guard missions and division operations not more than \$1,900,000 from fees charged for the nonmilitary rental or use of armories and from reimbursements generated by national guard missions; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the division may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....	\$1,900,000
8700-1150	For reimbursement of the costs of the national guard tuition and fee waivers under section 19 of chapter 15A of the General Laws; provided, that no funds shall be distributed from this item prior to certification by the state universities, community colleges and the University of Massachusetts of the actual amount of tuition and fees waived for national guard members attending public institutions of higher education under said section 19 of said chapter 15A that would otherwise have been retained by the campuses according to procedures and regulations promulgated by the military division; provided further, that funds from this item may be expended for the reimbursement of the tuition and fees waived for classes taken during the summer months; and provided further, that the funds appropriated under this item shall not revert but shall be made available for these purposes until June 30, 2026 .....	\$9,616,761
8700-1160	For life insurance premiums under section 88B of chapter 33 of the General Laws .....	\$1,075,964

**Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.**

8800-0001	For the operations of the Massachusetts emergency management agency; provided, that expenditures from this item shall be contingent upon the prior approval of the proper federal authorities; provided further, that the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed \$5,000,000 in excess of the current appropriation; and provided further, that such expenditures shall be approved by the secretary of public safety and security, who shall cite a state of emergency declaration for each approved expenditure, in consultation with the secretary of administration and finance .....	\$6,969,100
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**Department of Correction.**

8900-0001	For the operation of the department of correction; provided, that not later than January 16, 2025, the commissioner of correction and the
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secretary of public safety and security shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on public safety and homeland security on the point score compiled by the department's objective classification system for all prisoners confined in each prison operated by the department; provided further, that to maximize bed capacity and re-entry capability, the department shall submit quarterly reports, utilizing standardized reporting definitions developed mutually with the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. on caseload, admissions, classification, releases and recidivism of all pretrial, sentenced and federal incarcerated persons; provided further, that the department shall submit the reports on a quarterly basis not later than 30 days following the last day of the quarter; provided further, that the department shall submit biannual reports to the joint committee on the judiciary, the joint committee on public safety and homeland security and the house and senate committees on ways and means on the use of solitary confinement, also known as segregation, in state prisons; provided further, that 1 of the reports shall cover the period from July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, inclusive, and 1 of the reports shall cover the period from January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025, inclusive; provided further, that such reports shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) number of prisoners subjected to solitary confinement and their voluntarily disclosed sexual orientation as defined under section 3 of chapter 151B and gender identity as defined in section 7 of chapter 4; (ii) length of time spent in solitary confinement; (iii) number of prisoners with mental illness subjected to solitary confinement, delineated by diagnosis; (iv) number of prisoners 21 years of age or younger subjected to solitary confinement; (v) number of prisoners subjected to multiple stays in solitary confinement in a given reporting period; (vi) number of prisoners released directly into the community from solitary confinement or released into the community not later than 30 days after having been in solitary confinement; and (vii) rate of recidivism for individuals that were subject to solitary confinement; provided further, that the department shall validate each educational program offered to incarcerated persons against an evidence-based model chosen by the secretary of public safety and security at least once every 3 years; provided further, that the department shall collaborate with the executive office of education in order to ensure high-quality educational programming at the department and to support the reintegration of formerly incarcerated persons into the community from state prisons; provided further, that not later than February 3, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the joint committee on public safety and homeland security and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing efforts undertaken to ensure high-quality educational programming for incarcerated

persons under the department’s supervision; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for Disability Law Center, Inc. to monitor the efficacy of service delivery at Bridgewater state hospital, including units at the Old Colony correctional center and the treatment center; provided further, that Disability Law Center, Inc. may investigate the physical environment of those facilities, including infrastructure issues, and may use methods including, but not limited to, testing and sampling the physical and environmental conditions, whether or not they are utilized by patients or incarcerated persons; provided further, that the Disability Law Center, Inc. may monitor their continuity of care for persons who are discharged from Bridgewater state hospital to county correctional facilities or department of mental health facilities, including assessment of the efficacy of admission, discharge and transfer planning procedures and coordination between the department of correction, Wellpath LLC, the department of mental health and county correctional facilities; provided further, that at least once every 6 months, the Disability Law Center, Inc. shall report on the impact of these reforms on those served at Bridgewater state hospital and submit biannual reports to the joint committee on mental health, substance and recovery, the joint committee on the judiciary, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the senate president and the speaker of the house of representatives; and provided further, that not less than \$1,200,000 shall be expended for municipalities hosting department of correction facilities.....\$776,674,595

8900-0002 For the operation of the Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center.....\$23,745,896

8900-0003 For the implementation of mandated reforms to mental and behavioral health and residential treatment related to the department of correction under chapter 69 of the acts of 2018; provided, that funds from this item may be expended for contracted service providers specializing in relevant areas including, but not limited to, behavioral health and residential treatment; and provided further, that such funds shall only be expended in the AA or DD object classes if such funds are to be utilized for counselors, teachers, mental health personnel, medical personnel or additional legal staff.....\$5,002,943

8900-0010 For prison industries and farm services; provided, that the commissioner of correction or a designee shall determine the cost of manufacturing motor vehicle registration plates and certify to the comptroller the amounts to be transferred from the Commonwealth Transportation Fund established in section 2ZZZ of chapter 29 of the General Laws to the department of correction revenue source.....\$6,317,247

8900-0011	For the prison industries and farm services program, which may expend for the operation of the program not more than \$5,600,000 in revenues collected from the sale of products, for materials, supplies, equipment, maintenance of facilities and compensation of employees; provided, that the commissioner of correction may allocate year-end net profits to the cost of drug, substance use and rehabilitative programming; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department of correction may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....	\$5,600,000
8900-0050	For the department of correction, which may expend not more than \$8,600,000 in revenues collected from existing assessments; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.....	\$8,600,000
8900-1100	For reentry programs at the department of correction that are intended to reduce recidivism rates; provided, that such programs shall be in addition to those provided in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that not less than \$80,000 shall be expended for the department of correction to cover costs associated with coordinating and supporting partnerships with higher education institutions that provide post-secondary education programs in state prisons; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to support bond insurance coverage comparable to the Federal Bonding Program established by the United States Department of Labor for employers who hire sentenced individuals directly upon release from a department of correction facility or custody .....	\$1,624,594

**Parole Board.**

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8950-0001	For the operation of the parole board.....	\$25,149,674
8950-0002	For the victim and witness assistance program under chapter 258B of the General Laws .....	\$261,999

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**SHERIFFS.**

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**Hampden Sheriff's Office.**

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- 8910-0102 For the operation of the Hampden sheriff's office; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be determined by the executive office of public safety and security, to the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of public safety and security and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism rates for all pretrial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning for the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and such data shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; and provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 .....\$88,872,411
- 8910-0104 For the operation of a regional section 35 program, under section 35 of chapter 123 of the General Laws, in western Massachusetts for the counties of Hampden, Hampshire, Worcester, Franklin and Berkshire that provides involuntary commitment to a treatment facility for not more than 90 days of an individual who has an addiction to alcohol or drugs; provided, that the program shall be located in Hampden county to provide treatment, case management, medical and mental health services, withdrawal management and ongoing monitoring, medication addiction treatment and safety and security staffing as well as release planning and after care services; and provided further, that additional costs associated with the program shall include medication, food, clothing, medical needs and psychiatric services .....\$2,536,272
- 8910-1000 For the Hampden sheriff's office, which may expend for the operation of a prison industries program not more than \$3,631,252 in revenues collected from the sale of products for materials, supplies, equipment, maintenance of facilities, reimbursement for community service projects and compensation of employees of the program; provided, that not later than March 14, 2025, the office shall submit a report to the executive office of public safety and security, the joint committee on the judiciary, the joint committee on public safety and homeland security and the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) a comprehensive quantitative analysis of the impact that the

program has on participating incarcerated persons as compared to non-participating incarcerated persons, including their disciplinary record while in custody, their recidivism rates after release and their employment rates after release; (ii) information on the demographics of participants; (iii) information on the customers of the program, including whether they are a public entity, a private business or a nonprofit organization; and (iv) the compensation rates for participants; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.....\$3,631,252

8910-1010 For the operation of a regional behavioral evaluation and stabilization unit to provide forensic mental health services within existing physical facilities for incarcerated persons in the care of correctional facilities; provided, that the unit shall be located in Hampden county to serve the needs of incarcerated persons in the care of Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester counties; provided further, that the services of the unit shall be made available to incarcerated persons in the care of the department of correction; provided further, that the Hampden sheriff's office shall work in cooperation with the Middlesex sheriff's office to determine a standardized set of definitions and measurements for patients at both regional behavioral evaluation and stabilization units; provided further, that not later than February 14, 2025, the Hampden sheriff's office, in cooperation with the department of correction and the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc., shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) number of incarcerated persons in facilities located in counties that were provided services in each unit; (ii) number of incarcerated persons in department of correction facilities that were provided services in each unit; (iii) alleviation of caseload at Bridgewater state hospital associated with fewer incarcerated persons in the care of counties being attended to at the hospital; (iv) estimated and projected cost savings in fiscal year 2025 to the sheriffs' offices and the department of correction associated with the regional units; and (v) deficiencies in addressing the needs of incarcerated women; and provided further, that the department of mental health shall maintain the monitoring and quality review functions of the unit .....\$1,390,472

8910-1020	For costs related to department of correction incarcerated persons with not more than 2 years of their sentence remaining who have been transferred to the care of the Hampden sheriff's office.....	\$656,711
8910-1030	For the operation of the western Massachusetts regional women's correctional center.....	\$4,965,798

**Worcester Sheriff's Office.**

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8910-0105 For the operation of the Worcester sheriff's office; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be determined by the executive office of public safety and security, to the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of public safety and security and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism rates for all pretrial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning for the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and such data shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; and provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 \$59,417,150

**Middlesex Sheriff's Office.**

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8910-0107 For the operation of the Middlesex sheriff's office; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be determined by the executive office of public safety and security, to the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of public safety and security and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism rates for all pretrial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning for the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and such data shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; and provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 .....\$77,426,623

- 8910-0450 For the Middlesex sheriff's office, which may expend not more than \$100,000 in revenues collected from public or private entities or persons for community programs; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.....\$100,000
- 8910-1100 For the Middlesex sheriff's office, which may expend for the operation of a prison industries program not more than \$75,000 in revenues collected from the sale of products, for materials, supplies, equipment, recyclable reimbursements, printing services, maintenance of facilities and compensation of employees of the program; provided, that not later than March 14, 2025, the office shall submit a report to the executive office of public safety and security, the joint committee on the judiciary, the joint committee on public safety and homeland security and the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) a comprehensive quantitative analysis of the impact that the program has on participating incarcerated persons as compared to non-participating incarcerated persons, including their disciplinary record while in custody, their recidivism rate after release and their employment rates after release; (ii) information on the demographics of participants; (iii) information on the customers of the program, including whether they are a public entity, a private business or a nonprofit organization; and (iv) the compensation rates for participants; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.....\$75,000
- 8910-1101 For the operation of a regional behavioral evaluation and stabilization unit to provide forensic mental health services within existing physical facilities for incarcerated persons in the care of correctional facilities; provided, that the unit shall be located in Middlesex county to serve the needs of incarcerated persons in the care of the counties of Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes County, Essex, Nantucket, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth and Suffolk; provided further, that the services of the unit shall be made available to incarcerated persons in the care of the department of correction; provided further, that the Middlesex sheriff's office shall work in

cooperation with the Hampden sheriff’s office to determine a standardized set of definitions and measurements for patients at both regional behavioral evaluation and stabilization units; provided further, that not later than February 14, 2025, the Middlesex sheriff’s office, in cooperation with the department of correction and the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc., shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) number of incarcerated persons in facilities located in counties that were provided services in each unit; (ii) number of incarcerated persons in department of correction facilities that were provided services in each unit; (iii) alleviation of caseload at Bridgewater state hospital associated with fewer incarcerated persons in the care of counties being attended to at the hospital; and (iv) estimated and projected cost savings in fiscal year 2025 to the sheriffs’ offices and the department of correction associated with the regional units; and provided further, that the department of mental health shall maintain the monitoring and quality review functions of the unit .....\$1,822,285

**Hampshire Sheriff’s Office.**

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8910-0110 For the operation of the Hampshire sheriff’s office; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be determined by the executive office of public safety and security, to the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of public safety and security and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism rates for all pretrial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning for the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and such data shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; and provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 .....\$17,755,313

**Berkshire Sheriff’s Office.**

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8910-0145 For the operation of the Berkshire sheriff’s office; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be determined by the executive office of public safety and security, to the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of public safety and security and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the



office shall provide relevant data to the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism rates for all pretrial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning for the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and such data shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Berkshire county opioid education and awareness task force; and provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 .....\$20,948,851

8910-0155 For the operation of the Berkshire aquaponics program at the Berkshire County house of correction .....\$150,000

8910-0445 For the Berkshire sheriff’s office, which may expend not more than \$400,000 in revenues generated from the operation of the Berkshire county communication center’s 911 dispatch operations and other law enforcement-related activities; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.....\$400,000

8910-0760 For the Berkshire sheriff’s office, which may expend for the costs of private police details, including administrative costs, an amount not more than \$1,500,000 from fees charged for those details; provided, that notwithstanding any general or specific law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.....\$1,500,000

**Franklin Sheriff’s Office.**

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28 For the operation of the Franklin sheriff’s office; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be determined by the executive office of public safety and security, to the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of public safety and security and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the

office shall provide relevant data to the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism rates for all pretrial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning for the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and such data shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; and provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 .....\$20,824,660

**Essex Sheriff’s Office.**

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8910-0619 For the operation of the Essex sheriff’s office; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be determined by the executive office of public safety and security, to the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of public safety and security and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism rates for all pretrial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning for the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and such data shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; and provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 .....\$88,103,829

8910-0618 For the Essex sheriff’s office, which may expend for the costs of private police details, including administrative costs, an amount not more than \$1,850,000 from fees charged for those details; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$1,850,000

**Massachusetts Sheriffs Association.**

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8910-7110 For the operation of the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc.; provided, that the sheriffs shall appoint persons to serve as executive director, assistant executive director, research director and other staff positions as necessary for the coordination and standardization

of services and programs, the collection and analysis of data related to incarceration, recidivism and generation of reports, technical assistance and training to ensure standardization in organization, operations and procedures; provided further, that such staff shall not be subject to section 45 of chapter 30 of the General Laws or chapter 31 of the General Laws and shall serve at the pleasure of a majority of the sheriffs; provided further, that not later than January 30, 2025, the executive director of the association shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the amounts of all grants awarded to each sheriff's office in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that the association shall post on its website the average daily incarcerated persons population for the month by the fifteenth day of the subsequent month; provided further, that not later than August 15, 2024, the first such post shall be completed; provided further, that each sheriff's office, in conjunction with the association, shall provide specific data to the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism rates for all pretrial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning for the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and such data shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; provided further, that not later than January 30, 2025, the association shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing, for each sheriff's office: (i) all services and goods provided to incarcerated persons in which the sheriff's office receives revenue; (ii) all fees imposed on incarcerated persons, delineated by services or goods provided; (iii) the mechanism used to inform incarcerated persons of such fees and of their opportunities to waive certain fees; and (iv) all commissary and trust funds administered, including the total revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2024, revenue projections for fiscal years 2025 and 2026 and the current balances of such funds; and provided further, that all expenditures made by the sheriffs' offices shall be subject to chapter 29 of the General Laws and recorded on the state accounting system .....\$736,794

**Barnstable Sheriff's Office.**

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8910-8200 For the operation of the Barnstable sheriff's office; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be determined by the executive office of public safety and security, to the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of public safety and security and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism rates for

all pretrial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning for the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and such data shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; and provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 .....\$33,085,852

8910-8213 For the Barnstable sheriff's office, which may expend not more than \$1,500,000 in revenues collected from municipalities and other entities for regional emergency and public safety communication services to support the operations, development, membership and maintenance of the office; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.....\$1,500,000

**Bristol Sheriff's Office.**

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8910-8300 For the operation of the Bristol sheriff's office; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be determined by the executive office of public safety and security, to the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of public safety and security and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism rates for all pretrial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning for the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and such data shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; and provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 .....\$61,447,280

**Dukes County Sheriff's Office.**

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8910-8400 For the operation of the Dukes County sheriff's office; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be determined by the executive office of public safety and security, to the executive office for administration and finance, the

executive office of public safety and security and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism rates for all pretrial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning for the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and such data shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; and provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 .....\$3,897,546

8910-8401 For the Dukes County sheriff's office, which may expend not more than \$300,000 in revenues collected from municipalities and other entities for regional emergency and public safety communication services to support the operations, development, membership and maintenance of the office; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$300,000

**Nantucket Sheriff's Office.**

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8910-8500 For the operation of the Nantucket sheriff's office; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be determined by the executive office of public safety and security, to the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of public safety and security and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism rates for all pretrial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning for the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and such data shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; and provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 .....\$864,315

**Norfolk Sheriff's Office.**

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8910-8600 For the operation of the Norfolk sheriff's office; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be determined by the executive office of public safety and security, to the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of public safety and security and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism rates for all pretrial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning for the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and such data shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; and provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 .....\$40,278,095

8910-8629 For the Norfolk sheriff's office, which may expend not more than \$55,430 in revenues collected from municipalities and other entities for regional emergency and public safety communication services to support the operations, development, membership and maintenance of the office; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur

expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.....\$55,430

8910-8630 For the Norfolk sheriff's office, which may expend not more than \$160,000 in revenues collected from public or private entities or persons for community programs; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.....\$160,000

**Plymouth Sheriff's Office.**

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8910-8700 For the operation of the Plymouth sheriff's office; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be determined by the executive office of public safety and security, to the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of public safety and security and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism rates for all pretrial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning for the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and such data shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; and provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110.....\$72,199,442

8910-8718 For the Plymouth sheriff's office, which may expend not more than \$300,000 in revenues collected from municipalities and other entities for regional emergency and public safety communication services to support the operations, development, membership and maintenance of the office; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.....\$300,000

**Suffolk Sheriff's Office.**

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8910-8800	For the operation of the Suffolk sheriff's office; provided, that not later than December 16, 2024, the office shall provide a comprehensive inventory of all current programs and practices, in a manner to be determined by the executive office of public safety and security, to the executive office for administration and finance, the executive office of public safety and security and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the executive office of public safety and security to allow for the reporting of recidivism rates for all pretrial, county sentenced and state sentenced incarcerated persons on a quarterly basis beginning for the quarter ending September 30, 2024 and such data shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; and provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 .....	\$128,710,102
8910-8900	For the Suffolk sheriff's office, which may expend for the operation of the Suffolk county regional lockup not more than \$1,800,000 in revenue; provided, that the office shall enter into agreements to provide detention services to various law enforcement agencies and municipalities and shall determine and collect fees for those detentions from the law enforcement agencies and municipalities; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.....	\$1,800,000

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.**

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**Executive Office of Elder Affairs.**

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9110-0100	For the operation of the executive office of elder affairs and the regulation of assisted living facilities; provided, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the LGBTQIA+ Aging Project of Fenway Health to support the permanent commission on older lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender adults and their caregivers established in section 71 of chapter 3 of the General Laws.....	\$5,711,892
9110-0600	For health care services provided to MassHealth members who are older adults eligible for community-based waiver services; provided, that funds may be expended from this item for health care	



services provided to recipients in prior fiscal years; provided further, that subject to the assessed needs of consumers or the terms of the waiver, the funding for benefits of community-based waiver services shall not be reduced below the level of services provided in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that the eligibility requirements for this program shall not be more restrictive than those established in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that funds shall be expended from this item to implement the pre-admission counseling and assessment program under the fourth paragraph of section 9 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, which shall be implemented on a statewide basis through the Aging and Disability Resource Consortia; and provided further, that funds from this item may be expended for the Clinical Assessment and Eligibility Program and the Comprehensive Service and Screening Model Program.....\$303,085,276

9110-1455 For the costs of the drug insurance program under section 39 of chapter 19A of the General Laws and for the operations of the consolidated MassOptions, prescription advantage and 800-age-info customer service centers; provided, that amounts received by the executive office of elder affairs' vendor as premium revenue for this program may be retained and expended by the vendor for the program; provided further, that, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary and unless otherwise prohibited by federal law, prescription drug coverage or benefits payable by the executive office and the entities with which it has contracted for administration of the subsidized catastrophic prescription drug insurance program under said section 39 of said chapter 19A shall be the payer of last resort for this program for eligible persons with regard to any other third-party prescription drug coverage or benefits available to eligible persons; provided further, that the executive office shall allow those who meet the program eligibility criteria to enroll in the program at any time during the year; provided further, that the executive office shall seek to obtain maximum federal funding for discounts on prescription drugs available to the executive office and to prescription advantage enrollees; provided further, that the executive office shall take steps for the coordination of benefits with the Medicare prescription drug benefit created under the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, Public Law 108-173, as amended, to ensure that residents of the commonwealth take advantage of this benefit; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the operation of the pharmacy outreach program under section 4C of said chapter 19A; provided further, that not less than 90 days before any action to limit or cap the number of enrollees in the program, the executive office shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that not less than 30 days before any coverage or benefits expansions, the executive office shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means; and provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone, or SHINE,

program, administered by the executive office in partnership with local community-based organizations including, but not limited to, councils on aging, aging service access points and others, in order to support operational costs incurred by these programs.....\$20,757,247

9110-1604 For the operation of the supportive senior housing program at state or federally-assisted housing sites; provided, that the executive office of elder affairs shall maintain at least the same number of sites that were provided for in section 2 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023; provided, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the North Shore Community Health, Inc. for costs associated with the El Centro project.....\$11,519,484

9110-1630 For the operation of the elder home care program, including contracts with aging service access points or other qualified entities for the home care program, home care, health aides, homemaker, personal care, supportive home care aides, home health and respite services, geriatric behavioral health services and other services provided to older adults; provided, that sliding-scale fees shall be charged to qualified older adults; provided further, that the secretary of elder affairs may waive collection of sliding-scale fees in cases of extreme financial hardship; provided further, that not more than \$16,000,000 in revenues accrued from sliding-scale fees shall be retained by the individual home care organizations without reallocation by the executive office of elder affairs and shall be expended for the home care program, consistent with guidelines to be issued by the executive office; provided further, that any home care agency subcontracting with an aging service access point to provide home care services to an enrollee in the elder home care program shall use not less than 75 per cent of received rate funding for such services for the compensation of their direct care, frontline, medical and clinical staff which may include, but shall not be limited to, hourly rate increases, wraparound benefits, shift differentials, overtime, hiring and retention bonuses or recruitment as defined by the executive office; provided further, that not later than October 1, 2024, the executive office of elder affairs shall develop and issue comprehensive guidelines to the aging service access points and subcontracting home care agencies providing services under the elder home care program that include annual reporting requirements and strong enforcement standards for the 75 per cent permissible use standard; provided further, that the executive office of elder affairs shall annually audit the annual reports to confirm compliance with the 75 per cent permissible use standard and to further the executive office’s enforcement of that standard; provided further, that no rate increase shall be awarded in fiscal year 2025 that would cause a reduction in client services or the number of clients served; provided further, that no funds shall be expended from this item to pay for salary increases for direct service workers who provide state-funded homemaker and home health aide services that would cause a reduction in client services; provided further, that funding shall be

expended for a contract with the LGBTQIA+ Aging Project for provider training including, but not limited to, home care and home health providers, councils on aging, skilled nursing facilities and adult day health programs and outreach to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning older adults and to caregivers; provided further, that the secretary of elder affairs may transfer not more than 3 per cent of the funds appropriated in this item to item 9110-1633 for case management services and the administration of the home care program; provided further, that the secretary of elder affairs shall expend not less than \$1,400,000 between this item and item 9110-1633 on recipients of the home care over-income cost-sharing program; and provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts chapter of the Alzheimer's Association to administer and expand access to its evidence-based dementia care coordination program in order to reduce hospitalizations and emergency department visits and delay long-term care placements.....\$236,882,945

9110-1633 For the operation of the elder home care case management program, including contracts with aging service access points or other qualified entities for home care case management services and the administration of the home care organizations funded through item 9110-1630; provided, that the contracts shall include the costs of administrative personnel, home care case managers, travel, rent and other costs deemed appropriate by the executive office of elder affairs; provided further, that the department, in consultation with the administrators of contracted aging services access points, shall develop and execute a plan to streamline the intake assessment process with regard to the questions involved in developing the comprehensive data sets known as CDS-3-CM and CDS-3-RN, to reduce, consolidate or otherwise improve the efficiency and ease of administering said process; and provided further, that the secretary of elder affairs may transfer an amount not more than 3 per cent of the funds appropriated in this item to item 9110-1630.....\$95,153,249

9110-1636 For the elder protective services program including, but not limited to, protective services case management, guardianship services, the statewide elder abuse hotline, money management services and the elder-at-risk program .....\$47,886,212

9110-1637 For a grant program administered by the secretary of elder affairs that focuses on advanced skill training for the home care aide workforce that serves consumers of the elder home care program administered by the department of elder affairs .....\$1,207,262

9110-1640 For the geriatric behavioral health program, including outreach, counseling, resource management and system navigation for community-dwelling older adults with mental health needs .....\$2,509,293

9110-1660	For congregate and shared housing services and the long-term care ombudsman program to include assisted living residences .....	\$2,525,393
9110-1700	For assessment, placement and homelessness prevention services for homeless and at-risk older adults .....	\$286,000
9110-1900	For the elder nutrition program; provided, that not less than \$750,000 shall be expended for the Meals on Wheels Program for older adults; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the senior farm share program .....	\$11,907,218
9110-9002	For grants to the councils on aging and for grants to or contracts with nonpublic entities that are consortia or associations of councils on aging; provided, that, notwithstanding the preceding proviso, all funds appropriated in this item shall be expended under the distribution schedules for formula and incentive grants established by the secretary of elder affairs; provided further, that the formula grant portion of this item shall be \$15 per elder; provided further, that not later than February 7, 2025, the distribution schedules shall be submitted to the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that not less than \$70,000 shall be expended for the replacement of a wheelchair accessible minivan for the council on aging in the town of Milton; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the grab-and-go meals provided by the council on aging in the town of East Bridgewater; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the council on aging in the city of Melrose to purchase an accessible transport van; provided further, that not less than \$80,000 shall be expended to the town of Clinton for infrastructure upgrades for the Clinton senior center; provided further, that not less than \$85,000 shall be expended for an accessible minivan equipped with a wheelchair lift for the Holliston council on aging; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Russell council on aging to purchase a new vehicle; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the council on aging in the town of Agawam for new furniture, equipment and improvements to the patio area; provided further, that not less than \$23,000 shall be expended to the council on aging in the town of Abington for programming and services; provided further, that not less than \$23,000 shall be expended to the department of elder affairs in the city known as the town of Braintree for programming and services; provided further, that not less than \$32,500 shall be expended to the council on aging in the town of Hanover for programming and services; provided further, that not less than \$32,500 shall be expended to the council on aging in the town of Holbrook for programming and services; provided further, that not less than \$32,500 shall be expended to the council on aging in the town of Rockland for programming and services; and provided further, that not less than \$45,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of North Attleborough for furnishings and other needs	

associated with the establishment of the North Attleborough Council  
on Aging in its new location .....\$28,583,500

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**LEGISLATURE.**

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**Senate.**

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9500-0000 For the operation of the senate; provided, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for a fellowship pipeline program in the senate, which shall seek to promote inclusive and diverse participation and exposure to long-term employment opportunities in the public service sector for traditionally underserved populations .....\$29,266,738

**House of Representatives.**

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9600-0000 For the operation of the house of representatives .....\$47,505,185

**Joint Legislative Expenses.**

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9700-0000 For the joint operations of the legislature .....\$10,724,567

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**SECTION 2B.**

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SECTION 2B. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the agencies listed in this section may expend the amounts listed in this section for the provision of services to agencies listed in section 2. All expenditures made under this section shall be accompanied by a corresponding transfer of funds from an account listed in said section 2 to the Intragovernmental Service Fund established in section 2Q of chapter 29 of the General Laws. All revenues and other inflows shall be based on rates published by the seller agency that are developed in accordance with cost principles established by the United States Office of Management and Budget Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments. All rates shall be published within 30 days after the effective date of this section. No expenditures shall be made from the Intragovernmental Service Fund which would cause that fund to be in deficit at the close of fiscal year 2025. All authorizations in this section shall be charged to the Intragovernmental Service Fund and shall not be subject to section 5D of said chapter 29. Any balance remaining in that fund at the close of fiscal year 2025 shall be transferred to the General Fund.

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**SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.**

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0511-0003 For the costs of providing electronic and other publications purchased from the state bookstore, for commission fees, notary fees and for direct access to the secretary's computer library.....\$16,000

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**TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL.**

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0699-0018 For the cost of debt service for the clean energy investment program and other projects or programs for which an agency has committed to fund the associated debt service; provided, that the state treasurer

may charge other appropriations and federal grants for the cost of  
the debt service .....\$34,654,312

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**OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER.**

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1000-0005	For the cost of the single state audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; provided, that the comptroller may charge other appropriations and federal grants for the cost of the audit.....	\$1,817,632
1000-0008	For the costs of operating and managing the state management accounting and reporting system accounting system for fiscal year 2025; provided, that any unspent balance at the close of fiscal year 2025 in an amount not to exceed 5 per cent of the amount authorized shall remain in the Intergovernmental Service Fund and is hereby re-authorized for expenditures for such item in fiscal year 2026 .....	\$4,286,929
1000-0601	For the office of the comptroller which may, on behalf of the office, the human resources division and the executive office of technology services and security, charge and collect from participating state agencies a fee sufficient to cover administrative costs and expend such fees for goods and services rendered in the administration of the human resources compensation management system program .....	\$2,371,752

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE.**

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**Office of the Secretary.**

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1100-1701	For the cost of information technology services provided to agencies of the executive office for administration and finance .....	\$27,084,188
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**Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance.**

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1102-3224	For the costs for the Leverett Saltonstall building lease and occupancy payments, as provided in chapter 237 of the acts of 2000 .....	\$15,479,810
1102-3226	For the operation and maintenance of state buildings; provided, that the division of capital asset management and maintenance may also charge for reimbursement for overtime expenses, materials and contract services purchased in performing renovations and related services for agencies occupying state buildings or for services rendered to approved entities using state facilities .....	\$13,950,568

**Reserves.**

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1599-2040	For the payment of prior year deficiencies based upon schedules provided to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the	
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comptroller may certify payments on behalf of departments for certain contracted goods or services rendered in prior fiscal years for which certain statutes, regulations or procedures were not properly followed; provided further, that the department that was a party to the transaction shall certify in writing that the services were performed or goods delivered and shall provide additional information that the comptroller may require; provided further, that the comptroller may charge departments' current fiscal year appropriations and transfer to this item amounts equivalent to the amounts of any prior year deficiency, subject to the conditions stated in this item; provided further, that the comptroller shall assess a chargeback to that current fiscal year appropriation that is for the same purpose as that to which the prior year deficiency pertains or, if there is no appropriation for that purpose, to that current fiscal year appropriation which is most similar in purpose to the appropriation to which the prior year deficiency pertains or is for the general administration of the department that administered the appropriation to which the prior year deficiency pertains; provided further, that no chargeback shall be made which would cause a deficiency in any current fiscal year item; provided further, that the comptroller shall report with such schedule a detailed reason for the prior year deficiency on all chargebacks assessed that exceed \$10,000 including the amount of the chargeback, the item and object class charged; provided further, that the comptroller shall report on a quarterly basis on all chargebacks assessed, including the amount of the chargeback, the item, object class charged and the reason for the prior year deficiency; and provided further, that the comptroller shall include in the schedules the amount of each prior year deficiency paid, the fiscal year and appropriation to which it pertained, the current fiscal year appropriation and object class to which it was charged and the department's explanation for the failure to make payment in a timely manner .....\$50,000,000

1599-3100 For the cost of the commonwealth's employer contributions to the Unemployment Compensation Fund and the Medical Security Trust Fund established in section 48 of chapter 151A of the General Laws; provided, that the secretary of administration and finance shall authorize the collection, accounting and payment of these contributions; and provided further, that in executing these responsibilities, the comptroller may charge, in addition to individual appropriation accounts, certain non-appropriated funds in amounts that are computed based on rates developed in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget circular A-87, including expenses, interest expense and related charges.....\$38,000,000

1599-3101 For the cost of the commonwealth's employer contributions to the Family and Employment Security Trust Fund established in section 7 of chapter 175M of the General Laws; provided, that the secretary of administration and finance shall authorize the collection, accounting and payment of these contributions; and provided further, that in executing these responsibilities the comptroller may charge, in addition to individual appropriation accounts, certain non-appropriated funds in amounts that are computed based on rates developed in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget circular A-87, including expenses, interest expense and related charges .....\$50,000,000

**Human Resources Division.**

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1750-0101 For the cost of goods and services rendered in administering training programs, including the cost of training unit staff; provided, that the human resources division shall charge to other items for the cost of participants enrolled in programs sponsored by the division or to state agencies employing such participants; provided further, that the division may collect from participating state agencies a fee sufficient to cover administrative costs of the commonwealth's performance recognition programs and to expend such fees for goods and services rendered in the administration of these programs; provided further, that the division may charge and collect from participating state agencies a fee sufficient to cover administrative costs and expend such fees for goods and services rendered in the administration of information technology services related to the human resources compensation management system program; and provided further, that the division may charge and collect from participating state agencies fees sufficient to cover the costs of shared services .....\$367,343

1750-0105 For the cost of the commonwealth's workers' compensation program, including the workers' compensation litigation unit; provided, that the secretary of administration and finance shall charge state agencies for workers' compensation costs, including related administrative expenses, incurred on behalf of the employees of those agencies; provided further, that the personnel administrator shall administer those charges on behalf of the secretary and may establish regulations considered necessary to implement this item; provided further, that the personnel administrator shall notify agencies regarding the chargeback methodology to be used in fiscal year 2025 and the amount of their estimated workers' compensation charges and shall require agencies to encumber sufficient funds to meet the estimated charges, including any additional amounts considered necessary under the regulations; provided further, that for any agency that fails within 60 days of the effective date of this act to encumber funds sufficient to meet the estimated charges, the comptroller shall encumber funds on behalf of that agency; provided further, that the personnel administrator shall: (i) determine the amount of the actual workers' compensation costs incurred by each agency in the preceding month, including related administrative expenses; (ii) notify each agency of those amounts; (iii) charge those amounts to each agency's accounts as estimates of the costs to be incurred in the current month; and (iv) transfer those amounts to this item; provided further, that any unspent balance in this item at the close of fiscal year 2025 shall be re-authorized for expenditure in fiscal year 2026; and provided further, that prior year costs for

hospital, physician, benefit and other costs may be funded from this  
item .....\$65,785,628

1750-0106 For the workers' compensation litigation unit, including the costs of  
personnel .....\$944,177

1750-0600 For the cost of core human resources administrative processing  
functions.....\$8,198,893

**Operational Services Division.**

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1775-0800	For the purchase, operation and repair of vehicles and for the cost of operating and maintaining all vehicles that are leased by other agencies, including the costs of personnel.....	\$8,110,716
1775-1000	For the provision of printing, photocopying, mailing and related graphic art or design work, including all necessary incidental expenses and liabilities .....	\$11,021,378

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR VETERANS' SERVICES.**

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**Office of the Secretary.**

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1410-0110	For the cost of central services provided to agencies of the executive office of veterans' services .....	\$5,000,000
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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND SECURITY.**

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1790-0200	For the cost of computer resources and services provided by the executive office of technology services and security; provided, that any unspent balance at the close of fiscal year 2025 shall remain in the Intragovernmental Service Fund and may be expended for the item in fiscal year 2026.....	\$104,069,675
1790-0201	For the costs of any information technology or telecommunications product, service or equipment incurred by the executive office of technology services and security in delivering necessary information technology and telecommunications services and products to its customers, but not including any administrative costs; provided, that any unspent balance at the close of fiscal year 2025 shall remain in the Intragovernmental Service Fund and may be expended for the item in fiscal year 2026.....	\$30,000,000
1790-1701	For core technology services and security, including those previously funded through item 1790-0200; provided, that any unspent balance at the close of fiscal year 2025 shall remain in the Intragovernmental Service Fund and may be expended for the item in fiscal year 2026.....	\$37,734,891

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS.**

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2000-1701	For the cost of information technology services provided to agencies of the executive office of energy and environmental affairs .....	\$6,500,000
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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.**

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**Office of the Secretary.**

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4000-0102	For the cost of transportation services for health and human services clients and the operation of the health and human services transportation office .....	\$20,241,260
4000-0103	For the costs of core administrative functions performed within the executive office of health and human services; provided, that the secretary of health and human services, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, may identify administrative activities and functions common to the separate agencies, departments, offices, divisions and commissions within the executive office and may designate those functions as core administrative functions in order to improve administrative efficiency and preserve fiscal resources; provided further, that common functions may be designated core administrative functions including, but not limited to, human resources, financial management, leasing and facility management; provided further, that all employees performing functions so designated may be employed by the executive office; provided further, that upon the designation of a function as a core administrative function, the employees of each agency, department, office or commission who perform these core administrative functions may be transferred to the executive office of health and human services; provided further, that the executive office shall charge the agencies, departments, offices, divisions and commissions for the services under this item; provided further, that the reorganization shall not impair the civil service status of any transferred employee who immediately before the effective date of this act either holds a permanent appointment in a position classified under chapter 31 of the General Laws or has tenure in a position by reason of section 9A of chapter 30 of the General Laws; and provided further, that nothing in this item shall impair or change an employee's status, rights or benefits under chapter 150E of the General Laws .....	\$31,489,176
4000-1701	For the cost of information technology services provided to agencies of the executive office of health and human services .....	\$58,143,929

**Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.**

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4125-0122	For the costs of interpreter services provided by commission staff; provided, that the costs of personnel may be charged to this item; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing
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discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the commission may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....\$450,000

4125-0124 For the costs of contracted communication access services incurred by the commission for the deaf and hard of hearing to deliver necessary communication access services to commonwealth agencies, but not including any administrative costs; provided, that any unspent balance at the close of fiscal year 2025 shall remain in the Intragovernmental Service Fund and may be expended for the item in fiscal year 2026.....\$6,000,000

**Department of Public Health.**

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4510-0108 For the costs of pharmaceutical drugs and services provided by the state office for pharmacy services; provided, that the state office shall notify all agencies listed below of their obligations under this item by December 30, 2024; provided further, that the state office shall continue to be the sole provider of pharmacy services for the following agencies currently under the state office: (i) the department of public health; (ii) the department of mental health; (iii) the department of developmental services; (iv) the department of correction; (v) the sheriffs' offices of Barnstable, Berkshire, Bristol, Essex, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, Middlesex, Norfolk and Plymouth; and (vi) the Soldiers' Homes in the cities of Holyoke and Chelsea; provided further, that the state office shall be the sole provider of pharmacy services for all said agencies and all costs for pharmacy services shall be charged by this item; provided further, that the state office shall become the sole provider of pharmacy services to the sheriffs' offices of Worcester and Suffolk; provided further, that these agencies shall not charge or contract with any other alternative vendor for pharmacy services other than the state office; provided further, that the state office shall validate previously-submitted pharmacy expenditures including HIV Drug Assistance Program drug reimbursements during fiscal year 2025; provided further, that the state office shall continue to work to reduce medication costs, provide standardized policies and procedures in a clinically responsible manner, provide comprehensive data analysis and improve the quality of clinical services; and provided further, that not later than April 15, 2025, the state office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing recommendations for the inclusion of other entities that may realize cost savings by joining the state office .....\$66,484,657

4590-0901	For the costs of medical services provided at department of public health hospitals and charged to other state agencies.....	\$159,135
4590-0903	For the costs of medical services provided at the department of public health Lemuel Shattuck hospital to incarcerated persons in the care of houses of correction; provided, that the costs shall be charged to items 8910-0102, 8910-0105, 8910-0107, 8910-0108, 8910-0110, 8910-0145, 8910-0619, 8910-8200, 8910-8300, 8910-8400, 8910-8500, 8910-8600, 8910-8700 and 8910-8800 of section 2.....	\$3,087,132



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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

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**Office of the Secretary.**

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7002-0018 For the cost of information technology services provided to agencies  
of the executive office of economic development .....\$6,846,468

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION.**

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**Office of the Secretary.**

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7009-1701 For the cost of information technology services provided to agencies  
of the executive office of education .....\$3,000,000

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY.**

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**Office of the Secretary.**

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8000-1701 For the cost of information technology services provided to agencies  
of the executive office of public safety and security .....\$11,464,504

**Department of State Police.**

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8100-0002 For the costs associated with department of state police personnel  
assigned to roadways of the Massachusetts Department of  
Transportation, the district attorneys' offices, the attorney general,  
the Massachusetts gaming commission and other state agencies;  
provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the  
contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies  
between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures,  
the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify  
for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization  
or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state  
accounting system.....\$49,348,913

8100-0003 For the costs associated with the use and maintenance of the  
statewide telecommunications system .....\$156,375

**Military Division.**

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8700-1145 For the costs of utilities and maintenance associated with state  
armory rentals and related services and for the implementation of  
energy conservation measures with regard to the state armories.....\$100,000

**Department of Correction.**

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8900-0021	For costs related to the production and distribution of products produced by prison industries and for the costs of services provided by incarcerated persons; provided, that the commissioner of correction may allocate year-end net profits to the cost of drug, substance abuse and rehabilitative programming .....	\$14,650,000
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**SECTION 2D.**

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SECTION 2D. The amounts set forth in this section are hereby appropriated from the General Federal Grants Fund. Federal funds received in excess of the amount appropriated in this section shall be expended only in accordance with section 6B of chapter 29 of the General Laws. The amount of any unexpended balance of federal grant funds received before June 30, 2024 and not included as part of an appropriation item in this section is hereby made available for expenditure during fiscal year 2025 and shall be in addition to any amount appropriated in this section.

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**JUDICIARY.**

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**Supreme Judicial Court.**

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0320-1710	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State Court Improvement Basic Grant .....	\$635,508
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**Committee for Public Counsel Services.**

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0320-1807	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Enhancing Juvenile Indigent Defense Program .....	\$51,597
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0320-1808	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, BJA FY22 M Preventing Wrongful Convictions Program.....	\$19,703
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**Trial Court.**

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0332-2601	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MISSION Mill Cities .....	\$400,000
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0332-3501	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MISSION Springfield.....	\$400,000
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0333-0122	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, ACL AOA Elder Justice Innovation Grants .....	\$135,434
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0337-0005	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, OJJDP FY 2021 Family Drug Program .....	\$703,970
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0339-0612	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Project North.....	\$2,290,667
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**DISTRICT ATTORNEYS.**

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**Worcester District Attorney.**

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0340-0469	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, COSSAP – Worcester County Outreach m.....	\$268,165
0340-0471	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Worcester County Division and Drug Endangered Children.....	\$650,000

**Plymouth District Attorney.**

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0340-0837	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY21 BJA Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) .....	\$117,584
0340-0839	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, OJP Enhanced Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking .....	\$81,015
0340-0841	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, BJA FY21 Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program .....	\$82,045
0340-0842	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Plymouth County First Response to Substance Use & Recovery .....	\$412,885
0340-0843	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Human Trafficking 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round.....	\$250,000

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**TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL.**

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**Massachusetts Cultural Council.**

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0640-9716	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Folk and Traditional Arts.....	\$35,000
0640-9717	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Basic State Grant .....	\$824,100
0640-9718	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Arts in Education .....	\$62,900
0640-9724	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Youth Reach State and Regional Programs .....	\$282,900

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**MASSACHUSETTS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL.**

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1100-1702	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Developmental Disability Act; provided, that in order to qualify for said grant, this account shall be exempt from the first \$314,698 of fringe benefit and indirect cost charges pursuant to section 6B of chapter 29 of the General Laws .....	\$1,552,698
1100-1704	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Office of Victims of Crimes – Victim Assistance Formula .....	\$186,252
1100-1713	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Expanding the Public Health Workforce within the Disability Networks: State Councils on Developmental Disabilities; provided, that in order to qualify for said grant, this account shall be exempt from the first \$32,400 of fringe benefit and indirect cost charges pursuant to section 6B of chapter 29 of the General Laws .....	\$95,319

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**DISABLED PERSONS PROTECTION COMMISSION.**

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0840-0111	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA).....	\$901,451
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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE.**

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**Massachusetts Office on Disability.**

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1107-2450	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Client Assistance Program.....	\$230,000
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**Department of Revenue.**

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1201-0109	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State Access and Visitation Program .....	\$179,442
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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS.**

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**Office of the Secretary.**

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2000-0141	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management Program Implementation .....	\$3,403,990
2000-0143	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, CZM IIA Capacity .....	\$1,977,777

2000-9702	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, National Parks Service Land and Water Conservation Fund .....	\$22,181,238
2000-9735	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Buzzards Bay Estuary Program.....	\$3,369,875
2030-0013	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Joint Enforcement Agreement Between NOAA-OLE-Fisheries.....	\$1,772,280
2030-9701	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Recreational Boating Safety Program.....	\$2,395,281

**Department of Public Utilities.**

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2100-9013	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Rail Fixed Guideway Public Transportation System State Safety Oversight.....	\$3,613,584
7006-9002	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Pipeline Security .....	\$2,700,966

**Department of Environmental Protection.**

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2200-9706	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Water Quality Management Planning .....	\$533,885
2200-9712	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Leaking Underground Storage Tank Cooperative Agreement .....	\$592,159
2200-9717	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Department of Defense State Memorandum of Agreement.....	\$1,000,000
2200-9724	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Superfund Block Grant.....	\$743,293
2200-9728	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Brownfields Assessment Program.....	\$100,791
2230-9734	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, CERCLA 128(a)Response Program Cooperative Agreement for MADE .....	\$438,000
2230-9702	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Performance Partnership Grant .....	\$11,550,106
2240-9789	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Lead Testing in School and Child Care Drinking Water.....	\$372,750

2240-9790	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MassDEP Disadvantaged Communities Drinking Water .....	\$61,190
2240-9791	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Long Island Sound Project (LIJA) .....	\$1,994,000
2240-9792	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Small/Disadvantaged Comm Drinking Water Grant .....	\$218,000
2240-9793	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MASSDEP Emerging Contaminants SDC Grant.....	\$6,367,000
2240-9794	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Lead Testing in School and Child Care Drinking Water .....	\$925,000
2240-9795	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Small/Disadvantaged Comm Drinking Water Grant .....	\$417,000
2240-9796	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, 319 PPG NPS/PPG.....	\$498,872
2250-9712	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Clean Air Act Section 103.....	\$433,674
2250-9716	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Massachusetts National Air Toxics Trend Station Program.....	\$61,287
2250-9726	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Homeland Security Co-Op Agreement.....	\$1,011,481
2250-9732	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Underground Storage Program.....	\$331,243
2250-9744	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Massachusetts Clean Diesel Program .....	\$561,607
2250-9746	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, NAAQS Environmental Justice Communities .....	\$15,607
2250-9747	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Enhanced Protection of EJ Populations in MA .....	\$340,966
2250-9748	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Recycle Smart MA Initiative.....	\$205,281

**Department of Fish and Game.**

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2300-0179	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program .....	\$1,000,000
2310-0123	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Chronic Wasting Disease Education Program, Prevent Strategies, MA .....	\$100,000
2310-0122	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Land Acquisition.....	\$3,500,000
2330-9222	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Clean Vessel Act Grant Program.....	\$1,300,000
2330-9712	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Commercial Fisheries Statistics.....	\$230,000
2330-9725	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Boating Infrastructure.....	\$200,000
2330-9730	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Interstate Fisheries Management Support.....	\$500,000
2330-9732	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, ACCSP Implementation Strategic Plan.....	\$100,000
2330-9739	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Turtle Disengagement.....	\$650,000
2330-9742	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Age and Growth Project Segment One .....	\$375,000
2330-9743	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Sport Fish Restoration Coordination .....	\$250,000

**Department of Agricultural Resources.**

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2511-0004	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Food Safety Program.....	\$575,000
2511-0007	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Local Food Purchase Assistance .....	\$5,000,000
2511-0310	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Massachusetts Pesticide Enforcement Grant .....	\$500,000
2511-0400	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey .....	\$150,000



2511-0972	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program .....	\$2,000,000
2511-1025	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Country of Origin Labeling - Retail Surveillance .....	\$20,000
2515-1006	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, National Animal Identification System .....	\$60,000
2516-9002	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Development of Institutional Marketing .....	\$700,000
2516-9003	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Farmers' Market Coupon Program.....	\$1,000,000
2516-9004	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.....	\$500,000
2516-9007	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Organic Certification Cost-Share Program.....	\$43,000
2516-9008	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure .....	\$1,000,000
2516-9009	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program Modernization .....	\$300,000

**Department of Conservation and Recreation.**

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2820-9760	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FEMA National Flood Insurance, Community Assistance Program, State Support Services Element .....	\$400,000
2820-9770	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FEMA National Dam Safety Program .....	\$116,102
2820-9705	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Identifying and Eradicating the Asian Longhorned Beetle .....	\$3,000,000
2820-9708	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, NRCS Dam Rehabilitation Funding for Watershed Restoration .....	\$3,877,240
2820-9903	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, USDA Forest Service Volunteer Fire Assistance Program .....	\$203,800

2820-9919	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, National Park Service’s Historic Preservation Fund, (Semiquincentennial Grant Funding).....	\$500,000
2821-9910	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Inflation Reduction Act Funding for Urban and Community Forestry Programs .....	\$375,000
2821-9905	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Urban and Community Forestry Grant.....	\$551,795
2821-9906	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, 2022 Story Walk Adventures Con Ed Coop Agreement.....	\$5,000
2821-9909	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Forest Stewardship Conservation and Education Grant .....	\$211,809
2821-9911	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State Fire Assistance Grant .....	\$341,959
2821-9912	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Community Wildfire Defense Grant.....	\$25,000
2821-9913	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Hazard Fuels Management and Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant .....	\$252,643
2821-9917	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Forest Legacy Administration Grant .....	\$1,266,241
2821-9918	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, US Forest Service – IRA Funding for Forest Legacy Administration Grant.....	\$2,550,000
2821-9926	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Forest Health Program Grant.....	\$142,088
2821-9927	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Suppression Grant.....	\$37,618
2821-9928	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, 2021 Community Wood Energy Grant – Warming Our Parks.....	\$106,640
2830-9729	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, US Forest Service – IJJA Temporary Bridge Funding .....	\$75,000
2830-9733	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, USFWS Aquatic Invasive Species Management Grant .....	\$105,328

2830-9737	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, 2017 White Nose Syndrome Bat Grant .....	\$30,000
2840-9708	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Infrastructure Capacity building Funding.....	\$100,000
2840-9709	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research .....	\$976,259
2850-9701	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Recreational Trails Grant Program .....	\$1,225,172
2850-9703	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FHWA-FLAP Taunton River Trail.....	\$55,704

**Department of Energy Resources.**

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7006-9309	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Clean Cities Program.....	\$55,000
7006-9311	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State Energy Security Plan - SEP .....	\$370,000
7006-9701	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State Heating Oil Propane Program.....	\$22,288
7006-9733	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State Energy Plan .....	\$1,228,359

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.**

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**Office of the Secretary.**

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4000-1315	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Demonstration Ombudsman Programs.....	\$382,096
4000-1436	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Adult Core Contraception.....	\$29,005
4000-1826	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Money Follows the Person Y4 .....	\$587,753

**Office for Refugees and Immigrants.**

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4003-0808	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Youth Mentoring.....	\$222,663
4003-0818	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Elderly Refugee Services.....	\$97,927
4003-0821	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Refugee School Impact .....	\$3,153,203
4003-0826	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Refugee Cash and Medical Assistance Program.....	\$57,000,000
4003-0830	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Refugee Support Services Ukraine Base.....	\$5,165,502
4003-0845	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Wilson Fish TANF Coordination Program .....	\$891,236
4003-0854	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Refugee Health Promotion.....	\$1,517,958
4003-0855	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Refugee Social Services Program .....	\$6,973,278
4003-0860	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Afghan Refugee Social Service .....	\$13,831,539
4003-0861	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Afghan Refugee School Impact.....	\$1,584,523
4003-0862	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Afghan Refugee Health Promotion.....	\$788,264

**Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.**

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4110-3021	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Vocational Rehabilitation; provided, that no funds shall be deducted for pensions, group health and life insurance or any other such indirect cost of federally reimbursed state employees .....	\$8,134,873
4110-3026	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Independent Living –Services to Older Blind Americans.....	\$654,600
4110-3028	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Supported Employment.....	\$46,656

**Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission.**

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4120-0020	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Vocational Rehabilitation; provided, that no funds shall be deducted for pensions, group health and life insurance or any other such indirect cost of federally reimbursed state employees .....	\$40,690,471
4120-0187	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Supported Employment Services Grant .....	\$303,452
4120-0191	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Informed Members Planning and Assessing Choices Together .....	\$235,100
4120-0421	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Road to Independence, Self-Sufficiency, and Employment.....	\$4,000,000
4120-0511	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Social Security Disability Insurance .....	\$54,917,341
4120-0751	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Assistive Technology Grant .....	\$611,189
4120-0752	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Independent Living Federal Grant (Part C).....	\$1,553,897
4120-0753	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Independent Living State Grants (Part B) .....	\$385,492
4120-0758	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Beyond Bridges: The Intersection of Behavioral Health & Traumatic Brain Injury.....	\$200,000
4120-0765	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, (ISPH) Expanding Public Health Workforce .....	\$121,081

**Department of Transitional Assistance.**

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4400-3064	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, SNAP Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Grant .....	\$8,559,179
4400-3067	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training.....	\$2,600,000

**Department of Public Health.**

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4500-1002	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant 2018 .....	\$1,883,188
4500-1056	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MA Rape Prevention and Education Program .....	\$764,610
4500-1057	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Massachusetts Sexual Assault Service Program.....	\$682,218
4500-1064	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State Loan Repayment Program.....	\$815,197
4500-2000	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Maternal and Child Health Services .....	\$13,161,649
4502-1012	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Cooperative Health Statistics System.....	\$11,444
4510-0114	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State Primary Care Offices .....	\$417,365
4510-0117	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State Office of Rural Health .....	\$227,641
4510-0120	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Rural Hospital Flexibility Program .....	\$444,516
4510-0223	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Oral Health Workforce Activities.....	\$96,910
4510-0224	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Small Rural Hospital Improvement Grant Program.....	\$79,872
4510-0229	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, SHIP COVID Testing & Mitigation Rural Health Research Center.....	\$1,550,256
4510-0401	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Medicare and Medicaid Survey and Certification .....	\$12,532,386
4510-0404	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Hospital Preparedness Programs .....	\$710,789
4510-0501	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment .....	\$385,604

4510-0507	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Impact Act for Hospice Recertification Surveys.....	\$85,671
4510-0619	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FDA Inspection of Food Establishments.....	\$256,250
4510-0645	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.....	\$842,185
4510-9014	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Mammography Quality Standards Act.....	\$588,680
4510-9041	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, ATSDR's Partnership to Promote Local Efforts to Reduce Environmental Exposure.....	\$552,770
4510-9048	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Indoor Radon Development Program.....	\$209,523
4510-9053	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Beach Monitoring.....	\$274,128
4510-9054	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Strengthening Statewide Environmental Health Capacity.....	\$90,000
4510-9068	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Maintenance and Enhancement of the State and National Environment.....	\$696,565
4510-9070	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Food Protection Program Maintenance and Integration.....	\$450,000
4510-9071	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MA Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.....	\$582,205
4512-0100	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Sexually Transmitted Disease Control.....	\$1,973,912
4512-0101	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Strengthening STD Prevention & Control for Health Departments COVID.....	\$2,957,974
4512-0150	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Immunization and Vaccines for Children.....	\$8,374,347
4512-0151	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Immunization and Vaccines for Children.....	\$22,616,866

4512-0152	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Immunization and Vaccines for Children ARPA Supplemental.....	\$1,152,895
4512-0193	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Building and Enhancing Epidemiology, Laboratory and Health Information Systems Capacity .....	\$4,582,748
4512-0194	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases .....	\$60,009,539
4512-0195	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Build Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity .....	\$7,160,204
4512-0197	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, New England Pathogen Genomics Center of Excellence.....	\$1,300,000
4512-0198	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, New England Pathogen Genomics Center of Excellence.....	\$5,100,000
4512-9058	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant – ARPA Supplemental.....	\$10,374,932
4512-9069	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant .....	\$52,883,036
4512-9085	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Strategic Prevention Framework.....	\$517,466
4512-9089	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Prevent Prescription Drug Overuse Misuse .....	\$9,883,363
4512-9092	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Amy Sorensen-Alawad MPA .....	\$1,486,767
4512-9093	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Massachusetts State Opioid Response SOR .....	\$77,386,959
4512-9094	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Drug Court Discretionary Grant.....	\$251,243
4512-9426	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Uniform Alcohol and Drug Abuse Data.....	\$689,574
4513-0111	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Housing Opportunity for Person with AIDS Program .....	\$350,758



4513-9007	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Women Infants and Children.....	\$124,018,000
4513-9009	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, ARPA Technology for a Better WIC Experience .....	\$652,500
4513-9017	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Preventing Maternal Mortality .....	\$467,343
4513-9021	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities .....	\$9,612,117
4513-9031	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State Systems Development Initiative for MA .....	\$114,057
4513-9032	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Health Department Based National HIV Prevention Activities .....	\$2,341,562
4513-9037	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Ryan White Care Act Title II .....	\$23,401,181
4513-9047	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Comprehensive HIV Prevention Project for Health Departments .....	\$8,067,827
4513-9056	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, National HIV Behavioral Surveillance .....	\$469,735
4513-9063	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State Sexual Risk Avoidance Education FY 2018.....	\$753,013
4513-9070	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Emergency Medical Services for Children .....	\$91,878
4513-9104	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Universal Newborn Hearing Screening.....	\$253,009
4513-9106	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MA Comprehensive Asthma Control Program .....	\$498,069
4513-9109	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Massachusetts Perinatal Quality Collaborative.....	\$449,778
4513-9110	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, B Existing PRAMS.....	\$175,202

4513-9112	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MA EHDI Project .....	\$154,033
4513-9113	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting Grant Program .....	\$10,038,382
4513-9117	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Birth Defects Study to Evaluate Pregnancy Exposures.....	\$1,091,721
4513-9121	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Pediatric Mental Healthcare Access New Area Expansion – ARPA.....	\$641,191
4513-9123	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, American Rescue Plan Act Funding for Home Visiting .....	\$858,953
4513-9127	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Ryan White Title IV Program.....	\$542,459
4513-9130	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State Maternal Health Innovation Program.....	\$1,000,000
4513-9131	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Transforming Massachusetts Pediatrics for Early Childhood .....	\$972,362
4513-9132	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Expansion.....	\$125,527
4513-9133	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Childhood Essentials Preventing Adverse Experiences .....	\$485,000
4513-9134	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MA Population-Based Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Surveillance .....	\$555,780
4514-1014	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, WIC Regional Infrastructure.....	\$338,828
4515-0116	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Tuberculosis Elimination and Lab Control Co-op Agreement.....	\$1,913,261
4515-0211	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD and TB Prevention .....	\$1,163,698
4515-1125	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Viral Hepatitis Prevention and Surveillance .....	\$776,756

4516-1006	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MRC-STTRONG -Massachusetts.....	\$838,680
4516-1015	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Mass PH Emergency Response Public Health Crisis Response .....	\$99,408
4516-1021	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Hospital Preparedness and Public Health Emergency Preparedness .....	\$5,858,609
4516-1030	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response Public Health.....	\$2,136,709
4516-1036	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MDPH HSLI Laboratory Accreditation .....	\$145,000
4516-1042	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MASPHL-NARMS Cooperative Agreement.....	\$177,465
4518-0505	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Technology Data and Massachusetts Birth and Infant Death File.....	\$81,166
4518-0520	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MA Violent Death Reporting System .....	\$192,368
4518-0535	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Expanded Occupational Health Surveillance in MA .....	\$816,510
4518-1000	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Procurement of Information for the National Death Index .....	\$50,000
4518-1002	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Massachusetts Death File – Social Security Administration .....	\$97,860
4518-1003	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Birth Records for the Social Security Administration .....	\$66,236
4518-9023	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Census of Fatal Occupational Inquiries .....	\$62,031
4518-9040	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Massachusetts Suicide Prevention .....	\$2,057,020
4518-9052	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System .....	\$578,755

4570-1000	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MA DPH Disparities 2021-2023 - COVID .....	\$1,592,239
4570-1010	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Strengthening PH Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems.....	\$1,000,000
4570-1011	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, PH Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data System ARPA.....	\$5,000,000
4570-1527	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Personal Responsibility Education Program 2010 .....	\$958,264
4570-1534	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Federal Drug Administration Tobacco 2011.....	\$1,006,056
4570-1548	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Paul Coverdell National Acute Stroke Prevention .....	\$402,610
4570-1549	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Massachusetts Health and Disability Program.....	\$522,579
4570-1554	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY14 Family Planning Services FOA.....	\$7,300,169
4570-1557	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MA Organized Approaches to Increase Colorectal Cancer Screen .....	\$286,439
4570-1561	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Massachusetts Core Violence Injury Prevention Program .....	\$328,689
4570-1562	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, The Family Violence Service State Grants .....	\$2,484,953
4570-1564	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MA Diabetes and Heart Disease Stroke Prevention Program.....	\$977,187
4570-1565	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State Strategy Prevention for Diabetes, Heart Disease, Stroke.....	\$602,936
4570-1568	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, National and State Tobacco Control Program.....	\$2,827,874
4570-1570	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MA Preventing Adverse Childhood Experience Data to Action.....	\$53,819

4570-1571	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MA Cancer Prevention and Control Program .....	\$1,127,717
4570-1572	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, National Cancer Institute – SEER Program.....	\$719,890
4570-1573	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State and Community Based Injury Prevention and Control.....	\$654,752
4570-1575	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Massachusetts Suicide Prevention .....	\$4,240,167
4570-1577	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Family Violence Prevention and Domestic Violence and Support Service ARPA.....	\$8,090,766
4570-1578	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, CHWS for COVID Response & Resilient Communities.....	\$305,240
4570-1579	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, ARP/SEJC Massachusetts Comprehensive Asthma Control Project .....	\$11,469
4570-1580	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Family Violence Prevention and Services/Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis and Supports ARPA.....	\$2,398,183
4570-1581	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Health Equity for Priority Population with Risk for Diabetes .....	\$1,000,000

**Department of Children and Families.**

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4800-0006	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Children’s Justice Act.....	\$310,675
4800-0009	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title IV-E Independent Living Program .....	\$2,936,386
4800-0013	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program Title IV-B Subpart 2 and Caseworker Visitation.....	\$7,027,948
4800-0084	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Education & Training Voucher Program .....	\$1,026,068
4800-0089	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Adoption Incentives Payments.....	\$1,610,000

4899-0001	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title IV-B Child Welfare Services .....	\$3,528,747
4899-0021	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, National Center for Child Abuse and Neglect.....	\$1,897,966

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**Department of Mental Health.**

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5012-9123	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Healthy Transitions.....	\$266,823
5012-9179	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, ARPA for Block Grants for Community Mental Health Services .....	\$6,990,615
5012-9181	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, BSCA Center for Mental Health Block Grants.....	\$240,562
5012-9182	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, BSCA Center for Mental Health Block Grants.....	\$1,202,806
5012-9401	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Block Grants for Community Mental Health Services .....	\$10,000,000
5012-9406	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, System of Care Expansion and Sustainability Grants .....	\$1,500,000
5012-9407	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Massachusetts Psychosis Prevention Project .....	\$399,999
5046-9102	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Shelter Plus Care.....	\$311,337

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**BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.**

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7000-9702	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Library Service Technology Act.....	\$3,666,379
9000-9700	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Federal Reserve Title I.....	\$157,544

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

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**Office of the Secretary.**

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7002-1002	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, EDA Statewide Tourism Grant ARPA Admin .....	\$5,234,806
7002-1003	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, EDA Statewide Tourism Grant ARPA .....	\$58,348,810
7002-1005	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment .....	\$1,661,043
7002-2025	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Capital Projects Fund .....	\$67,778,585

**Division of Insurance.**

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7006-6006	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, The State Flexibility to Stabilize the Market Cycle II Grant Program .....	\$100,000
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**Massachusetts Marketing Partnership.**

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7008-9027	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, STEP10 .....	\$200,00
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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.**

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**Office of the Secretary.**

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7003-2019	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, UI Emergency Admin Grants for COVID-19 .....	\$51,135,090
7003-2022	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FUI ARPA Integrity .....	\$2,609,000
7003-4206	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Lead License Enforcement .....	\$125,000
7003-6628	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, OSHA 23G Operational Program .....	\$180,236

**Department of Career Services.**

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7002-6623	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, the Work Opportunity Tax Credit .....	\$265,242
7002-6625	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Labor Certification .....	\$1,172,371
7002-6626	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Employment Services State Allotment .....	\$23,795,977

7002-6628	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Disabled Veterans Outreach Program.....	\$2,973,380
7003-1010	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Trade Adjustment Assistance.....	\$15,122,271
7003-1630	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Workforce Investment Act Adult Activities .....	\$27,826,600
7003-1631	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Workforce Investment Act Youth Formula Grants.....	\$28,464,950
7003-1777	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Workforce Investment Act National Emergency Grants .....	\$1,775,318
7003-1778	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Workforce Investment Act Dislocated Worker Formula Grant .....	\$35,682,099
7003-1785	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Apprenticeships USA State Accelerator Grant.....	\$5,540,193

**Department of Unemployment Assistance.**

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7002-6624	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Unemployment Insurance Administration.....	\$87,896,818
7002-9701	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics .....	\$2,300,000

**Department of Labor Standards.**

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7002-2013	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Mine Safety and Health Training .....	\$76,286
7003-4203	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Bureau of Labor Statistics Statistical Survey .....	\$69,157
7003-4212	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Asbestos Licensing and Monitoring.....	\$163,000
7003-4213	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Lead Licensing and Monitoring.....	\$478,646
7003-6627	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Occupational Safety and Health Administration On-site Consultation Program.....	\$187,646

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES.**

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**Office of the Secretary.**

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4400-0705	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, McKinney Emergency Shelter Grants Program.....	\$5,100,000
4400-0707	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Continuum of Care Supplemental Housing .....	\$21,000,000
7004-1718	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (COC YHDP).....	\$2,950,000
7004-2021	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Federal COVID Rental Assistance .....	\$500,000
7004-2030	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Weatherization Assistance for Low Income Persons .....	\$13,000,000
7004-2033	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program .....	\$260,000,000
7004-2034	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Community Services Block Grant .....	\$24,000,000
7004-2041	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) (IIJA).....	\$7,187,683
7004-2042	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, BIL Weatherization Assistance Program (IIJA) .....	\$1,515,724
7004-2043	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, BIL Weatherization Assistance Program (IIJA) .....	\$40,057,951
7004-3037	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program .....	\$80,000,000
7004-3039	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 .....	\$30,000,000
7004-9010	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Stability Voucher.....	\$500,000
7004-9012	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Recovery Housing Program .....	\$3,000,000
7004-9014	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Federal Housing Voucher Program .....	\$9,856,000
7004-9015	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Housing Choice Voucher and Moving to Work Program .....	\$471,500,000

7004-9016	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Family Unification Program.....	\$3,795,000
7004-9017	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities .....	\$4,772,500
7004-9018	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Section 811 Project Based Rental Assistance Demonstration Program .....	\$5,520,000
7004-9019	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Program.....	\$9,900,000
7004-9021	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, the Family Self-Sufficiency Program.....	\$966,000
7004-9022	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Emergency Housing Vouchers (ARPA) .....	\$19,320,000
7004-9028	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Home Investment Partnerships .....	\$22,250,000
7004-9029	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, National Housing Trust Fund .....	\$20,000,000
7004-9038	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Home Investment Partnership (ARPA) .....	\$15,000,000

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION.**

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**Department of Early Education and Care.**

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3000-0707	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Head Start Collaboration.....	\$175,000
3000-9003	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) .....	\$1,104,617
3000-9004	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention - ARPA .....	\$1,434,000
3000-9005	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Preschool Development Grant Birth to Five (PDG B-5).....	\$11,987,518

**Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.**

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7010-9706	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Common Core Data Project.....	\$197,640
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7038-0107	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Adult Education Distribution.....	\$13,470,860
7043-1001	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title I Basic Program.....	\$290,493,831
7043-1004	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title I Migrant Children.....	\$1,180,162
7043-1005	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title I Neglected and Orphans.....	\$1,047,378
7043-2001	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title II Teacher Quality State Grants.....	\$30,579,726
7043-3001	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title III Language Instruction and LEP Grants.....	\$20,685,947
7043-4002	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title IV 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers.....	\$19,128,079
7043-4004	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants.....	\$20,032,738
7043-4005	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Stronger Connections Grant (SCG) Program.....	\$3,761,745
7043-6001	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title IV State Assessment Grants.....	\$6,830,551
7043-6501	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title X Homeless Children and Youth.....	\$2,044,798
7043-7001	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Special Education Grants.....	\$339,949,184
7043-7002	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Preschool Grants.....	\$10,888,209
7043-8001	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Vocational Education Grants.....	\$23,270,733
7048-2000	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, STEM Advanced Placement Access Expansion Opportunity.....	\$2,019,473
7048-2002	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Shaping Teacher Quality and Student of Color Experience in MA.....	\$172,879
7048-2321	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, CDC Funding to Promote Adolescent Health.....	\$10,000

7048-7323	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy State Formula.....	\$4,940,361
7048-9144	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Migrant Education Program Consortium Incentive Grants .....	\$57,408
7048-9200	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Data Systems Grant Student Connect.....	\$473,223
7053-2008	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Nutrition .....	\$5,092,472
7053-2023	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, TEFAP Reach and Resiliency.....	\$536,961
7053-2112	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Special Assistance Funds.....	\$541,383,368
7053-2117	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Child Care Program.....	\$5,983,851
7053-2119	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Child Nutrition School Food Equipment Grant.....	\$235,647
7053-2125	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Commodity Supplemental Food Program.....	\$251,612
7053-2126	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Temporary Emergency Food Assistance .....	\$1,854,058
7053-3272	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Direct Certification Performance Award.....	\$498,506
7057-2127	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FARM TO SCHOOL GRANTS ARPA.....	\$848,615
7060-1000	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund COVID-19.....	\$359,293,282
7060-2000	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools.....	\$5,974,238
7060-6502	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, ARP Homeless Children and Youth.....	\$1,528,777
7062-0008	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Office of School Lunch Programs – Child Care Program Admin .....	\$8,416,558

7062-0017 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Charter School Assistance and Distributions.....\$3,620,222

**Department of Higher Education.**

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7066-6033 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Gear Up .....\$3,917,679

**Community Colleges.**

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7509-1490 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Mount Wachusett CC - Educational Opportunity Centers Payroll.....\$240,000

7509-9714 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Mount Wachusett CC - Special Services for Disadvantaged Students .....\$650,000

7509-9717 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Mount Wachusett CC - Upward Bound Math and Science Program.....\$130,000

7509-9718 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Mount Wachusett CC - Talent Search.....\$450,000

7509-9720 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Mount Wachusett CC - Mt Wachusett Community College Gear Up .....\$450,000

7511-9711 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, North Shore CC - Special Services for Disadvantaged Students .....\$591,433

7511-9740 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, North Shore CC - Upward Bound .....\$470,170

7511-9746 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, North Shore CC – Title III Federal Grant.....\$74,800

7511-9750 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, North Shore CC - Talent Search.....\$346,165

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY.**

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**Office of the Secretary.**

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8000-0402 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funds I .....\$6,362,396

8000-0405 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funds II .....\$6,346,137

8000-4692 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State Homeland Security Program.....\$8,978,927

8000-4707	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Nonprofit Security Grant Program .....	\$3,610,382
8000-4794	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Urban Areas Initiative Grant .....	\$13,837,200
8000-4804	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State Agency Programs .....	\$500,000
8000-4807	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, 405 Highway Safety Plan .....	\$3,020,133
8000-4808	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, 402 Highway Safety Plan .....	\$2,168,821
8100-4600	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention.....	\$307,089
8100-4610	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY2022 State Justice Statistics Program .....	\$73,140
8100-4611	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Byrne Justice Assistance Programs .....	\$3,951,500
8100-4622	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Residential Substance Abuse Treatment – Admin Grant .....	\$435,000
8100-4627	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Sex Offender Registration - Grants .....	\$294,575
8100-4628	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, NCHP – Admin Grants.....	\$2,622,794
8100-4639	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, John R. Justice Grant .....	\$122,600
8100-4643	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Prison Rape Elimination Act Program .....	\$144,287
8100-4645	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program.....	\$228,000
8100-4646	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY2020 Violence Against Women Act .....	\$3,660,616

8100-4669	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program SCIP .....	\$2,500,000
8100-4693	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Project Safe Neighborhood – Admin Grant .....	\$305,451

**Department of State Police.**

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8100-2012	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY2022 Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration .....	\$1,765,219
8100-2013	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration FFY2024 .....	\$4,952,160
8100-2643	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY21 Internet Crime Against Children Continuation Grant .....	\$175,000
8100-3001	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY22 COPS Anti Heroin Task Force Grant .....	\$500,000
8100-3011	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY21 COPS CAMP Anti Meth Program.....	\$40,000
8100-9772	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY21 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science - Competitive .....	\$50,000
8100-9774	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY22 Coverdell Formula .....	\$66,300
8100-9781	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY22 DNA CEBR .....	\$10,000

**Military Division.**

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8700-0014	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Army National Guard Administrative Services .....	\$200,000
8700-1001	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Army National Guard Facilities Program .....	\$31,134,400
8700-1002	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Army National Guard Environmental Program.....	\$3,744,600
8700-1003	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Army National Guard Security .....	\$1,642,050

8700-1004	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Army National Guard Electronic Security .....	\$250,000
8700-1005	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Army National Guard Command Control, Communications and Information Management.....	\$576,000
8700-1007	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Army National Guard Sustainable Ranges .....	\$724,295
8700-1010	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Army National Guard Anti-Terrorism .....	\$81,200
8700-1021	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Air National Guard Facilities Operations and Maintenance .....	\$11,172,426
8700-1022	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Air National Guard Environmental.....	\$107,084
8700-1023	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Air National Guard Security .....	\$2,400,000
8700-1024	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Air National Guard Fire Protection.....	\$4,289,893
8700-1031	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Air National Guard SRM Projects .....	\$400,000
8700-1040	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Air National Guard Distributed Learning Program .....	\$503,000
8700-2106	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Barnes Gate.....	\$1,999,541
8700-2107	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Repair HVAC B104.....	\$410,000
8700-2108	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Repair HVAC B162.....	\$564,880
8700-2109	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Repair HVAC B5238.....	\$507,729
8700-2110	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Repair HVAC B5326.....	\$507,718



8700-2301	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Camp Edwards Readiness Center.....	\$26,067,384
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**Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.**

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8800-0040	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY23 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant .....	\$506,049
8800-0042	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Hazardous Materials Transportation Act .....	\$425,000
8800-0051	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY2022 1/30 Snowstorm HAZ Mitigation Program Project Cost.....	\$1,000,000
8800-0064	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.....	\$10,000,000
8800-0065	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, January 2015 Snow Storm.....	\$5,000
8800-0072	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, March 2-3, 2018 Severe Winter Storm & Flooding .....	\$50,000
8800-0096	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, COVID-19 Presidential Declaration Mitigation Grant Program .....	\$10,000,000
8800-0099	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, High Hazard Potential Dams Rehabilitation Grant .....	\$182,000
8800-1544	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY2022 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program Management Costs .....	\$250,000
8800-1545	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY2023 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program Project .....	\$500,000
8800-1644	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY 2011 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Competitive Projects.....	\$2,000,000
8800-1744	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities 2020 Grant Program Management Cost .....	\$1,000,000
8800-1745	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY2020 Flood Mitigation Assistance Management Costs.....	\$100,000

8800-1844	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities 2021 Grant Program Management Cost .....	\$150,000
8800-2012	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY12 Emergency Management Performance Grant .....	\$14,000,000
8800-4097	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, October 2012 Hurricane Sandy Grant .....	\$500,000
8800-4110	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, February 8-9, 2013 Severe Winter Storm.....	\$5,000,000
8800-4214	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, January 26-28, Severe Winter Storm.....	\$130,000
8800-4372	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, March 2-3, 2018 Severe Winter Storm & Flooding .....	\$500,000
8800-4379	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, March 13-14, 2018 Severe Winter Storm & Flooding .....	\$500,000
8800-4496	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, COVID-19 Pandemic .....	\$30,000,000
8800-4651	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, January 28-29, 2022 Snowstorm Mitigation Assistance Mgmt Cost .....	\$1,000,000
8810-0065	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, January 26-28, 2015 Severe Winter Storm.....	\$6,000,000
8810-0072	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, March 2-3, 2018 Severe Winter Storm and Flooding.....	\$2,000,000
8810-0079	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, March 13-14 ,2018 Severe Winter Storm and Flooding.....	\$1,000,000
8810-0096	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, HMPG COVID-19 Pandemic PRJ .....	\$5,000,000
8810-1544	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY2022 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program Project Cost .....	\$5,000,000
8810-1744	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities BRIC20 Project .....	\$3,000,000

8810-1745	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY2020 Flood Mitigation Assistance Project Cost.....	\$250,000
8810-1844	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities Project Cost .....	\$1,000,000
8810-4214	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, January 26-28, 2015 Storms .....	\$10,000,000
8810-4372	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, March 2-3 2018 Severe Winter Storm and Flooding.....	\$8,000,000
8810-4379	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, March 13-14, 2018 Severe Winter Storm and Flooding.....	\$5,000,000
8810-4496	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, COVID-19 Pandemic OG 2020 .....	\$800,000,000
8810-4651	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, January 28-29, 2022 Snowstorm Mitigation Assistance Project Cost.....	\$10,000,000

**Criminal Justice Information Services.**

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0840-0110	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Crime Victim Assistance .....	\$84,551
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**Department of Fire Services.**

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8324-9710	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY20 Assistance to Firefighters Grant .....	\$500,000
8324-9711	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant .....	\$165,217
8324-9722	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant .....	\$500,000

**Department of Correction.**

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8900-7001	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Body-worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies .....	\$677,916
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**SHERIFFS.**

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**Franklin Sheriff's Office.**

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8910-0818	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, OJP Connect-(COSSAP CONNECT) 2023 .....	\$300,000
8910-0819	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Connect-FR/CARA (SAMHSA CONNECT) 2024 .....	\$481,000
8910-0820	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, SAMHSA HEAL - PDOA.....	\$525,000

**Barnstable Sheriff's Office.**

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8910-8223	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, SAMHSA VIPS (Vivitrol Increased Participation Services) .....	\$536,361
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**TRANSPORTATION.**

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6440-0089	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Commercial Vehicle Information Systems and Networks .....	\$1,271,754
6440-0090	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Commercial Driver License Information System Enhancement .....	\$583,322
6440-0091	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Fatality Analysis Reporting 22-23 .....	\$118,405
6640-0011	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, smart drones for the improvements of rail safety, efficiency, and climate resilience .....	\$1,055,795
6642-0018	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program .....	\$3,200,000
6642-0023	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Metropolitan Transportation Planning.....	\$543,864
6642-0026	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, New Freedom Operating Segment.....	\$65,000
6642-0030	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Transit Grant Bus and Bus Facilities.....	\$4,100,000
6642-0049	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Special Needs for Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities .....	\$10,821,738

6642-0050	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Rural Formula Grant CARES61 Admin/Prog/Intercity Bus COVID19 .....	\$2,009,485
6642-0051	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Elderly and Disabled – Various Programs COVID.....	\$1,650,000
6643-0017	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, RAISE Grant.....	\$535,000
6643-0018	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Springfield Area Track Reconfiguration Project .....	\$800,000
6643-0019	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Deerfield Rail Yard access improvements .....	\$2,000,000
6644-0009	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Federal Climate Investments.....	\$835,897
6840-0010	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, smart microgrid system at Cape Cod Gateway Airport.....	\$1,101,250

**Department of Elder Affairs.**

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9110-1067	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY2023 MIPPA: Priority 1 for SHIPS .....	\$250,000
9110-1068	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY2023 MIPPA: Priority 2 for AAAs .....	\$200,000
9110-1069	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY2023 MIPPA: Priority 3 for ADRCs.....	\$105,000
9110-1073	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, SCSEP Older Worker Employment Services Incentive Cooperative.....	\$860,000
9110-1074	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Older Americans Act .....	\$110,000
9110-1075	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title VII Ombudsman .....	\$780,000
9110-1076	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title IIIB Supportive Service .....	\$12,200,000
9110-1077	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, National Family Caregiver Support Program .....	\$5,600,000

9110-1079	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, IID Preventative Health.....	\$930,000
9110-1083	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, OMC6 ARP for Ombudsman Program under Title VII of the OAA.....	\$207,000
9110-1084	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, SSC6 ARP Supportive Services under Title III-B of the OAA.....	\$12,200,000
9110-1085	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, CMC6 ARP Congregate Meals under Title III-C1 of the OAA.....	\$6,200,000
9110-1086	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, HDC6 ARP Home Delivered Meals under Title III-C2 of the OAA.....	\$9,300,000
9110-1087	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, PHC6 ARP Preventive Health under Title III-D of the OAA.....	\$910,000
9110-1088	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FCC6 ARP Family Caregivers under Title III-E of the OAA.....	\$3,000,000
9110-1089	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, APC6 ARP for APS.....	\$4,200,000
9110-1093	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MA STPH Workforce Within AAA FY22 (ARPA).....	\$1,700,000
9110-1094	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State Health Insurance Assistance Program.....	\$900,000
9110-1096	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MA SHIP Workforce Expansion Grant.....	\$115,000
9110-1097	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MA ADRC No Wrong Door Public Health Workforce ARPA.....	\$115,000
9110-1098	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, ARPA Long Term Care Ombudsman 23.....	\$375,000
9110-1157	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Ombudsman One Care Plan Initiative.....	\$315,000
9110-1173	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Older Americans Act.....	\$23,000,000

9110-1174	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Nutrition Services Incentive Program .....	\$8,100,000
9110-1178	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Senior Community Service Employment Program .....	\$1,700,000

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**SECTION 2E.**

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SECTION 2E. The sums set forth in this section are hereby appropriated for transfer from the General Fund to the trust funds named within each item unless specifically designated otherwise in this section, for the purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this section and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Items in this section shall not be subject to allotment under section 9B of chapter 29 of the General Laws or reduction under section 9C of said chapter 29 without express authorization from the general court. Notwithstanding section 19A of said chapter 29, any transfer under this section shall be made by the comptroller in accordance with a transfer schedule to be developed for each item by the comptroller after consulting with the appropriate agency secretary, the secretary of administration and finance and the state treasurer. The schedule for each appropriation shall provide for transfers in increments considered appropriate to meet the cash flow needs of each fund; provided, however, that the sum of the incremental transfers shall equal the sum set forth in this section and all transfers under the schedule shall be completed not later than June 30, 2025. Not later than 7 days after the schedules receive final approval by the comptroller, they shall be reported to the house and senate committees on ways and means.

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.**

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1595-1075	For an operating transfer to the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund established in section 2WWW of chapter 29 of the General Laws.....	\$5,000,000
1595-7006	For a transfer to the State Athletic Commission Fund established in section 2AAAA of chapter 29 of the General Laws for the costs of operating and administering the state athletic commission .....	\$500,000
	Gaming Economic Development Fund.....	100%

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**OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER.**

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1595-5819	For an operating transfer to the Commonwealth Care Trust Fund established in section 2000 of chapter 29 of the General Laws .....	\$35,000,000
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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE.**

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1599-6152	For an operating transfer to the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund established in section 24 of chapter 32A of the General Laws.....	\$550,000,000
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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS.**

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1595-6232 For the Clean Energy Investment Fund, established in section 15 of chapter 23J of the General Laws; provided, that funds shall be expended for clean energy workforce development initiatives and investments to support emissions reductions in the energy, transportation and buildings sectors, as directed by the clean energy and climate plan for 2050; and provided further, that not later than March 1, 2025, the executive office of energy and environmental affairs, in consultation with the Massachusetts clean energy center, shall submit a report to the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy and the house and senate committees on ways and means, which shall include, but not be limited to: (i) summaries of the investments made from or expected to be made from the transfer; (ii) the workforce training programs supported or developed with funds from the transfer, including the number of workers served by each program; and (iii) the estimated impacts of the transfer towards the clean energy climate plan for 2050's outlined goals, including details by sector .....\$5,000,000

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.**

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**Office of the Secretary.**

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1595-1068 For an operating transfer to the MassHealth provider payment account under the Medical Assistance Trust Fund established in section 2QQQ of chapter 29 of the General Laws; provided, that these funds shall be expended for: (i) services provided; (ii) public hospital transformation and incentive initiative payments; (iii) health equity incentive payments; or (iv) Medicaid care organization payments under 42 CFR 438.6(c); provided further, that all payments from the Medical Assistance Trust Fund shall be: (a) subject to the availability of federal financial participation; (b) made only under federally-approved payment methods; (c) consistent with federal funding requirements and all federal payment limits as determined by the secretary of health and human services; and (d) subject to the terms and conditions of an agreement with the executive office of health and human services; provided further, that the secretary of health and human services shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on health care financing of increases or decreases in any payments made within the term of the current 1115 waiver or other state plan amendments within 15 days of said payments; and provided further, that the secretary of health and human services shall utilize funds from the Medical Assistance Trust Fund to make payments of up to \$433,000,000 to the Cambridge public health commission or to Medicaid care organizations for payment to the Cambridge public health commission if the Cambridge public health commission, in anticipation of receiving such payments, first voluntarily transfers an amount equal to the non-federal share of such payments to the

Medical Assistance Trust Fund using a federally-permissible source of funds .....\$682,202,000

1595-1069 For an operating transfer to the Health Information Technology Trust Fund established in section 35RR of chapter 10 of the General Laws; provided, that these funds shall be expended for operating costs for the statewide health information exchange and integrated eligibility system; and provided further, that not later than December 19, 2024, the executive office of health and human services shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on health care financing detailing utilization in fiscal year 2024 of the Health Information Technology Trust Fund established in said section 35RR of said chapter 10, including the: (i) total dollar amount billed to the Health Information Technology Trust Fund; (ii) total dollar amount of federal reimbursement; (iii) initiatives and programs paid for out of the Health Information Technology Trust Fund; and (iv) amount disbursed from the Health Information Technology Trust Fund to each program and initiative outlined in the enabling statute .....\$14,177,900

1595-1070 For an operating transfer to the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund established in section 2AAAAA of chapter 29 of the General Laws; provided, that these funds shall be expended pursuant to the Safety Net Provider eligibility criteria and payment methodology approved in the MassHealth demonstration waiver under section 1115 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1315; provided further, that all payments from the fund shall be: (i) subject to the availability of federal financial participation; (ii) made only under federally-approved payment methods; (iii) consistent with federal funding requirements and all federal payment limits as determined by the secretary of health and human services; and (iv) subject to the terms and conditions of an agreement with the executive office of health and human services; and provided further, that not later than March 14, 2025, the executive office of health and human services shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the: (a) payments made to each provider; (b) investments each provider has made with the payments for pursued reforms related to incentives outlined in the demonstration waiver; and (c) assessments of recipient providers based on quality measures under the Delivery System Reform Incentive Program .....\$17,328,861

1595-1071 For an operating transfer to the Community Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention Trust Fund established pursuant to section 35GGG of chapter 10 of the General Laws, inserted by section 7 of chapter 208 of the acts of 2018 .....\$200,000

**Department of Public Health.**

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1595-4506 For an operating transfer to the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Trust Fund established in section 35MMM of chapter 10 of the General Laws .....\$2,700,000

**Department of Mental Health.**

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1595-4512 For an operating transfer to the Behavioral Health Outreach, Access and Support Trust Fund established in section 2GGGGG of chapter 29 of the General Laws; provided, that funds shall support initiatives to expand access to and utilization of behavioral health services including, but not limited to, public awareness campaigns, loan forgiveness for behavioral health professionals and pilot programs to address barriers to equitable behavioral health care .....\$20,000,000

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**TRANSPORTATION.**

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**Massachusetts Department of Transportation.**

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1595-6368 For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund established in section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws; provided,, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for a feasibility study for the restoration and preservation of the Norwood Central commuter rail station to be conducted by the historical commission in the town of Norwood; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for a transportation and traffic study that shall include a feasibility analysis on building ramps along interstate highway route 93 including, but not limited to, a ramp to enter and exit the site of the Flower Exchange; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Northborough for the design of a drainage repair project in Assabet ill; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the city of Worcester to develop an Americans with Disabilities Act transition plan to identify how noncomplaint traffic signals, streets, sidewalks and curb ramps will be addressed to improve access; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to improve pedestrian safety and access to local businesses on state highway route 38 at Billings avenue in the city of Medford .....\$538,261,082

Commonwealth Transportation Fund ..... 100%

1595-6369 For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority under clause (1) of subsection (d) of section 2ZZZ of chapter 29 of the General Laws; provided, that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall submit quarterly reports to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and

senate committees on ways and means which shall include an accounting of the funds provided for in this item including: (i) the amount of money received under this transfer; (ii) the amount of money expended under this transfer; (iii) a description of items and services for which funds have been expended; and (iv) the status of ongoing and planned capital projects under the purview of the authority; provided further, that the authority shall submit these reports on a quarterly basis not later than 30 days following the last day of the quarter; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to study the feasibility of creating and implementing a quiet zone for the area abutting the Walpole commuter rail station in the town of Walpole; provided further, that not less than \$80,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to install bird netting and to perform platform tile repair at Andrew station; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority police department for additional dedicated patrols at train stations disproportionately impacted by the opioid epidemic; provided further, that the authority shall conduct a feasibility study of implementing year-round fare free bus pilot programs including, but not limited to, in areas outside of the city of Boston; provided further, that the authority shall submit a proposed design for establishing said programs, including methods for data collection; provided further, that the authority may establish evaluative criteria for potential route selection including, but not limited to: (a) whether a municipality has identified a route for a fare free pilot program, (b) opportunities for increased ridership; (c) increased service accessibility to low-income individuals; (d) opportunities for increased reliability of on-time performance due to dual-door boarding; (e) potential cost savings arising from elimination of contracted farebox equipment and enforcement personnel; (f) opportunities to reduce or eliminate rider and driver altercations; and (g) geographic equity; provided further, that the authority, in developing the study and report, shall consult with community advocacy organizations including, but not limited to, LivableStreets Alliance and Transportation for Massachusetts; provided further, that not later than March 1, 2025, the authority shall submit a report to the joint committee on transportation and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing findings related to the feasibility of such programs.....\$314,280,000

Commonwealth Transportation Fund ..... 100%

1595-6370 For an operating transfer to the regional transit authorities organized under chapter 161B of the General Laws, or any prior laws, under

clause (2) of subsection (d) of section 2ZZZ of chapter 29 of the  
General Laws .....\$94,000,000

Commonwealth Transportation Fund ..... 100%

1595-6379 For the operation of the motor vehicle insurance merit rating board,  
including the rent, related parking and utility expenses of the board;  
provided, that the amount appropriated in this item and the  
associated fringe benefit costs shall be borne by insurance  
companies doing motor vehicle insurance business within the  
commonwealth under section 57A of chapter 6C of the General  
Laws; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or  
special law to the contrary, no safe driver insurance plan shall  
require the payment of an unsafe driver point surcharge for the first  
offense for a non-criminal motor vehicle traffic violation as  
described in chapter 90C of the General Laws .....\$11,671,807

Commonwealth Transportation Fund ..... 100%

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION.**

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**Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.**

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1595-0035 For an operating transfer to the Twenty-First Century Education  
Trust Fund established in section 35NNN of chapter 10 of the  
General Laws; provided, that funds may be used for effective and  
sustainable improvement initiatives in public schools designated as  
in need of assistance pursuant to the school accountability system  
established by the board of elementary and secondary education, and  
for the purpose of addressing persistent disparities in achievement  
among student subgroups, improving educational opportunities for  
all students, sharing best practices for improving classroom learning  
and supporting efficiencies within and across school districts .....\$1,000,000

1595-0115 For the Civics Project Trust Fund established in section 2CCCCC  
of chapter 29 of the General Laws to promote civics education.....\$2,500,000

1595-0116 For the Genocide Education Trust Fund established in section  
2MMMMM of chapter 29 of the General Laws to educate middle  
school and high school students on the history of genocide and  
human rights issues .....\$3,000,000

**Department of Higher Education.**

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1595-7066 For the support of the Massachusetts Science, Technology,  
Engineering, and Mathematics Grant Fund, referred to as the

Pipeline Fund, established in section 2MMM of chapter 29 of the  
General Laws .....\$1,000,000

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**SECTION 2F.**

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SECTION 2F. The sums set forth in this section are hereby appropriated from the Education and Transportation Fund for the purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this section and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. All appropriations in this section shall not be subject to section 5D of chapter 29 of the General Laws.

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**TRANSPORTATION.**

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**Massachusetts Department of Transportation.**

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1596-2405 For a reserve to implement a low-income reduced fare program under the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority for riders of all modes with low-incomes; provided, that funds from this item may be expended on uses including, but not limited to: (i) replacement of foregone fare revenues; (ii) operating and administrative costs relating to the program; (iii) data and technology improvements, systems integration and support; and (iv) community engagement; provided further, that prior to expending funds from this item, the authority shall submit a proposed plan for implementing said program to the secretary of transportation for the approval of the secretary; and provided further, that not later than June 30, 2025, the authority shall submit a report detailing the expenditures from this item including rider enrollment in the program as of March 31, 2025, to the secretary of transportation, the joint committee on transportation, and the house and senate committees on ways and means.....\$23,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund..... 100%

1596-2406 For regional transit authorities and supportive transit improvements across the commonwealth; provided, that not less than \$66,000,000 shall be expended by regional transit authorities to support operational enhancements and improvements, including expanded service hours, weekend services and route expansions, in addition to services supported through item 1595-6370; provided further, that funds included under this item in fiscal year 2024 to produce more equitable distribution of contract assistance to regional transit authorities under section 23 of chapter 161B of the General Laws shall be incorporated into each recipient's baseline funding calculation for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that funds may be expended to regional transit authorities whose contract assistance

under section 23 of chapter 161B of the General Laws is proportionately low in comparison to the net cost of service of the regional transit authority as compared to other regional transit authorities in order to provide more equitable fund distribution; provided further, that said funds shall be included in each recipient's baseline funding calculation in future fiscal years; provided further, that funds not allocated under the preceding two provisos shall subsequently be expended for operating assistance to regional transit authorities based on the following formula: (i) 60 per cent based on total transit ridership as reported on the most recent certified national transit data base report; (ii) 30 per cent based on population of its member communities from the most recent census; and (iii) 10 per cent based on service coverage area determined by the total square miles of its member communities; provided further, that not less than \$40,000,000 shall be expended on grants for the regional transit authorities to implement year-round systemwide fare-free service; provided further, that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall oversee the distribution of said grants and shall establish grant criteria including, but not limited to, the prioritization of: (a) ability to implement completely fare-free year-round service; (b) ability to track ridership; (c) opportunities for increased ridership; and (d) increased service accessibility to low-income individuals; provided further, that said grants shall be distributed in a geographically equitable manner; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the joint committee on transportation and the house and senate committees on ways and means including, but not limited to: (1) grant criteria used by the department; (2) a list of grant applicants; (3) a list of successful grant applicants; (4) summaries of successful grant proposals; (5) ridership data for all participating regional transit authorities; and (6) details on the mechanisms being utilized to track ridership data for said pilot programs; provided further, that funds may be expended by the department to support data tracking and reporting; provided further, that not less than \$10,000,000 shall be expended on grants to regional transit authorities for the creation or altering of routes that advance connectivity between existing public transportation routes including, but not limited to: (A) regional transit authority bus routes; and (B) Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority routes; provided further, that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall oversee the distribution of said grants to the authorities and shall establish grant criteria including, but not limited to, the prioritization of: (I) opportunities for increased ridership; (II) opportunities for increased total mileage covered in a single trip; (III) opportunities to reach low-income individuals; and (IV) geographic equity; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department shall submit

a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on transportation which shall include, but not be limited to: (aa) grant criteria used by the department; (bb) a list of grant applicants; (cc) successful grant applicants; (dd) summaries of successful proposals; (ee) ridership data for routes altered through successful proposals; (ff) ridership and data for routes connected to routes altered through successful proposals; and (ff) details on the mechanisms being utilized to track ridership data for said routes; and provided further, that not less than \$4,000,000 shall be expended for grants to transit providers to support expanded mobility options for older adults, people with disabilities and low-income individuals through the Community Transit Grant Program.....\$120,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund..... 100%

1596-2408 For a program to support grants for operational assistance to ferry services; provided, that not later than April 1, 2025, the operator of the pilot program shall submit a report to the joint committee on transportation and the house and senate committees on ways and means including, but not limited to: (i) the services supported through the program, including the cost for each service; (ii) ridership data for the services supported through the program; (iii) any needs for modifications or changes to the program; and (iv) cost-effectiveness data; provided further, that not less than 6 months before the conclusion of the pilot program, the operator shall submit a comprehensive report to the joint committee on transportation and the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to, recommendations on the desirability and feasibility of continuing all or any components of the pilot program; provided further, that funds shall be expended to maintain existing ferry services operated by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority; provided further, that funds shall be expended to the authority to support operational enhancements and improvements that may include: (a) expanding service hours; (b) increasing frequency of service, including transitioning seasonal service to year-round services not later than July 1, 2025; (c) adding weekend services in the city known as the town of Winthrop and weekend service in the city of Quincy not later than July 1, 2025; (d) fare equity improvements in the city known as the town of Winthrop; (e) route streamlining for the city of Quincy, the town of Hingham, the town of Hull and the city known as the town of Winthrop by July 1, 2025; and (f) route expansions, including routes to and from General Edward Lawrence Logan International Airport.....\$7,500,000

Education and Transportation Fund..... 100%



1596-2428 For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund established in section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws for the construction and reconstruction of municipal ways as described in clause (b) of the second paragraph of said section 4 of said chapter 6C; provided, that a city or town shall comply with the procedures established by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation; provided further, that a city or town may expend, without further appropriation, for these projects amounts not in excess of the amount provided to the city or town under this item upon preliminary notice of such amount, which shall be provided by the department to the city or town not later than March 3, 2025; provided further, that the commonwealth shall reimburse a city or town under this item, subject to the availability of funds as provided in section 9G of chapter 29 of the General Laws, within 30 days after receipt by the department of a request for reimbursement from the city or town, which shall include certification by the city or town that actual expenses have been incurred on projects eligible for reimbursement under this item and that the work has been completed to the satisfaction of the city or town according to the specifications of the project and in compliance with applicable laws and procedures established by the department; provided further, that this funding shall be distributed using a formula based on each municipality's population, locally owned road miles and employment; and provided further, that not less than \$62,500,000 shall be distributed using a formula based on each municipality's share of road mileage .....\$125,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund..... 100%

1596-2503 For a program to provide technical assistance and funding to upgrade municipally owned small bridges and culverts in order to protect public safety, improve climate change resiliency, and restore ecosystem connectivity; provided, that not later than April 1, 2025, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall submit a report to the joint committee on transportation and the house and senate committees on ways and means which shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the criteria used for distributing funds from this item; and (ii) a list and description of the projects funded through this item or planned to be funded through this item, including the estimated cost for each project and the expected timeline for the completion of each project; and provided further, that the program structure shall be developed in consultation with the department of fish and game .....\$15,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund..... 100%

1596-2504 For programs to improve the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's physical commuter rail system infrastructure; provided, that the authority shall consult and receive approval from the executive office for administration and finance on the projects to be funded by this appropriation; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the authority shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means including, but not limited to: (i) the criteria used for distributing funds from this item; and (ii) a list and description of the projects funded through this item or planned to be funded through this item, including the estimated cost for each project and the expected timeline for the completion of each project; and provided further, that funds appropriated in this item shall be made available for these purposes through June 30, 2026 .....\$24,500,000

Education and Transportation Fund..... 100%

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**EDUCATION.**

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**Department of Early Education and Care.**

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1596-2410 For grants to support available capacity, support workforce, and address operational costs within the early education and care sector; provided, that grants shall be available to child care programs licensed or otherwise funded by the department of early education and care; provided further, that the distribution of grants shall prioritize equity and early education programs with higher percentages of state subsidized enrollment and head start and early head start programs; provided further, that an early education and care provider that is not an eligible organization as defined in section 18 of chapter 15D of the General Laws and that, directly or through an affiliate, operates more than 10 center-based programs in the commonwealth shall: (i) not receive funds through this item totaling more than 1 per cent of the sum of this item and item 3000-1045, unless the provider is granted a waiver by the commissioner deeming such allocation to be in the best interest of the commonwealth; (ii) demonstrate a willingness to accept children receiving child care financial assistance at each program location operated by the provider or an affiliate of the provider in proportion to the provider's size, as determined by the department; (iii) dedicate a certain percentage of the funds that the provider receives through this line item, as determined by the department, to increasing compensation for their early educators; and (iv) annually provide the department with an audited financial statement detailing how the provider has spent funds received through this item; provided further, that such grants shall be provided to child care providers whose enrollment includes not less than 50 per cent of children with

a state subsidy; provided further, that funds from this item shall be expended in coordination with funds from item 3000-1045; provided further, that the department shall collect data from participating programs, including but not limited to: (a) the number of enrolled children; (b) number of educators employed; and (c) a breakdown of the funding from the operational grants spent to recruit and retain employees; and provided further, that the department shall report such data to the joint committee on education, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the secretary of administration and finance on a quarterly basis .....\$150,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund..... 100%

1596-2412 For planning and implementation activities in cities, towns, regional school districts or educational collaboratives to expand pre-kindergarten or preschool opportunities on a voluntary basis to children who will be eligible for kindergarten within 2 school years, utilizing the Massachusetts preschool expansion grant public-private partnership model; provided, that preference shall be given to districts serving high percentages of high-needs students; provided further, that additional preference shall be given to districts that have completed strategic planning efforts that support expanding access to high-quality preschool; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, funds distributed from this item shall be deposited with the treasurer of the city, town, regional school district or educational collaborative and held in a separate account and shall be expended by the school committee of such city, town, regional school district or educational collaborative without further appropriation; and provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months.....\$15,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund..... 100%

1596-2434 For a child care provider rate reserve to sustain reimbursement rate increases from prior fiscal years and to further increase such rates for subsidized early education and care providers; provided, that rate increases funded from this reserve shall support salaries, benefits and stipends for professional development of early educators, as well as increase access to care for families; provided further, that funds appropriated in this item may be used to increase the reimbursement rate for all such providers using a methodology established by the department; provided further, that funds may be expended for increasing the daily add-on rate for comprehensive early education services for children with active cases at the department of children and families; provided further, that the

commissioner of early education and care may transfer funds between this item and items 3000-3060 and 3000-4060, as necessary, for this purpose, under an allocation plan that shall detail, by object class, the distribution of the funds to be transferred and which shall be submitted to the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days before any such transfer; provided further, that \$45,000,000 shall be used to annualize rate increases implemented in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that \$20,000,000 shall be used to fund additional rate increases for center-based and family child care providers in fiscal year 2025.....\$65,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund..... 100%

1596-2435 For efforts to make child care more affordable for families and to reduce the waitlist for income-eligible early education and care programs; provided, that subject to appropriation, the department of early education and care may use funds to expand eligibility to child care financial assistance to additional families with incomes not more than 85 per cent of the state median income; provided further, that educators working in early education, out of school time and residential facilities licensed by the department may be eligible for prioritization pursuant to department policies; provided further, that funds may also be expended for informal early education and care benefits for families meeting income-eligibility criteria established by the department; and provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the department of early education and care shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance, the joint committee on education and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the number of children placed in care through this item .....\$80,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund..... 100%

**Executive Office of Education.**

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1596-2413 For the expansion of early college, workforce, technical and innovation pathway programs; provided, that such programs shall incorporate the guiding principles of designated pathways; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2025, the executive office of education shall provide a summary of the current and planned allocations of funds for each program funded through this item to the joint committee on education and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that appropriated funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months; and provided further that funds may be expended

to incentivize the awarding of industry-recognized credentials in high schools .....\$5,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund..... 100%

1596-2437

For an early literacy initiative directed by the secretary of education, in consultation and coordination with the commissioner of elementary and secondary education and the commissioner of early education and care, to be known as Literacy Launch: Reading Success from Age 3 through Grade 3; provided, that said initiative shall provide grants, programming and materials to increase the number of public schools and licensed early education and care providers in the commonwealth providing evidence-based literacy instruction to students in prekindergarten through grade 3; provided further, that grants may support activities including, but not limited to: (i) the adoption and implementation of high quality curricular materials by public schools and districts and early education program providers; (ii) the provision of technical support, coaching, and professional development to maximize educator impact and improve student learning of literacy skills for students in pre-kindergarten through grade 3, including the support of required staff for the development and implementation of the program by the granting agencies; (iii) an acceleration of the program review of educator preparation programs approved by the department of elementary and secondary education; (iv) the coordination and alignment of assessment and screening, curriculum, and professional development across the departments of early education and care and elementary and secondary education; and (v) other professional learning initiatives and supports related to literacy assessment, measurement, and instruction for specific groups of learners or specific evidence-based materials; provided further, that grant recipients may include, but shall not be limited to: (i) public schools and districts and licensed early education and care programs providing pre-kindergarten instructional services; (ii) the University of Massachusetts; (iii) state universities and community colleges; and (iv) other educator preparation programs; provided further, that not later than November 30, 2025, the secretary of education shall provide a summary of the current and planned allocations of funds for each program funded through this item to the joint committee on education and the house and senate committees on ways and means and that such report shall include: (i) a list of grant recipients; (ii) grants awarded delineated by recipient; (iii) any matching funds or services contributed by grant recipients or program participants; (iv) the purposes of the grants; and (v) a detailed breakdown of the purposes and amounts of administrative costs charged to this item; provided further that funds may be expended for grants to high-

needs schools and districts to support the hiring of literacy coaches who can provide direct instruction and tutoring to students in early literacy, and high-dosage early literacy tutoring programs utilizing virtual instruction focused at the first grade level; and provided further, that any unexpended funds in this item shall not revert but shall be made available until August 30, 2026 .....\$10,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund..... 100%

**Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.**

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1596-2422 For the reimbursement of school districts and participating schools for the costs of providing universal free school meals pursuant to section 1C of chapter 69 of the General Laws; provided, that districts receiving funds under this item shall not implement a meal charge for students; provided further, that participating districts that are eligible for reimbursement under the community eligibility provision of the National School Lunch Program or an applicable provision of the National Child Nutrition Act, Public Law 111-296, shall adopt said provision to maximize access to federal funds; and provided further, that not later than January 15, 2025, the department of elementary and secondary education shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on education and the executive office for administration and finance that shall include: (i) data on any change in utilization of school lunch services in districts receiving funding under this item, delineated by free, reduced and paid students as defined by the National School Lunch Program; (ii) the distribution of funding paid through this item delineated by school district; and (iii) options to reform, modify or extend the program in a manner that promotes equity, maximizes federal funds and improves predictability and sustainability of funding .....\$170,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund..... 100%

1596-2436 For the development of a statewide birth through higher education framework for mental and behavioral health which may include, but shall not be limited to: (i) guiding principles and strategies related to providing social emotional supports; (ii) mental and behavioral health supports; (iii) suicide prevention; and (iv) relevant professional development in educational settings; provided, that the framework shall be developed in collaboration with the executive office of health and human services and the department of mental health, experts in childhood mental health, educators including those from early education and care programs, elementary and secondary public schools, and public institutions of higher education, students,

families, and other stakeholders as appropriate; provided further, that funds may be expended to implement the framework and relevant mental and behavioral health supports for students; and provided further, that not later than May 30, 2025, the department of secondary and elementary education shall submit a report on (i) the implementation of the framework; and (ii) the number of districts implementing framework findings .....\$7,500,000

Education and Transportation Fund..... 100%

**Department of Higher Education.**

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1596-2414 For a scholarship program to provide financial assistance to Massachusetts students enrolled in and pursuing a program of higher education in any public institutions of higher education in the commonwealth; provided, that funds from this item may be expended on the administration of the scholarship program; provided further, that the commissioner of higher education, in coordination with the Massachusetts state scholarship office, shall adopt regulations governing the eligibility and the awarding of financial assistance under this item; and provided further, that funds may be expended for an office of higher education success and completion within the department of higher education to support: (i) data collection and tracking; and (ii) the development of best practices for higher education student success and degree completion including, but not limited to, the alignment of community college programming with labor market demands .....\$105,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund..... 100%

1596-2501 For a Free Community College Program; provided, that funds shall be expended to cover any remaining tuition and fees due and an allowance for the cost of books, supplies and other expenses for any eligible student after all other sources of federal and state grant aid have been exhausted; provided further, that students whose household income is at or below 125 per cent of the state median income shall be granted an allowance of up to \$1,200 per academic year for books, supplies and other expenses for attending a community college program; provided, however, that said allowance shall not preclude students from receiving assistance through MassGrant or MassGrant Plus, subject to the regulations of said programs; provided further, that the commissioner of higher education, in consultation with the executive office of education and the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges, and in coordination with the Massachusetts state scholarship office, shall adopt guidelines governing eligibility for and the awarding of financial assistance under this item; provided further, that funds

from this item may be expended on student support services, administration and marketing of said scholarship program; provided further, that students aged 25 or older may be referred to as MassReconnect students; provided further, that funds from this item may be expended to create awareness and conduct public outreach related to MassReconnect; provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months; provided further, that tuition and fees at public community colleges shall not increase more than the lesser of: (1) the ratio of the value of the implicit price deflator for state and local government purchases in the third quarter of the prior fiscal year to its value in the third quarter of the fiscal year 2 years prior; and (2) 1.045; provided further, that the department, after consultation with the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges, shall analyze the faculty and staff capacity to meet the needs of the program established in this item, to ensure a sufficient workforce; provided further, that not later than February 1, 2025, the department of higher education, in consultation with the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges, shall submit a report to the joint committee on higher education and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing program uptake, funding distribution, and the metrics and benchmarks being used to measure program success including, but not limited to: (a) enrollment; (b) retention; (c) barriers to student participation; and (d) demographic data related to program participants; and provided further, that not later than May 31, 2025, the department of higher education shall submit information to the executive office for administration and finance, the board of higher education, the joint committee on higher education and the house and senate committees on ways and means on the number of students participating in the program at each community college.....\$117,500,000

Education and Transportation Fund..... 100%

1596-2502 For a higher education persistence and basic needs program for state universities and community colleges; provided, that funds may be expended to support student costs of attendance excluding tuition and fees, including unanticipated costs that may jeopardize a student’s ability to continue their education program; provided further, that these costs may include, but shall not be limited to: (i) transportation; (ii) food security; (iii) short-term housing; and (iv) childcare costs; provided further, that low-income students shall be prioritized to receive persistence funds; provided further, that the department of higher education may cap funds available to each student; provided further, that not later than May 1, 2025, the department of higher education shall submit a report to the joint



committee on higher education and the senate and house committees on ways and means; and provided further, that the report shall include, but not be limited to: (a) the number of students supported by this item; (b) demographics of students supported by this item; and (c) barriers to student retention addressed by this item .....\$10,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund..... 100%

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 the distribution of unrestricted general government aid to cities and towns of the balance of the State Lottery and Gaming Fund, as paid from the General Fund in accordance with clause (c) of the second paragraph of section 35 of chapter 10 of the General Laws and additional funds from the General Fund and the Gaming Local Aid Fund, shall be \$1,308,713,668 and shall be apportioned to cities and towns in accordance with this section.

For fiscal year 2025 the total amounts to be distributed and paid to each city, town and regional school district from item 7061-0008 of section 2, shall be as set forth in the following lists. If there is conflict between the this section and the distribution listed below, the distribution below shall control. The specified amounts distributed from said item 7061-0008 of said section 2 shall be deemed in full satisfaction of the amounts due under chapter 70 of the General Laws.

For fiscal year 2025, a district's school aid shall be calculated according to the provisions of said chapter 70. The foundation budget category of "low-income enrollment" for the purpose of calculating foundation enrollment shall be determined by financial eligibility for certain federal programs, as defined by the provisions of section 2 of said chapter 70, and including a number of students identified and approved as low income through the supplemental claiming system established and posted by the department for that purpose, as well as students identified and approved as homeless for purposes of calculating the McKinney-Vento homelessness grant program administered by the department, consistent with the conditions provided for in said section 2. Provided further, that the assumed special education enrollment percentage for vocational school students shall be set at 4.93 per cent and the assumed special education enrollment percentage for non-vocational school students shall be set at 3.93 per cent.

The per-pupil rates for the employee benefits and fixed charges allotments shall be adjusted by the foundation employee benefits inflation rate and the per-pupil rates for all other foundation allotments shall be adjusted by the foundation inflation index. Foundation increments shall be the additional resources provided for the education of students designated as English learners or low-income; provided, however, that for low-income students the amount of the foundation increment shall be determined by the low-income group into which each district is assigned. Foundation budget rates for employee benefits and fixed charges, guidance and psychological services, special education out-of-district tuition, English learners and low-income students shall be increased by four-sixths of the gap between the rates used in fiscal year 2021 and the rates established in tables 1 and 2 of section 3 of said chapter 70, consistent with adjustments prescribed in said section 3 and set at the rates identified in the table below. Required local contributions shall be calculated pursuant to said chapter 70; provided, that municipal revenue growth factors shall be calculated in a manner consistent with calculations made in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that the total statewide target local contribution shall be 59 percent and the effort reduction percentage shall be 100 percent; and provided further that the minimum aid per pupil dollar amount shall be \$110.

Chapter 70 aid for fiscal year 2025 shall be the greater of: (i) foundation aid, or (ii) the sum of base aid and minimum aid. No non-operating district shall receive chapter 70 aid in an amount greater than the district's foundation budget.

The department of elementary and secondary education shall not consider health care costs for retired teachers to be part of net school spending for any district in which such costs were not considered part of net school spending in fiscal year 1994 and for any district that has not accepted the section 260 of chapter 165 of the acts of 2014; provided, however, that any district for whom such costs are not so considered shall have included as part of net school spending an amount equal to the increase in the foundation budget for the district associated with health care costs of retired teachers.

No payments to cities, towns or counties maintaining an agricultural school under this section shall be made after November 30 of the fiscal year until the commissioner of revenue certifies acceptance of the prior fiscal year's annual financial reports submitted under section 43 of chapter 44 of the General Laws. Advance payments shall be made for some or all of periodic local reimbursement or assistance programs to any city, town, regional school district or independent agricultural school that demonstrates an emergency cash shortfall, as certified by the commissioner of revenue and approved by the secretary of administration and finance, under guidelines established by the secretary.

### Base Rates

	Administration	Instructional Leadership	Classroom & Specialist Teachers	Other Teaching Services	Professional Development	Instructional Materials, Equipment & Technology	Guidance & Psychological Services	Pupil Services	Operations & Maintenance	Employee Benefits/ Fixed Charges	Special Education Tuition	Total, All Categories
Pre-school	224.33	405.14	1,857.73	476.45	73.47	268.87	189.27	53.76	515.87	810.90	0.00	4,875.79
Kindergarten half-day	224.33	405.14	1,857.73	476.45	73.47	268.87	189.27	53.76	515.87	810.90	0.00	4,875.79
Kindergarten full-day	448.65	810.30	3,715.45	952.94	147.02	537.77	378.55	107.56	1,031.73	1,621.78	0.00	9,751.75
Elementary	448.65	810.30	3,715.40	952.94	147.04	537.77	378.55	161.32	1,031.73	1,621.80	0.00	9,805.50
Junior/Middle	448.65	810.30	3,269.57	685.98	159.38	537.77	408.39	263.52	1,118.52	1,730.80	0.00	9,432.88
High School	448.65	810.30	4,808.16	571.07	154.55	860.42	451.12	607.66	1,084.53	1,537.47	0.00	11,333.93
Vocational	448.65	810.30	8,173.93	571.07	255.51	1,505.73	451.12	607.66	2,029.75	2,006.61	0.00	16,860.33

## Special Education & Incremental Rates

	Administration	Instructional Leadership	Classroom & Specialist Teachers	Other Teaching Services	Professional Development	Instructional Materials, Equipment & Technology	Guidance & Psychological Services	Pupil Services	Operations & Maintenance	Employee Benefits/ Fixed Charges	Special Education Tuition	Total, All Categories
Special Ed-in district	3,096.41	0.00	10,217.38	9,539.82	492.88	430.20	0.00	0.00	3,458.83	4,098.10	0.00	31,333.62
Special Ed-tuitioned out	3,702.76	0.00	0.00	56.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,155.74	38,915.06
English learners PK-5	111.09	194.40	1,360.76	194.40	55.54	138.84	83.31	27.78	333.25	322.91	0.00	2,822.28
English learners 6-8	118.24	206.89	1,448.24	206.89	59.11	147.78	88.67	29.56	354.67	343.66	0.00	3,003.71
English learners high school/voc	126.78	221.87	1,553.06	221.87	63.38	158.47	95.08	31.70	380.34	368.53	0.00	3,221.08
Low-income group 1	55.91	264.89	2,585.88	0.00	125.46	19.23	104.71	544.10	0.00	442.14	0.00	4,142.32
Low-income group 2	58.40	276.71	2,701.21	0.00	131.06	20.09	109.38	568.37	0.00	461.87	0.00	4,327.09
Low-income group 3	60.89	288.53	2,816.54	0.00	136.65	20.95	114.05	592.64	0.00	481.59	0.00	4,511.84
Low-income group 4	63.39	300.34	2,931.87	0.00	142.24	21.80	118.72	616.90	0.00	501.31	0.00	4,696.57
Low-income group 5	65.88	312.15	3,047.20	0.00	147.84	22.66	123.39	641.17	0.00	521.03	0.00	4,881.32
Low-income group 6	72.74	344.67	3,364.62	0.00	163.23	25.03	136.24	707.96	0.00	575.30	0.00	5,389.79
Low-income group 7	78.73	373.02	3,641.44	0.00	176.66	27.08	147.45	766.21	0.00	622.63	0.00	5,833.22
Low-income group 8	84.72	401.38	3,918.27	0.00	190.09	29.15	158.66	824.45	0.00	669.96	0.00	6,276.68
Low-income group 9	90.70	429.74	4,195.10	0.00	203.52	31.19	169.87	882.71	0.00	717.30	0.00	6,276.68
Low-income group 10	96.68	458.10	4,471.93	0.00	216.95	33.26	181.08	940.95	0.00	764.64	0.00	6,720.13
Low-income group 11	105.80	501.28	4,893.48	0.00	237.40	36.39	198.15	1,029.66	0.00	836.71	0.00	7,838.87
Low-income group 12	114.92	544.47	5,315.04	0.00	257.85	39.53	215.22	1,118.35	0.00	908.79	0.00	8,514.17

### Municipality / District

### Chapter 70

### Unrestricted General Government Aid

ABINGTON	\$14,482,278	\$2,422,223
ACTON	\$0	\$1,722,409
ACUSHNET	\$7,299,360	\$1,866,952
ADAMS	\$0	\$2,882,694
AGAWAM	\$26,085,741	\$4,536,201
ALFORD	\$0	\$17,281
AMESBURY	\$9,681,067	\$2,395,443
AMHERST	\$6,389,013	\$10,366,349

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
ANDOVER	\$14,551,950	\$2,200,200
AQUINNAH	\$0	\$2,878
ARLINGTON	\$19,365,719	\$9,341,579
ASHBURNHAM	\$0	\$979,012
ASHBY	\$0	\$539,155
ASHFIELD	\$93,683	\$228,596
ASHLAND	\$11,587,770	\$1,665,126
ATHOL	\$0	\$3,259,884
ATTLEBORO	\$55,975,743	\$7,024,558
AUBURN	\$15,394,691	\$2,108,747
AVON	\$4,208,987	\$853,424
AYER	\$0	\$932,142
BARNSTABLE	\$25,335,713	\$2,590,019
BARRE	\$0	\$1,107,412
BECKET	\$76,923	\$111,821
BEDFORD	\$6,304,183	\$1,413,464
BELCHERTOWN	\$14,441,666	\$2,095,079
BELLINGHAM	\$10,213,682	\$2,089,340
BELMONT	\$12,281,845	\$2,780,224
BERKLEY	\$4,226,940	\$749,194
BERLIN	\$0	\$248,249
BERNARDSTON	\$0	\$358,127
BEVERLY	\$15,035,741	\$7,190,630
BILLERICA	\$20,611,684	\$7,170,082
BLACKSTONE	\$234,189	\$1,685,374
BLANDFORD	\$77,586	\$156,348

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
BOLTON	\$0	\$243,110
BOSTON	\$237,011,375	\$233,284,129
BOURNE	\$5,659,363	\$1,805,020
BOXBOROUGH	\$32,909	\$310,600
BOXFORD	\$1,937,043	\$598,572
BOYLSTON	\$113,472	\$421,767
BRAINTREE	\$21,222,486	\$7,045,993
BREWSTER	\$1,423,761	\$486,179
BRIDGEWATER	\$139,434	\$4,484,718
BRIMFIELD	\$1,753,417	\$480,068
BROCKTON	\$256,490,752	\$25,781,650
BROOKFIELD	\$1,936,486	\$607,959
BROOKLINE	\$16,794,137	\$7,817,560
BUCKLAND	\$13,134	\$377,027
BURLINGTON	\$9,975,106	\$3,224,636
CAMBRIDGE	\$20,818,606	\$26,452,452
CANTON	\$9,027,106	\$2,640,502
CARLISLE	\$1,450,800	\$270,113
CARVER	\$10,628,399	\$1,798,774
CHARLEMONT	\$102,815	\$215,233
CHARLTON	\$0	\$1,783,908
CHATHAM	\$0	\$185,311
CHELMSFORD	\$14,711,710	\$6,249,641
CHELSEA	\$123,197,898	\$10,112,804
CHESHIRE	\$16,351	\$756,413
CHESTER	\$72,014	\$221,683

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
CHESTERFIELD	\$133,594	\$170,001
CHICOPEE	\$94,025,858	\$14,178,996
CHILMARK	\$0	\$4,619
CLARKSBURG	\$2,082,907	\$447,931
CLINTON	\$20,413,188	\$2,898,564
COHASSET	\$3,121,835	\$633,498
COLRAIN	\$0	\$355,370
CONCORD	\$4,251,963	\$1,428,463
CONWAY	\$644,924	\$220,060
CUMMINGTON	\$59,811	\$102,719
DALTON	\$212,169	\$1,400,933
DANVERS	\$9,660,494	\$3,506,991
DARTMOUTH	\$10,810,571	\$3,103,975
DEDHAM	\$9,739,513	\$4,026,590
DEERFIELD	\$1,187,743	\$591,405
DENNIS	\$0	\$670,586
DEVENS	\$308,558	\$0
DIGHTON	\$8,253	\$952,104
DOUGLAS	\$9,045,445	\$898,577
DOVER	\$1,086,757	\$236,860
DRACUT	\$27,592,213	\$4,314,193
DUDLEY	\$0	\$2,200,007
DUNSTABLE	\$0	\$302,852
DUXBURY	\$6,963,888	\$1,091,453
EAST BRIDGEWATER	\$13,089,247	\$1,843,097
EAST BROOKFIELD	\$186,676	\$357,105

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
EAST LONGMEADOW	\$15,314,868	\$1,782,313
EASTHAM	\$528,617	\$183,447
EASTHAMPTON	\$8,838,272	\$3,460,974
EASTON	\$11,029,861	\$2,696,435
EDGARTOWN	\$1,213,391	\$82,020
EGREMONT	\$0	\$77,690
ERVING	\$578,440	\$82,759
ESSEX	\$0	\$301,474
EVERETT	\$118,072,876	\$8,506,767
FAIRHAVEN	\$9,807,153	\$2,776,605
FALL RIVER	\$202,331,602	\$29,342,937
FALMOUTH	\$9,638,609	\$1,707,078
FITCHBURG	\$77,953,093	\$10,507,955
FLORIDA	\$565,767	\$61,287
FOXBOROUGH	\$9,711,070	\$1,834,061
FRAMINGHAM	\$86,051,474	\$12,250,410
FRANKLIN	\$29,748,341	\$3,042,531
FREETOWN	\$16,860	\$1,169,221
GARDNER	\$29,677,210	\$5,217,779
GEORGETOWN	\$5,845,058	\$882,077
GILL	\$0	\$299,503
GLOUCESTER	\$11,710,391	\$4,917,750
GOSHEN	\$96,381	\$98,506
GOSNOLD	\$0	\$2,582
GRAFTON	\$13,113,740	\$1,925,260
GRANBY	\$4,837,480	\$1,087,201



<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
GRANVILLE	\$0	\$197,416
GREAT BARRINGTON	\$0	\$934,473
GREENFIELD	\$16,495,164	\$3,909,199
GROTON	\$0	\$953,815
GROVELAND	\$65,470	\$896,304
HADLEY	\$1,399,490	\$558,840
HALIFAX	\$3,571,117	\$1,117,742
HAMILTON	\$0	\$827,276
HAMPDEN	\$0	\$847,150
HANCOCK	\$450,256	\$69,520
HANOVER	\$7,733,113	\$2,608,382
HANSON	\$40,519	\$1,576,798
HARDWICK	\$0	\$573,235
HARVARD	\$2,293,777	\$1,823,506
HARWICH	\$0	\$530,386
HATFIELD	\$929,256	\$384,204
HAVERHILL	\$87,968,052	\$12,101,856
HAWLEY	\$13,300	\$53,286
HEATH	\$0	\$103,023
HINGHAM	\$8,931,853	\$1,943,280
HINSDALE	\$104,923	\$274,161
HOLBROOK	\$11,269,814	\$1,816,822
HOLDEN	\$14,521	\$2,354,185
HOLLAND	\$1,030,626	\$248,529
HOLLISTON	\$9,204,502	\$1,906,809
HOLYOKE	\$101,191,130	\$12,505,347

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
HOPEDALE	\$6,316,400	\$802,916
HOPKINTON	\$10,257,809	\$967,268
HUBBARDSTON	\$0	\$554,659
HUDSON	\$13,262,717	\$2,455,382
HULL	\$4,079,566	\$2,609,481
HUNTINGTON	\$421,182	\$424,366
IPSWICH	\$4,317,952	\$1,976,544
KINGSTON	\$5,557,527	\$1,181,872
LAKEVILLE	\$86,418	\$1,007,493
LANCASTER	\$11,693	\$1,177,001
LANESBOROUGH	\$0	\$424,745
LAWRENCE	\$286,250,811	\$24,176,627
LEE	\$2,230,629	\$766,840
LEICESTER	\$11,252,797	\$2,137,945
LENOX	\$1,398,265	\$656,319
LEOMINSTER	\$66,770,493	\$7,047,158
LEVERETT	\$408,518	\$219,786
LEXINGTON	\$18,362,741	\$1,887,088
LEYDEN	\$0	\$101,381
LINCOLN	\$1,351,528	\$838,262
LITTLETON	\$5,028,916	\$875,266
LONGMEADOW	\$7,398,899	\$1,720,307
LOWELL	\$243,051,046	\$31,014,530
LUDLOW	\$14,703,329	\$3,761,531
LUNENBURG	\$8,998,758	\$1,302,115
LYNN	\$287,568,487	\$27,568,674

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
LYNNFIELD	\$6,186,460	\$1,280,605
MALDEN	\$63,951,907	\$15,448,168
MANCHESTER	\$0	\$273,829
MANSFIELD	\$19,866,469	\$2,746,586
MARBLEHEAD	\$6,639,007	\$1,402,160
MARION	\$1,197,430	\$277,832
MARLBOROUGH	\$47,863,814	\$6,702,846
MARSHFIELD	\$15,612,987	\$2,667,448
MASHPEE	\$5,014,026	\$453,025
MATTAPOISETT	\$1,047,351	\$499,053
MAYNARD	\$5,801,598	\$1,934,459
MEDFIELD	\$6,913,904	\$1,784,906
MEDFORD	\$17,904,940	\$14,935,807
MEDWAY	\$11,055,819	\$1,502,236
MELROSE	\$12,712,678	\$6,314,804
MENDON	\$38,052	\$503,189
MERRIMAC	\$56,805	\$1,036,018
METHUEN	\$68,616,821	\$6,694,913
MIDDLEBOROUGH	\$22,670,321	\$3,035,815
MIDDLEFIELD	\$13,290	\$65,458
MIDDLETON	\$1,846,391	\$673,723
MILFORD	\$48,802,403	\$3,760,956
MILLBURY	\$9,033,819	\$2,180,421
MILLIS	\$5,111,482	\$1,289,163
MILLVILLE	\$73,662	\$501,554
MILTON	\$12,149,212	\$3,956,453

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
MONROE	\$140,582	\$22,640
MONSON	\$7,756,495	\$1,607,343
MONTAGUE	\$9,046	\$1,764,674
MONTEREY	\$0	\$56,931
MONTGOMERY	\$21,162	\$106,858
MOUNT WASHINGTON	\$13,818	\$36,910
NAHANT	\$587,583	\$465,245
NANTUCKET	\$4,593,735	\$97,561
NATICK	\$13,747,965	\$4,692,127
NEEDHAM	\$13,926,476	\$2,149,525
NEW ASHFORD	\$180,257	\$25,010
NEW BEDFORD	\$236,331,190	\$28,325,395
NEW BRAINTREE	\$16,860	\$162,548
NEW MARLBOROUGH	\$0	\$72,112
NEW SALEM	\$0	\$127,757
NEWBURY	\$16,934	\$637,692
NEWBURYPORT	\$5,900,495	\$3,140,406
NEWTON	\$28,727,076	\$7,236,119
NORFOLK	\$3,725,815	\$1,180,826
NORTH ADAMS	\$16,418,826	\$5,462,791
NORTH ANDOVER	\$12,433,299	\$2,523,446
NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH	\$21,730,671	\$3,542,528
NORTH BROOKFIELD	\$4,967,706	\$981,155
NORTH READING	\$7,740,847	\$2,186,313
NORTHAMPTON	\$8,244,689	\$5,412,027
NORTHBOROUGH	\$4,416,360	\$1,373,482

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
NORTHBRIDGE	\$16,116,861	\$2,599,152
NORTHFIELD	\$0	\$444,877
NORTON	\$13,399,570	\$2,559,197
NORWELL	\$5,244,778	\$1,319,976
NORWOOD	\$17,416,586	\$5,727,421
OAK BLUFFS	\$1,997,875	\$89,550
OAKHAM	\$0	\$236,239
ORANGE	\$6,971,225	\$1,989,947
ORLEANS	\$470,504	\$211,505
OTIS	\$0	\$44,787
OXFORD	\$12,225,213	\$2,531,931
PALMER	\$11,852,230	\$2,469,410
PAXTON	\$0	\$666,310
PEABODY	\$37,072,720	\$8,888,400
PELHAM	\$255,193	\$196,002
PEMBROKE	\$14,282,022	\$2,069,844
PEPPERELL	\$0	\$1,837,779
PERU	\$91,030	\$140,624
PETERSHAM	\$537,750	\$141,162
PHILLIPSTON	\$0	\$227,133
PITTSFIELD	\$63,960,959	\$10,631,253
PLAINFIELD	\$37,431	\$61,775
PLAINVILLE	\$3,096,671	\$934,152
PLYMOUTH	\$29,101,293	\$4,824,871
PLYMPTON	\$1,107,042	\$292,121
PRINCETON	\$0	\$364,573

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PROVINCETOWN	\$315,021	\$170,319
QUINCY	\$46,185,697	\$23,511,939
RANDOLPH	\$25,914,984	\$6,400,276
RAYNHAM	\$0	\$1,400,176
READING	\$11,798,639	\$3,991,857
REHOBOTH	\$0	\$1,283,550
REVERE	\$102,193,765	\$12,666,415
RICHMOND	\$535,875	\$133,218
ROCHESTER	\$2,469,282	\$522,976
ROCKLAND	\$18,777,996	\$3,255,129
ROCKPORT	\$1,651,796	\$538,795
ROWE	\$151,115	\$4,851
ROWLEY	\$34,649	\$664,959
ROYALSTON	\$0	\$221,371
RUSSELL	\$207,425	\$304,112
RUTLAND	\$0	\$1,139,058
SALEM	\$29,642,316	\$8,494,100
SALISBURY	\$14,443	\$778,011
SANDISFIELD	\$0	\$42,669
SANDWICH	\$7,753,038	\$1,387,851
SAUGUS	\$14,065,891	\$4,517,440
SAVOY	\$526,149	\$142,672
SCITUATE	\$6,843,547	\$2,477,060
SEEKONK	\$7,983,234	\$1,515,221
SHARON	\$10,885,474	\$1,723,696
SHEFFIELD	\$14,170	\$299,980

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
SHELBURNE	\$0	\$322,011
SHERBORN	\$891,177	\$266,716
SHIRLEY	\$0	\$1,615,525
SHREWSBURY	\$21,631,248	\$3,430,063
SHUTESBURY	\$656,876	\$208,810
SOMERSET	\$10,808,499	\$1,888,580
SOMERVILLE	\$21,811,108	\$31,024,812
SOUTH HADLEY	\$10,878,101	\$3,215,900
SOUTHAMPTON	\$2,674,176	\$784,590
SOUTHBOROUGH	\$3,297,701	\$538,561
SOUTHBRIDGE	\$32,272,495	\$4,331,911
SOUTHWICK	\$0	\$1,553,218
SPENCER	\$37,431	\$2,785,058
SPRINGFIELD	\$506,119,464	\$46,614,520
STERLING	\$6,178	\$853,664
STOCKBRIDGE	\$0	\$122,740
STONEHAM	\$7,529,789	\$4,576,264
STOUGHTON	\$28,594,530	\$3,943,077
STOW	\$0	\$518,357
STURBRIDGE	\$5,180,104	\$953,975
SUDBURY	\$5,833,498	\$1,723,660
SUNDERLAND	\$911,108	\$622,367
SUTTON	\$5,813,865	\$961,202
SWAMPSCOTT	\$5,343,940	\$1,593,845
SWANSEA	\$11,023,888	\$2,312,692
TAUNTON	\$94,965,614	\$10,356,565

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
TEMPLETON	\$11,077	\$1,717,060
TEWKSBURY	\$14,170,895	\$3,427,114
TISBURY	\$1,679,379	\$120,741
TOLLAND	\$0	\$22,759
TOPSFIELD	\$1,552,387	\$755,262
TOWNSEND	\$0	\$1,618,274
TRURO	\$448,596	\$37,045
TYNGSBOROUGH	\$7,830,174	\$1,189,974
TYRINGHAM	\$57,162	\$15,634
UPTON	\$39,979	\$655,574
UXBRIDGE	\$9,871,314	\$1,694,280
WAKEFIELD	\$8,913,227	\$4,148,234
WALES	\$1,188,898	\$290,839
WALPOLE	\$10,285,308	\$3,138,201
WALTHAM	\$24,311,937	\$11,824,339
WARE	\$14,107,338	\$2,125,841
WAREHAM	\$16,474,296	\$2,436,234
WARREN	\$11,646	\$1,114,045
WARWICK	\$385,790	\$156,602
WASHINGTON	\$37,233	\$116,303
WATERTOWN	\$8,106,394	\$8,213,318
WAYLAND	\$7,560,892	\$1,113,045
WEBSTER	\$20,078,696	\$3,048,735
WELLESLEY	\$10,369,744	\$1,595,117
WELLFLEET	\$313,943	\$71,972
WENDELL	\$0	\$214,594



<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
WENHAM	\$0	\$527,440
WEST BOYLSTON	\$3,249,325	\$981,077
WEST BRIDGEWATER	\$6,931,273	\$805,204
WEST BROOKFIELD	\$328,719	\$599,742
WEST NEWBURY	\$13,151	\$364,849
WEST SPRINGFIELD	\$44,356,107	\$4,413,074
WEST STOCKBRIDGE	\$0	\$119,724
WEST TISBURY	\$0	\$228,714
WESTBOROUGH	\$12,332,670	\$1,426,899
WESTFIELD	\$44,029,063	\$7,751,621
WESTFORD	\$18,333,015	\$2,616,820
WESTHAMPTON	\$501,750	\$178,430
WESTMINSTER	\$0	\$806,066
WESTON	\$4,668,155	\$460,595
WESTPORT	\$5,595,902	\$1,498,073
WESTWOOD	\$7,387,366	\$898,330
WEYMOUTH	\$29,962,445	\$10,736,788
WHATELY	\$338,693	\$165,248
WHITMAN	\$140,137	\$2,981,659
WILBRAHAM	\$0	\$1,802,116
WILLIAMSBURG	\$858,397	\$372,791
WILLIAMSTOWN	\$0	\$1,175,614
WILMINGTON	\$12,202,700	\$3,061,838
WINCHENDON	\$14,143,266	\$2,071,546
WINCHESTER	\$10,775,179	\$1,821,859
WINDSOR	\$26,462	\$127,871

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
WINTHROP	\$10,148,796	\$5,190,981
WOBURN	\$14,729,389	\$7,371,734
WORCESTER	\$377,439,670	\$51,170,554
WORTHINGTON	\$478,056	\$154,668
WRENTHAM	\$4,029,233	\$1,148,005
YARMOUTH	\$0	\$1,554,670
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL AID</b>	<b>\$6,003,680,352</b>	<b>\$1,308,713,668</b>

### **Regional School District**

ACTON BOXBOROUGH	\$16,488,531	\$0
AMHERST PELHAM	\$9,892,907	\$0
ASHBURNHAM WESTMINSTER	\$15,942,333	\$0
ASSABET VALLEY	\$9,848,481	\$0
ATHOL ROYALSTON	\$23,977,310	\$0
AYER SHIRLEY	\$8,739,671	\$0
BERKSHIRE HILLS	\$3,398,268	\$0
BERLIN BOYLSTON	\$2,991,521	\$0
BLACKSTONE MILLVILLE	\$11,403,699	\$0
BLACKSTONE VALLEY	\$9,414,838	\$0
BLUE HILLS	\$7,475,667	\$0
BRIDGEWATER RAYNHAM	\$31,562,873	\$0
BRISTOL COUNTY	\$5,148,716	\$0
BRISTOL PLYMOUTH	\$14,468,241	\$0
CAPE COD	\$3,480,642	\$0
CENTRAL BERKSHIRE	\$9,857,137	\$0

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
CHESTERFIELD GOSHEN	\$781,700	\$0
CONCORD CARLISLE	\$3,433,269	\$0
DENNIS YARMOUTH	\$12,573,510	\$0
DIGHTON REHOBOTH	\$13,634,196	\$0
DOVER SHERBORN	\$2,781,290	\$0
DUDLEY CHARLTON	\$25,347,993	\$0
ESSEX NORTH SHORE	\$8,091,780	\$0
FARMINGTON RIVER	\$735,044	\$0
FRANKLIN COUNTY	\$6,020,503	\$0
FREETOWN LAKEVILLE	\$11,956,659	\$0
FRONTIER	\$2,985,095	\$0
GATEWAY	\$6,228,930	\$0
GILL MONTAGUE	\$7,938,051	\$0
GREATER FALL RIVER	\$23,044,631	\$0
GREATER LAWRENCE	\$38,270,554	\$0
GREATER LOWELL	\$37,670,513	\$0
GREATER NEW BEDFORD	\$35,443,094	\$0
GROTON DUNSTABLE	\$11,509,403	\$0
HAMILTON WENHAM	\$4,198,578	\$0
HAMPDEN WILBRAHAM	\$12,646,564	\$0
HAMPSHIRE	\$3,426,963	\$0
HAWLEMONT	\$657,706	\$0
HOOSAC VALLEY	\$11,830,683	\$0
KING PHILIP	\$8,101,000	\$0
LINCOLN SUDBURY	\$4,010,405	\$0
MANCHESTER ESSEX	\$3,355,258	\$0

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
MARTHAS VINEYARD	\$3,635,496	\$0
MASCONOMET	\$5,625,059	\$0
MENDON UPTON	\$12,975,556	\$0
MINUTEMAN	\$3,050,703	\$0
MOHAWK TRAIL	\$6,264,314	\$0
MONOMOY	\$4,392,755	\$0
MONTACHUSETT	\$18,481,064	\$0
MOUNT GREYLOCK	\$4,979,088	\$0
NARRAGANSETT	\$12,487,149	\$0
NASHOBA	\$10,115,616	\$0
NASHOBA VALLEY	\$4,887,064	\$0
NAUSET	\$3,835,249	\$0
NEW SALEM WENDELL	\$924,812	\$0
NORFOLK COUNTY	\$1,493,493	\$0
NORTH MIDDLESEX	\$21,193,523	\$0
NORTHAMPTON SMITH	\$943,635	\$0
NORTHBORO SOUTHBORO	\$3,496,754	\$0
NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN	\$15,282,683	\$0
NORTHERN BERKSHIRE	\$7,034,602	\$0
OLD COLONY	\$4,232,433	\$0
OLD ROCHESTER	\$3,572,715	\$0
PATHFINDER	\$7,684,005	\$0
PENTUCKET	\$13,774,012	\$0
PIONEER	\$4,075,219	\$0
QUABBIN	\$17,150,948	\$0
QUABOAG	\$10,451,869	\$0

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
RALPH C MAHAR	\$6,277,170	\$0
SHAWSHEEN VALLEY	\$6,810,921	\$0
SILVER LAKE	\$10,536,858	\$0
SOMERSET BERKLEY	\$7,075,431	\$0
SOUTH MIDDLESEX	\$9,113,461	\$0
SOUTH SHORE	\$5,861,247	\$0
SOUTHEASTERN	\$23,161,972	\$0
SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE	\$2,153,451	\$0
SOUTHERN WORCESTER	\$14,458,987	\$0
SOUTHWICK TOLLAND GRANVILLE	\$10,179,488	\$0
SPENCER EAST BROOKFIELD	\$14,088,674	\$0
TANTASQUA	\$11,460,949	\$0
TRI COUNTY	\$5,957,468	\$0
TRITON	\$9,344,221	\$0
UPISLAND	\$1,010,022	\$0
UPPER CAPE COD	\$4,589,560	\$0
WACHUSETT	\$36,599,805	\$0
WHITMAN HANSON	\$25,692,000	\$0
WHITTIER	\$13,528,077	\$0
<b>TOTAL REGIONAL AID</b>	<b>\$900,703,785</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL AID</b>	<b>\$6,904,384,137</b>	<b>\$1,308,713,668</b>

1 SECTION 4. Section 6 of chapter 6D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 1 and 2, the words “, ambulatory  
3 surgical center and surcharge payor” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- and  
4 ambulatory surgical center.

5 SECTION 5. Said section 6 of said chapter 6D, as so appearing, is hereby further  
6 amended by striking out the last paragraph.

7 SECTION 6. Section 14C of chapter 7 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
8 amended by inserting after the definition of “Funding source” the following definition:-

9 “Quasi-public independent entity”, a corporation that: (i) is supported by the government  
10 to provide services to citizens including, but not limited to, operating public buses and rail  
11 systems, developing drinking water and managing public pension information; and (ii) has  
12 certain budgetary, governing and policymaking independence from the executive and legislative  
13 branches.

14 SECTION 7. Said section 14C of said chapter 7, as so appearing, is hereby further  
15 amended by adding the following subsection:-

16 (i) A quasi-public independent entity shall submit compensation information to the  
17 comptroller who shall post such information on its searchable website. The state auditor shall  
18 publicly post audits conducted of quasi-public independent entities on its website.

19 SECTION 8. Section 31 of chapter 9 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
20 amended by striking out, in lines 9 and 12, the figure “2025” and inserting in place thereof, in  
21 each instance, the following figure:- 2030.

22 SECTION 9. Section 24 of chapter 10 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
23 amended by inserting after the word “agents”, in line 17, the following words:- ; provided  
24 further, that said restriction shall not govern the transmittal of lottery information and sales for  
25 the purpose of facilitating point of sale transactions; provided further, that said restriction shall  
26 govern point of sale transactions involving a credit card as defined in section 1 of chapter 140D;  
27 provided further, that point of sale transactions under this section shall be subject to the  
28 restrictions set forth in subsection (b) of section 5I of chapter 18.

29 SECTION 10. The second paragraph of section 27 of said chapter 10, as so appearing, is  
30 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following 3  
31 sentences:- No covered state employee and no member of such state employee’s immediate  
32 family as defined in section 1 of chapter 268A shall be issued a license to sell lottery tickets. For  
33 the purposes of this paragraph, “covered state employee” shall mean: (i) a state employee or  
34 special state employee as those terms are defined in said section 1 of said chapter 268A who is  
35 employed in: (a) the office of the commission; (b) the office of the governor; (c) the department  
36 of the state treasurer; (d) the executive office of public safety and security; or (e) the office of the  
37 comptroller; or (ii) the secretary of an executive office of the commonwealth.

38 SECTION 11. Section 31 of said chapter 10, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
39 inserting after the word “commission”, in line 3, the following words:- , except as authorized by  
40 the director for investigative purposes,.

41 SECTION 12. Said chapter 10 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 35D  
42 the following section:-

43 Section 35D1/2. (a) There shall be a Biodiversity Fund, which shall be a separate,  
44 nonbudgeted special revenue fund to be administered by the commissioner of fish and game. The  
45 fund shall be credited with: (i) appropriations or other money authorized or transferred by the  
46 general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (ii) funds from public and  
47 private sources specifically designated for the purposes of this section, including, but not limited  
48 to, gifts, grants, donations, rebates and settlements received by the commonwealth; and (iii)  
49 income derived from the investment of money credited to the fund. Amounts credited to the fund  
50 shall be expended without further appropriation. The unexpended balance in the fund at the end  
51 of a fiscal year shall remain available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years. No expenditure  
52 made from the fund shall cause the fund to be in deficit at any point.

53 (b) The commissioner may expend money from the fund to carry out the policies,  
54 programs or powers of the department of fish and game for: (i) the protection and maintenance of  
55 biodiversity and natural systems, including, but not limited to, the acquisition of land and  
56 interests therein; (ii) work related to habitat and species connectivity and habitat and species  
57 status; (iii) addressing anticipated shifts in species distribution and abundance; (iv) blue carbon  
58 strategies; (v) habitat management, conservation and restoration; (vi) public engagement; (vii)  
59 data collection; (viii) technical assistance; (ix) a grant program for those purposes to nonprofit

60 organizations, researchers and community-based organizations; and (x) any costs associated with  
61 carrying out those purposes.

62 (c) Annually, not later than November 1, the commissioner shall file a report on the  
63 fund's activities with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the senate and house  
64 committees on ways and means and the joint committee on environment and natural resources.  
65 The report shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the source and amount of funds received; (ii)  
66 the amounts distributed and the purpose of expenditures from the fund, including any grants  
67 provided to nonprofit organizations, researchers and community-based organizations; and (iii) a  
68 plan detailing the planned uses of funds in the following calendar year.

69 SECTION 13. Section 35III of said chapter 10, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,  
70 is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following  
71 paragraph:-

72 There shall be a Castle Island and Marine Park Fund, which shall be a separate,  
73 nonbudgeted fund to be administered by the secretary of energy and environmental affairs.  
74 Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended, without further appropriation, for the long-term  
75 preservation, maintenance, nourishment and public safety of Castle island and Marine park in the  
76 South Boston section of the city of Boston. The fund shall be credited with: (i) any revenues or  
77 other financing sources directed to the fund by appropriation; (ii) money authorized by the  
78 general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (iii) any income derived from  
79 the investment of amounts credited to the fund or repayment of loans from the fund; (iv) funds  
80 from public or private sources including, but not limited to, gifts, federal or private grants,  
81 donations, rebates and settlements received by the commonwealth that are specifically  
82 designated to be credited to the fund; and (v) all other amounts credited or transferred to the fund  
83 from any other source.

84 SECTION 14. Section 7 of chapter 12C of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
85 amended by striking out, in lines 1 and 2, the words "hospital, ambulatory surgical center and  
86 surcharge payor", and inserting in place thereof the following words:- hospital and ambulatory  
87 surgical center.

88 SECTION 15. Said section 7 of said chapter 12C, as so appearing, is hereby further  
89 amended by striking out the last paragraph.



90 SECTION 16. Said chapter 12C is hereby further amended by inserting after section 7 the  
91 following section:-

92 Section 7A. There shall be a Center for Health Information and Analysis Fund which  
93 shall be a separate, nonbudgeted special revenue fund to be administered by the executive  
94 director. The fund shall be credited with: (i) any transfers from the Health Safety Net Trust Fund  
95 established in section 66 of chapter 118E; (ii) appropriations or other money authorized or  
96 transferred by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (iii) funds  
97 from public and private sources, including, but not limited to, gifts, federal financial  
98 participation, grants and donations; and (iv) any interest earned on the assets of the fund.  
99 Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended, without further appropriation, for the expenses  
100 of the center and for the other purposes described in this chapter. For the purpose of  
101 accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of revenues and related expenditures,  
102 the fund may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed  
103 the lower of amounts credited to the fund during the period of the timing discrepancy or the most  
104 recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system. Any balance in the fund at the  
105 close of a fiscal year shall be available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years and shall not be  
106 transferred to any other fund or revert to the General Fund.

107 SECTION 17. Chapter 15A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
108 section 5A the following section:-

109 Section 5B. (a) There shall be a community college program to provide an approved  
110 certificate or associate degree offered by a community college segment under section 5 of  
111 chapter 15A. The program shall be available at no cost to students who: (i) are domiciled in the  
112 commonwealth for at least 1 year; (ii) are not nonimmigrant aliens within the meaning of 8  
113 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(A) to (S), inclusive; (iii) are enrolled in and pursuing a program of higher  
114 education at a public community college; and (iv) have completed a free application for federal  
115 student aid or an equivalent application for state-funded financial assistance. If the individual is  
116 not a citizen of the United States or a legal permanent resident of the United States, the  
117 application for financial assistance shall be submitted with an affidavit signed under the pains  
118 and penalties of perjury stating that the individual has applied for citizenship or legal permanent  
119 residence or will apply for citizenship or legal permanent residence in accordance with federal  
120 statute and federal regulations within 120 days of eligibility for such status; and (vi) are enrolled  
121 in not less than 6 credits.

122 (b)(1) A student attending a community college pursuant to paragraph (a) shall not be  
123 responsible for the cost of tuition and mandatory fees, subject to appropriation under subsection  
124 (c).

125 (2) A student whose household income is at or below 125 per cent of state median  
126 income, or other income level established by the department, shall be granted an allowance for  
127 books, supplies and other expenses related to attending a community college program; provided,  
128 however, that said allowance shall not preclude students from receiving assistance through state-  
129 funded financial assistance including, but not limited to, MassGrant or MassGrant Plus, subject  
130 to any regulations promulgated under this section.

131 The department shall establish guidelines for the purposes of determining eligibility for  
132 tuition, fees and such allowance.

133 (c) (1) Subject to appropriation, after calculating a student's financial aid, any remaining  
134 tuition, fees and allowances for students eligible under subsections (a) or (b) shall be funded by  
135 the commonwealth; provided, however, that a community college shall not increase tuition and  
136 fees annually more than the lesser of: (i) the ratio of the value of the implicit price deflator for  
137 state and local government purchases in the third quarter of the prior fiscal year to its value in the  
138 third quarter of the fiscal year 2 years prior; and (ii) 1.045.

139 (2) The department, in consultation with the community colleges and other relevant  
140 stakeholders, shall develop a performance-based or outcomes-based formula for the purpose of  
141 distributing a portion of the annual state appropriation to community colleges. The department,  
142 in consultation with the community colleges and relevant stakeholders, shall revise the formula  
143 not less than every 6 years.

144 (d) Each community college shall provide the department with data the department deems  
145 necessary to implement this section, including, but not limited to, quarterly reports on costs  
146 incurred, delineated by expenditure type and student enrollment.

147 The department may issue rules or regulations to implement this section.

148 SECTION 18. Section 9 of chapter 15A of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
149 striking out the last paragraph, added by section 11 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023, and  
150 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

151 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of  
152 determining eligibility for in-state tuition rates and fees at public institutions of higher education  
153 and for state-funded financial assistance, an individual admitted to such institutions of higher  
154 education, other than a nonimmigrant alien within the meaning of 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(A) to  
155 (S), inclusive, who attended high school in the commonwealth for not less than 3 years and  
156 graduated from a high school in the commonwealth or attained the equivalent thereof in the  
157 commonwealth, shall be eligible to pay in-state tuition rates and fees at public institutions of  
158 higher education and shall be eligible on the same terms as other individuals for state-funded  
159 financial assistance at state-funded public and state-approved private, independent nonprofit  
160 institutions of higher education. No individual qualified for in-state tuition rates and fees under  
161 this chapter shall be denied in-state tuition and fees as a result of the granting of eligibility under  
162 this paragraph. To receive in-state tuition at a public institution of higher education or state-  
163 funded financial assistance at an institution of higher education under this section, an eligible  
164 individual shall provide the institution of higher education where the eligible individual is or  
165 plans to become enrolled, with a high school transcript or certificate demonstrating completion  
166 of the equivalent thereof in the commonwealth and: (i) a valid social security number; (ii) a  
167 document reflecting issuance of an individual taxpayer identification number; (iii) if that  
168 individual is not a citizen of the United States or a legal permanent resident of the United States,  
169 an affidavit signed under the pains and penalties of perjury stating that the individual has applied  
170 for citizenship or legal permanent residence or will apply for citizenship or legal permanent  
171 residence in accordance with federal laws and regulations within 120 days of eligibility for such  
172 status; or (iv) documentation of registration with the selective service, if applicable. The board of  
173 higher education shall issue regulations for the implementation of this paragraph. Student or  
174 family information obtained in the implementation of this paragraph shall be protected from  
175 disclosure under subclause (c) of clause Twenty-sixth of section 7 of chapter 4, chapter 66A,  
176 chapter 93H and other applicable privacy laws.

177 SECTION 19. Said chapter 15A is hereby further amended by adding the following 2  
178 sections:-

179 Section 48. (a) The department, in consultation with the MassTransfer Steering  
180 Committee established under subsection (b), shall establish and administer a program to be  
181 known as the MassTransfer program, to allow students of public institutions of higher education,  
182 as defined in section 5, to transfer credits: (i) among public institutions of higher education in a

183 comprehensive, accessible and efficient manner; and (ii) where appropriate, for courses at the  
184 state university segment and the university of Massachusetts segment, without loss of credit.  
185 Public institutions of higher education may establish transfer articulation agreements with each  
186 other to accomplish the goals of this section.

187 (b) There shall be a MassTransfer Steering Committee, which shall advise the department  
188 on the creation, implementation and improvement of the MassTransfer program under subsection  
189 (a). The committee shall consist of the following representatives, designated by the department:  
190 (i) faculty members, with at least 1 from each segment of public institutions of higher education;  
191 (ii) a president from each segment of public institutions of higher education; (iii) transfer  
192 advisors or registrars, with at least 1 from each segment of public institutions of higher  
193 education; (iv) student representatives; and (v) members of the business community. The  
194 committee shall select a chair annually by a majority vote of the members. The department shall  
195 maintain a website for the program, which shall provide a comprehensive guide for students on  
196 transferring credits through the credit transfer program.

197 Section 49. (a) The board of higher education, in consultation with public institutions of  
198 higher education, as defined in section 5, shall develop and approve a common course  
199 numbering system for lower-division courses with the goal of creating transparency for credit  
200 transferability. The department shall develop rules for the administration of the system.

201 (b) Each public institution of higher education shall include in its course catalog the  
202 applicable course prefix and numbers from the common course numbering system approved by  
203 the board under this section. The board may, for good cause as determined by the board, grant a  
204 public institution of higher education an exemption from the requirements of this section.

205 SECTION 20. The second paragraph of section 2 of chapter 15D of the General Laws, as  
206 appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out clause (e) and inserting  
207 in place thereof the following clause:-

208 (e) establish and develop a schedule for revising: (1) a rate structure for voucher and  
209 contracted payments to early education and care providers that enroll children receiving child  
210 care financial assistance, which shall be informed by the cost of providing high-quality early  
211 education and care to such children in conformity with federal and state laws, regulations and  
212 quality and safety standards; and (2) a sliding fee scale for families receiving child care financial  
213 assistance, which shall be updated within 1 year of the department expanding income eligibility

214 for the child care financial assistance program under subsection (e) of section 13A, or not less  
215 than every 5 years, whichever occurs first, to reflect affordability standards for participating  
216 families; provided, however, that recipients of child care financial assistance whose income is  
217 not more than 100 per cent of the federal poverty level shall not be charged fees for care;  
218 provided further, that the sliding fee scale shall be implemented by applying the scale to the  
219 amount that a family's income exceeds 100 per cent of the federal poverty level; provided  
220 further, that recipients of child care financial assistance shall not be charged fees for care that  
221 exceed 7 per cent of the family's total income; provided further, that prior to the establishment or  
222 revision of the rate structure or sliding fee scale, the department shall hold a public hearing under  
223 chapter 30A on such establishment or revisions and the board shall approve such establishment  
224 or revision; and provided further, that the department shall submit any proposed rate structure or  
225 sliding scale fee to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives not less than 60 days  
226 prior to implementation.

227 SECTION 21. Said chapter 15D is hereby further amended by inserting after section 13  
228 the following section:-

229 Section 13A. (a) The department shall maintain, subject to appropriation, a child care  
230 financial assistance program that shall provide sufficient financial assistance to enable eligible  
231 families to afford and access high-quality early education and care for infants, toddlers,  
232 preschool-age children and school-age children.

233 (b) The department shall provide child care financial assistance to support early education  
234 and care through means which shall include, but shall not be limited to: (i) providing vouchers  
235 for payments to early education and care providers of a family's choosing; and (ii) offering  
236 families the option of an open slot with an early education and care provider that is contracted  
237 with the department; provided, however, that an eligible family shall receive only 1 type of  
238 support for each eligible child. Reimbursement for vouchers and contracted payments to early  
239 education and care providers that enroll children receiving child care financial assistance shall be  
240 based on enrollment; provided, however, that enrollment shall be measured by the department  
241 using quarterly enrollment averages or if deemed appropriate by the department, enrollment  
242 averages less frequent than quarterly.

243 I Child care financial assistance may be used for early education and care provided by  
244 public, private, nonprofit and for-profit entities licensed or approved by the department

245 including, but not limited to, preschools, child care centers, nursery schools, before-school  
246 programs, after-school programs, out-of-school time programs, Head Start programs, Early Head  
247 Start programs, informal child care providers and independent and system-affiliated family child  
248 care homes. As a condition for receiving child care financial assistance from the department  
249 under this section, an early education and care provider shall enter into and comply with a  
250 contract with the department or its agents. The department shall develop the contract which shall  
251 include a requirement that the early education and care provider comply with all applicable  
252 requirements of this chapter and any other federal or state requirements necessary to receive  
253 funding for child care financial assistance provided to families under this section.

254 (d) The department shall provide child care financial assistance to: (i) families with a  
255 child who has an open case at the department of children and families or families with a child  
256 who is otherwise referred by the department of children and families; (ii) families currently  
257 involved with, or transitioning from, transitional aid to families with dependent children,  
258 including: (A) recipients of transitional aid to families with dependent children benefits; (B)  
259 former recipients of transitional aid to families with dependent children benefits who are  
260 working or are engaged in an approved service need activity for up to 1 year after termination of  
261 their benefits; (C) participants who are working or are engaged in an approved service need  
262 activity for up to 1 year after the transitional period; (D) parents who are under 18 years of age  
263 who are currently enrolled in a job training program and who would qualify for benefits under  
264 chapter 118 if not for the consideration of the income of the minor parents' legal guardians or  
265 parents; and (E) recipients of the supplemental nutrition assistance program who are participating  
266 in education and training services approved by the department of transitional assistance; and (iii)  
267 families in need of early education and care services whose family income is not more than 85  
268 per cent of the state median income; provided, however, that the department shall promulgate  
269 regulations to ensure that priority shall be given to families: (A) whose family income is not  
270 more than 50 per cent of the state median income; (B) in which a parent or caregiver is working  
271 in the field of early education and care subject to rules or regulations set by the department; (C)  
272 with children who have a documented disability and whose family income is not more than 85  
273 per cent of the state median income; (D) who are experiencing homelessness; (E) who are  
274 headed by a young parent as determined by the department; and (F) experiencing domestic  
275 violence.

276 (e) If additional funds are available or the federal government obligates itself to release  
277 additional funding to expand access to child care services beyond those reasonably sufficient to  
278 fund subsection (d), the department shall, in a manner consistent with any requirements placed  
279 on the receipt or expenditure of the relevant federal funds, allocate funding to increase the  
280 number of families receiving child care financial assistance based on income eligibility in the  
281 following order of priority to provide child care financial assistance to: (i) families eligible under  
282 said clause (iii) of said subsection (d); (ii) families in need of child care services whose family  
283 income is above 85 per cent, but not more than 100 per cent, of the state median income; (iii)  
284 families in need of child care services whose family income is above 100 per cent, but not more  
285 than 110 per cent, of the state median income; and (iv) families in need of child care services  
286 whose family income is not more than 125 per cent of the state median income.

287 (f) If a school-age child is receiving child care financial assistance, the assistance shall  
288 continue until the end of the school year even if the child reaches the maximum age prior to the  
289 last day of the school year.

290 (g) For the purposes of child care financial assistance eligibility, “family income” shall  
291 include the income of parents living with the child receiving child care financial assistance but  
292 shall not include: (i) any form of income of foster parents, caregivers or other adult family  
293 members; (ii) income of siblings who are not receiving child care financial assistance; or (iii)  
294 earned income of any minor child.

295 To the extent allowable under federal laws and regulation, no child care financial  
296 assistance provided under this section shall be counted as income or assets for the purpose of  
297 disqualifying any person from eligibility for any other government benefit for which the person  
298 is otherwise eligible including, but not limited to, transitional aid to families with dependent  
299 children benefits.

300 (h) The department or its agents shall not reduce, terminate or deny continued child care  
301 financial assistance to a family based solely on family income unless the income exceeds 85 per  
302 cent of the state median income or the income threshold for currently eligible families as  
303 prioritized in subsection (e), whichever is higher. If a family is determined to be ineligible for  
304 financial assistance, the family shall be given an opportunity for an administrative review. If the  
305 department or its agents, after such administrative review, reduce, terminate or deny a family’s  
306 child care financial assistance, the department shall provide the family with an opportunity for an

307 administrative appeal hearing and shall process the appeal within 60 days from the date the  
308 request is made. Subject to department rules and regulations, while an administrative review or,  
309 if applicable, an administrative appeal hearing is pending and until a final determination is made,  
310 services supported by child care financial assistance shall continue after receipt of a notice of  
311 reduction, termination or denial of continued child care financial assistance.

312 (i) The department shall review the child care financial assistance program not less than  
313 annually to identify access barriers to families and opportunities to improve families’  
314 experiences with the child care financial assistance process, including, but not limited to,  
315 department paperwork and verification requirements. The department shall take action to remove  
316 any access barriers, including, but not limited to: (i) making technological improvements; (ii)  
317 streamlining the application and renewal processes; (iii) improving outreach to potentially  
318 eligible families regarding the availability of child care financial assistance and the application  
319 process; and (iv) improving access for families with limited English proficiency.

320 (j) Annually, not later than February 15, the department shall file a report to the clerks of  
321 the senate and house of representatives, the senate and house committees on ways and means and  
322 the joint committee on education on the child care financial assistance program including, but  
323 not limited to: (i) the number of applications received; (ii) the numbers of applications denied,  
324 delineated by reason for denial; (iii) the number of administrative reviews requested, delineated  
325 by reasons for ineligibility as determined by the department; (iv) the number of administrative  
326 reviews performed, delineated by reversal, reduction, termination and denial of child care  
327 financial assistance and length of time in which a decision was made; and (v) the number of  
328 administrative appeal hearings, delineated by the administrative appeal hearing decisions and  
329 length of time in which a decision was made. The report shall be made publicly available on the  
330 department’s website.

331 (k) The department shall promulgate regulations necessary to implement this section.

332 SECTION 22. Subsection (a) of section 17 of said chapter 15D, as appearing in the 2022  
333 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the definitions of “Family child care  
334 provider” and “Family child care services” and inserting in place thereof the following 2  
335 definitions:-



336 “Family child care provider”, a person who provides family child care services on behalf  
337 of children receiving child care financial assistance and receives payment from the  
338 commonwealth for such services under a rate structure for voucher and contracted payments.

339 “Family child care services”, child care services provided for less than 24 hours per day  
340 in the residence of the provider on behalf of children receiving child care financial assistance for  
341 which payment from the commonwealth is made under a rate structure for voucher and  
342 contracted payments.

343 SECTION 23. Subsection (b) of said section 17 of said chapter 15D, as so appearing, is  
344 hereby amended by inserting after the fifth sentence the following sentence:- Deductions may  
345 further be made under said sections 17A, 17G and 17J of said chapter 180 from payments  
346 received by family child care providers through grants received under section 19; provided,  
347 however, that notwithstanding subsection (g), with the exception of dispute resolution  
348 procedures regarding grant payment errors, the distribution, disbursement or allocation amounts  
349 or formulas of said grants shall not be the subject of negotiation or collective bargaining.

350 SECTION 24. Said section 17 of said chapter 15D, as so appearing, is hereby further  
351 amended by striking out, in line 76, the words “low-income and other at-risk children” and  
352 inserting in place thereof the following:- children receiving financial assistance.

353 SECTION 25. Said chapter 15D is hereby further amended by adding the following 2  
354 sections:-

355 Section 19. (a) The department shall, subject to appropriation, establish, distribute and  
356 maintain an operational grant program for early education and care providers to provide high-  
357 quality and sustainable education and care.

358 (b) Eligible uses for operational grants shall include, but not be limited to: (i)  
359 compensating early education and care provider staff through increased salaries, benefits,  
360 bonuses, professional development or access to continuing education opportunities; (ii)  
361 increasing the affordability of early education and care to families, including by reducing the  
362 tuition and fees paid by families or offering scholarships to families; (iii) enabling early  
363 education and care providers to provide high-quality early education and care and to comply with  
364 applicable health, safety, educational and quality-assurance requirements, any other requirements  
365 of this chapter, and requirements imposed by the department consistent with this chapter; (iv)

366 improving facilities and physical spaces used by the providers; (v) enabling early education and  
367 care providers to purchase high-quality, evidence-based early literacy materials; (vi) enabling  
368 providers to address emergency situations during which the cost of care significantly increases  
369 due to additional federal, state or department requirements or the loss of fees due to absence or  
370 unenrollment that jeopardizes early education and care providers' ability to retain their facilities  
371 and staff; and (vii) enabling early education and care providers to maintain or increase capacity  
372 to provide voluntary supplemental services to enrolled children and their families including, but  
373 not limited to, social work services, health and disability-related services and support services to  
374 parents and caregivers.

375 (c) The department shall maintain a formula for distributing operational grants to early  
376 education and care providers, which shall give preference to providers that serve: (i) high  
377 numbers of children receiving child care financial assistance or services from head start and early  
378 head start programs; (ii) high numbers of high needs children; and (iii) unique populations or that  
379 otherwise advance the interest of the program as determined by the department. The formula  
380 shall consider: (i) licensed capacity and enrollment including the ages of the children enrolled  
381 and the ages of the children for whom the provider has capacity; provided, however, that  
382 enrollment shall be measured by the department using quarterly enrollment averages or if  
383 deemed appropriate by the department, enrollment averages less frequent than quarterly (ii) costs  
384 associated with employee compensation, including salaries and benefits; (iii) the number of  
385 enrolled children receiving child care financial assistance, services from head start and early  
386 head start programs or scholarship assistance or other meaningful financial assistance from an  
387 early education and care provider; (iv) the demographics and income of families served,  
388 including the number of children enrolled and identified as high needs; (v) the cost of goods and  
389 services necessary for provider operations, including rent, utilities, maintenance and facility  
390 improvements; (vi) the cost of quality care methodology developed by the department and, until  
391 such time as the methodology is established, any available information regarding the cost of  
392 quality early education and care, including available credentialing frameworks and applicable  
393 salary guidelines; (vii) increasing the financial stability of providers in need; (viii) and business  
394 structure of providers; and (ix) any other factors impacting the cost of providing quality early  
395 education and care including, but not limited to, serving infants and toddlers, providing  
396 nonstandard hours of care and providing care in socially and economically disadvantaged and  
397 historically underrepresented communities with shortages of early education and care slots. A  
398 provider that is not an "eligible organization" as defined in section 18 of chapter 15D and that,

399 directly or through an affiliate, operates more than 10 center-based programs in the  
400 commonwealth shall not receive more than 1 per cent of annual program funds unless the  
401 provider is granted a waiver by the commissioner deeming such allocation of more than 1 per  
402 cent to be in the best interest of the commonwealth. The department shall incorporate geographic  
403 equity into the development of the distribution formula.

404 Annually, the department shall review and update the operational grant formula to ensure  
405 equity and effectiveness in the financial sustainability of early education and care providers.  
406 Prior to the establishment or a revision of the operation grant formula, the department shall  
407 conduct a public hearing under chapter 30A and submit the proposed updates to the board for its  
408 approval.

409 (d) As a condition for receiving operational grants under this section, the department shall  
410 require early education and care providers to: (i) enter into and comply with contractual  
411 agreements with the department or its agents, which shall be developed by the department; (ii)  
412 continue to, or demonstrate a willingness to, enroll children receiving child care financial  
413 assistance, if a family receiving child care financial assistance chooses the provider and the  
414 provider has an available opening; (iii) comply with the career ladder established in section 20,  
415 and if not feasible, provide increased salaries, compensation and benefits to the extent possible;  
416 and (iv) provide the department with data that the department requires, as needed to carry out the  
417 department's assessment and reporting requirements under this section. The department shall  
418 solicit public comments prior to establishing or revising criteria for eligible recipients of the  
419 operational grant program.

420 (e) Operational grants shall, subject to appropriation and the distribution formula  
421 developed under subsection (c), be renewed for each provider; provided, however, that renewal  
422 shall not be required if there is a change in circumstances for the provider making them  
423 ineligible, the provider is not in compliance with this section or if the department, in its  
424 discretion, determines that renewal would not be appropriate.

425 (f) The department shall establish enforceable compliance standards to ensure the  
426 integrity of the program. The standards shall ensure that open slots in early education and care  
427 providers that receive operational grants are accessible to children receiving child care financial  
428 assistance and that recipients are making meaningful progress towards complying with the career  
429 ladder standards established in section 20; provided, however, that a provider that is not an

430 “eligible organization” as defined in section 18 of chapter 15D and that, directly or through an  
431 affiliate, operates more than 10 center-based programs in the commonwealth and receives  
432 operational grants shall: (i) demonstrate a willingness to accept more children receiving child  
433 care financial assistance at each program location operated by the provider or an affiliate of the  
434 provider in proportion to the provider’s size, as determined by the department; (ii) dedicate a  
435 certain percentage of the provider’s operational grant funds, as determined by the department, to  
436 increasing compensation for their early education educators and make meaningful progress  
437 towards complying with the department’s career ladder; and (iii) annually provide the department  
438 with an audited financial statement detailing how the provider’s operational grant funds are  
439 spent. Prior to establishing or revising standards, the department shall solicit public input.

440 (g) The department shall include information on the status of the operational grant  
441 program in the department’s annual report required by subsection (g) of section 3. This  
442 information shall include, but not be limited to: (i) a description of the distribution formula; (ii)  
443 an analysis of the incorporation of equity into the distribution formula; (iii) an analysis of the  
444 demographic data of the families served by recipients of operational grants; (iv) an analysis of  
445 how recipients are using operational grants; (v) an analysis of the impact of the operational grant  
446 program on supporting provider sustainability, increasing the availability of early education and  
447 care slots, supporting the early education and care workforce, assisting providers with complying  
448 with the career ladder established under section 20 and improving access to, and the affordability  
449 of, high-quality early education and care; (vi) an analysis of the impact that the termination of  
450 the operational grant program would have on the commonwealth; (vii) if applicable,  
451 recommendations on how the program could be modified to most effectively direct grant funding  
452 to providers serving families with the greatest needs; and (viii) if applicable, recommendations  
453 on how to amend the distribution formula to maximize the goals of educational equity, school  
454 readiness and optimal results for families with the greatest needs. The department shall publicly  
455 post on its website the amount of operational grants awarded, delineated by the name of each  
456 recipient and by the municipality in which the recipient is located.

457 Section 20. (a) The department shall maintain an early education and care career ladder  
458 as considered under clause (11) of the second paragraph of section 5.

459 (b) The career ladder shall include, but not be limited to: (i) minimum recommended  
460 salaries and compensation for each level of the career ladder that are commensurate with the  
461 salaries of public school teachers with equivalent education, credentials and training required for

462 a position; (ii) minimum recommended benefits for early education and care provider staff  
463 including, but not limited to, health insurance, retirement benefits, paid vacation and other leave  
464 time; and (iii) recommendations for linking professional development and educational  
465 credentials to increased compensation and leadership opportunities in early education and care.  
466 Prior to establishing or revising the career ladder, the department shall solicit public input.

467 (c) The department shall review the career ladder's compensation structure and benefits  
468 guidelines annually and update them, as needed, based on increased cost of living or any other  
469 factors deemed relevant by the department to determine appropriate compensation for the field.

470 SECTION 26. Section 25 of chapter 22C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
471 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the words “, which shall be written  
472 examinations,”.

473 SECTION 27. Said section 25 of said chapter 22C of the General Laws, as so appearing,  
474 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “question”, in line 13, the following  
475 words:- or assessment.

476 SECTION 28. Said chapter 22C is hereby further amended by striking out section 26, as  
477 so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

478 Section 26. (a) The colonel may promote uniformed members of the state police who are  
479 deemed eligible for promotion by way of examination by the colonel to the title of  
480 noncommissioned officer or lieutenant. Promotional examinations for the title of  
481 noncommissioned officer or lieutenant shall include a written test and may include an assessment  
482 process designed to evaluate a uniformed member's knowledge, skills and abilities related to the  
483 position. The assessment process, if utilized, and the written test shall be developed in  
484 consultation with and validated by a certified organizational psychologist. A total promotional  
485 score shall be based on the uniformed member's promotional examination score and a longevity  
486 score. The colonel shall promulgate regulations relative to the validation of promotional  
487 examinations, the specific components of promotional examinations, the weighting of such  
488 components, the calculation and weighting of longevity scores and a 2 per cent increase of a  
489 promotional score for a uniformed member who is a veteran in accordance with subsection (b).

490 (b) For a uniformed member who is a veteran, the regulations shall provide for the  
491 uniformed member's promotional score on the written examination to be increased by 2 per cent

492 and may provide for veteran status to be recognized in other ways in the promotional  
493 examination process.

494 (c) The colonel may promulgate regulations providing for veteran status to be recognized  
495 in other ways in the promotional examination process and for minimum scores on the  
496 promotional examination, or portions thereof, to be met by uniformed members to be eligible for  
497 promotion. Such minimum scores shall be set in consultation with a certified organizational  
498 psychologist before or after the administration of the promotional examination.

499 (d) To be eligible to participate in a promotional examination for the title of  
500 noncommissioned officer, a uniformed member shall, at a minimum, have completed not less  
501 than 5 years of service as a uniformed member and not less than 1 full year of service in the next  
502 lower rank or title immediately preceding the final date for the filing of applications for such  
503 examination. To be eligible to participate in a promotional examination for the title of lieutenant,  
504 a uniformed member shall, at a minimum, have completed not less than 8 years of service as a  
505 uniformed member prior to the final date for filing applications for such examination and have  
506 completed not less than 1 full year of service in the next lower rank or title immediately  
507 preceding the final date for the filing of applications for such examination.

508 (e) Prior to making any promotions under this section, the colonel shall publish and  
509 distribute in the orders of the department for each title in the department a list of the uniformed  
510 members who are eligible for promotion and the title for which they are eligible. Each list of  
511 uniformed members eligible for promotion shall be used by the colonel to fill vacancies for a  
512 period of not less than 2 years and not more than 5 years from the initial date of publication;  
513 provided, however, that the colonel may shorten the period to less than 2 years if the colonel  
514 reasonably determines that termination of the list of eligible uniformed members is required to  
515 avoid a violation of law.

516 (f) The colonel shall promulgate regulations detailing how selections for promotion are to  
517 be made from the list of eligible uniformed members. The regulations may allow for the  
518 grouping of said list into bands based on promotional scores.

519 SECTION 29. Section 55 of chapter 23K of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
520 amended by striking out, in lines 6 and 7, the words “9 per cent of its gross gaming revenue” and  
521 inserting in place thereof the following words:- 4.5 per cent of its gross gaming revenue to the  
522 General Fund and a daily assessment of 4.5 per cent of said gross gaming revenue.

523 SECTION 30. Section 59 of said chapter 23K, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
524 striking out paragraph (2) and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

525 (2) 100 per cent of the revenue received from a category 1 license shall be transferred as  
526 follows: (a) 32 per cent to the Gaming Local Aid Fund established in section 63;

527 (b) 20.8 per cent to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund established in section 2ZZZ  
528 of chapter 29;

529 (c) 19.4 per cent to the Education Fund established in section 64;

530 (d) 13.2 per cent to the Gaming Economic Development Fund established in section  
531 2DDDD of chapter 29;

532 (e) 6.1 per cent to the Local Capital Projects Fund established in section 2EEEE of  
533 chapter 29;

534 (f) 5.5 per cent to the Public Health Trust Fund established in section 58;

535 (g) 2 per cent to the Massachusetts Cultural and Performing Arts Mitigation Trust Fund  
536 established in section 2HHHHH of chapter 29; and

537 (h) 1 per cent to the Massachusetts Tourism Fund established in section 13T of chapter  
538 23A.

539 SECTION 31. Section 2O of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
540 amended by inserting after the word “note”, in line 79, the following words:- and the income  
541 surtax as defined in paragraph (a) of section 2BBBBBB of chapter 29 shall not be reduced below  
542 the dedicated transportation income surtax revenue amount as defined in said paragraph (a) of  
543 said section 2BBBBBB of said chapter 29.

544 SECTION 32. Said chapter 29 is hereby further amended by striking out section 2PPP, as  
545 so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

546 Section 2PPP. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a  
547 separate, non-budgeted special revenue fund known as the Essential Community Provider Trust  
548 Fund. There shall be credited to the fund: (i) any funds that may be appropriated or transferred  
549 for deposit into the fund; and (ii) any income derived from investment of any money credited to  
550 the fund. In conjunction with the preparation of the statutory basis financial report required by

551 section 12 of chapter 7A, the comptroller shall prepare and issue an annual report detailing the  
552 revenues and expenditures of the fund. Amounts credited to the fund shall not be subject to  
553 further appropriation. Money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to  
554 the General Fund and shall be available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years. To  
555 accommodate timing discrepancies between the receipt of revenue and related expenditures, the  
556 comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the most recent revenue estimates as  
557 certified by the secretary of health and human services to be transferred, credited or deposited  
558 under this section. The secretary shall administer the fund and disburse money from the fund to  
559 pay acute hospitals and community health centers to maintain financial stability for the provision  
560 of healthcare services to ensure access to care, provide for public health and promote equity.

561 SECTION 33. Said chapter 29 is hereby amended by striking out section 2AAAA, as so  
562 appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

563 Section 2AAAA. There shall be a State Athletic Commission Fund, which shall be a  
564 separate, nonbudgeted special revenue fund to be administered by the division of occupational  
565 licensure. The fund shall be credited with: (i) appropriations, bond proceeds or other money  
566 authorized or transferred by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the  
567 fund; and (ii) any monies from licensing fees or other fees and fines collected under sections 32  
568 to 35, inclusive, 40, 40A and 42 of chapter 147 and section 12 of chapter 265. Amounts credited  
569 to the fund shall be available for expenditure without further appropriation up to \$500,000 each  
570 fiscal year for the costs of operating and administering the state athletic commission; provided,  
571 however, that if the amount remaining in the fund exceeds \$500,000 at the end of a fiscal year,  
572 such excess amount shall revert to the General Fund and be made available for appropriation. For  
573 the purposes of accommodating discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and  
574 related expenditures, the department may incur expense and the comptroller may certify for  
575 payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue  
576 estimate as reported in the state accounting system.

577 SECTION 34. Section 2TTTTT of chapter 29 of the General Laws, inserted by section 22  
578 of chapter 126 of the acts of 2022, is hereby amended by striking out subsections (c) and (d) and  
579 inserting in place thereof the following 2 subsections:-

580 (c)(1) The secretary shall expend money in the fund, including all amounts credited to the  
581 fund, for payments to qualifying acute hospital providers under contract with the executive office



582 of health and human services or under subcontracts with care organizations that contract with the  
583 executive office in connection with the MassHealth program as provided in this subsection.

584 (2) The secretary shall annually expend amounts from the fund averaging, for the 3-year  
585 period from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2027, inclusive, not less than \$2,158,500,000 per  
586 year; provided, however, that all such payments shall fall into 1 of the following categories: (i)  
587 health equity incentive payments; (ii) clinical quality incentive payments; (iii) other incentive  
588 payments; (iv) rate payments for services provided to MassHealth members; (v) targeted  
589 payments to: (A) freestanding pediatric acute hospitals; (B) nonprofit teaching acute hospitals  
590 that provide medical, surgical, emergency and obstetrical services and are affiliated with a state-  
591 owned medical school; (C) freestanding cancer hospitals; (D) the acute hospital that had the  
592 lowest statewide commercial relative price in fiscal year 2019 as reported by the center for health  
593 information and analysis; or (E) the independent group 1 safety net hospital that had the largest  
594 percentile of operating loss in fiscal year 2022 as reported by the center for health information  
595 and analysis. The secretary may determine funding allocations within each such category within  
596 a given year; provided, however, that such allocations shall be consistent with all approved  
597 federal waivers and state plan provisions; and provided further, that the secretary shall allocate  
598 an average of not less than \$1,192,000,000 per year, for the 3-year period from October 1, 2024  
599 to September 30, 2027, for the rate payments described in clause (iv), with an average of not less  
600 than \$92,000,000 allocated for group 1 safety net hospitals for such 3-year period, an average of  
601 not less than \$460,000,000 allocated for group 2 safety net hospitals for such 3-year period and  
602 an average of not less than \$640,000,000 allocated across all acute hospitals for such 3-year  
603 period.

604 (3) Of the targeted payments described in clause (v) of the first sentence of paragraph (2),  
605 the secretary shall expend annually from the fund: (i) \$70,000,000 to freestanding pediatric acute  
606 hospitals, of which at least 98 per cent shall be paid to the freestanding pediatric hospital that had  
607 the largest volume of inpatient discharges in fiscal year 2019; (ii) \$35,000,000 to nonprofit  
608 teaching acute hospitals that provide medical, surgical, emergency and obstetrical services and  
609 are affiliated with a state-owned medical school; (iii) \$11,000,000 to the acute hospital that had  
610 the lowest statewide commercial relative price in fiscal year 2019 as reported by the center for  
611 health information and analysis; (iv) \$5,000,000 to freestanding cancer hospitals; and (v)  
612 \$10,000,000 to the independent group 1 safety net hospital that had the largest operating  
613 percentile loss in fiscal year 2022 as reported by the center for health information and analysis.

614 (4) Of the incentive payments described in clauses (i) and (ii) of paragraph (2), the  
615 secretary shall make interim payments to qualifying hospitals based on the secretary's estimate  
616 of each such hospital's final payment for the measurement period. As soon as practicable after  
617 the close of the measurement period, the secretary shall determine the final amount of each  
618 qualifying hospital's incentive payments and shall reconcile each hospital's interim payment  
619 with its final payment.

620 (d) If any portion of the final annual amount allocated by the secretary to health equity  
621 incentive payments, clinical quality incentive payments or other incentive payments is unearned  
622 during the relevant measurement period for such payment, as determined by the secretary, the  
623 secretary shall transfer the state's share of that unearned amount to the Health Safety Net Trust  
624 Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E.

625 SECTION 35. Section 2XXXXX of said chapter 29, as appearing in the 2022 Official  
626 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 18, the word "services".

627 SECTION 36. Said section 2XXXXX of said chapter 29, as so appearing, is hereby  
628 further amended by striking out subsections (c) and (d) and inserting in place thereof the  
629 following 2 subsections:-

630 (c) The department of correction and the sheriffs shall biannually submit to the secretary  
631 of administration and finance documentation of communication services provided free of charge  
632 in order to receive payments from the fund pursuant to subsection (b); provided, however, that  
633 documentation shall include, but not be limited to, the following information for each facility: (i)  
634 the total number of voice calls; (ii) the total number of minutes for voice calls; (iii) the total  
635 number of video calls; (iv) the total number of minutes for video calls; (v) the total number of  
636 electronic mail messages sent and received; and (vi) any additional documentation as deemed  
637 necessary by the secretary.

638 (d) Biannually, the secretary of administration and finance, in consultation with the  
639 department of correction and the sheriffs, shall report to the senate and house committees on  
640 ways and means and the joint committee on the judiciary on matters related to  
641 telecommunication contracts entered into by the department of correction and the sheriffs,  
642 including, but not limited to: (i) records of all payments for telecommunications services for  
643 incarcerated persons; (ii) an overview of contracts for all telecommunication services the  
644 department entered into, including the compensation structure included in the contracts; (iii) a

645 rate sheet itemizing all charges to consumers for services or programs embedded in the  
646 telecommunications contracts, including charges for tablet services and transfers to commissary  
647 accounts via tablet; (iv) revenue derived by the department and the sheriffs from products or  
648 services embedded in the telecommunications contracts; (v) any policy governing access to  
649 voice, video or electronic mail communications; and (vi) any changes in telecommunication  
650 contracts for voice communication services, including any progress in maximizing purchasing  
651 power and consolidating contracts between the sheriffs and the department of correction.

652 SECTION 37. Section 2BBBBBB of said chapter 29, inserted by section 17 of chapter 28  
653 of the acts of 2023, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (a) and inserting in place  
654 thereof the following 2 subsections:-

655 (a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following meanings unless  
656 the context clearly requires otherwise:

657 “Dedicated transportation income surtax revenue amount”, the amount of \$250,000,000  
658 for each fiscal year.

659 “Income surtax”, the tax specified in subsection (d) of section 4 of chapter 62.

660 “Income surtax revenue”, tax revenue from the tax specified in subsection (d) of section 4  
661 of chapter 62, as adjusted, pursuant to Article XLIV of the Amendments to the Constitution of  
662 the Commonwealth.

663 “Remaining income surtax revenue”, in each fiscal year, the income surtax revenue less  
664 the dedicated transportation income surtax revenue amount; and in each calendar quarter, the  
665 portion of the income surtax revenue collected in such calendar quarter less the portion  
666 attributable to the dedicated transportation income surtax revenue amount.

667 “Transportation income surtax revenue”, income tax revenue from the tax specified in  
668 subsection (d) of section 4 of chapter 62 and used for transportation purposes.

669 (a<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>) The dedicated transportation income surtax revenue amount shall be credited to the  
670 Commonwealth Transportation Fund established under section 2ZZZ. The sums to be credited to  
671 the Commonwealth Transportation Fund under this subsection are hereby impressed with a trust  
672 for the benefit of the holders from time to time of any special obligation bonds or notes payable  
673 solely from monies credited to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund as provided in section

674 2O. Any increase in capacity to issue special obligation bonds or notes payable under said  
675 section 2O shall be for approved transportation projects in geographically equitable locations;  
676 provided, however, that annually, not later than October 31, the secretary for administration and  
677 finance shall submit a report to the joint committee on transportation detailing approved  
678 transportation projects funded during the prior fiscal year.

679 SECTION 38. Subsection (b) of said section 2BBBBBB of said chapter 29, as so  
680 inserted, is hereby amended by striking out clause (i) and inserting in place thereof the following  
681 clause:- (i) income surtax revenue, not including the dedicated transportation income surtax  
682 revenue amount.

683 SECTION 39. Subsection (d) of said section 2BBBBBB of said chapter 29, as so  
684 inserted, is hereby amended by striking out the words “collected and deposited into the  
685 Education and Transportation Trust Fund”.

686 SECTION 40. Subsection (e) of said section 2BBBBBB of said chapter 29 of the General  
687 Laws, as so inserted, is hereby amended by striking out the words “collected and deposited into  
688 the Education and Transportation Trust Fund”.

689 SECTION 41. Said section 2BBBBBB of said chapter 29, as so inserted, is hereby further  
690 amended by striking out subsections (f), (g) and (h) and inserting in place thereof the following 2  
691 subsections:-

692 (f) Annual expenditures from the fund shall not exceed a spending threshold proposed,  
693 less the dedicated transportation income surtax revenue amount, by the governor and enacted by  
694 the general court as part of the consensus revenue process pursuant to section 5B. The annual  
695 spending threshold shall represent an amount of revenue, less the dedicated transportation  
696 income surtax revenue amount, that may reliably be expected to occur in the following fiscal  
697 year based on experience to date and the testimony provided at the joint hearing on the economy  
698 under said section 5B.

699 (g) Annually, in consultation with the secretary for administration and finance, as part of  
700 the annual statutory basis financial report required pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of  
701 section 12 of chapter 7A, the comptroller shall certify the amount of funds expended in the prior  
702 fiscal year from the fund and designate each expenditure as transportation or education on the  
703 basis of the department through which the expenditures were authorized.

704 SECTION 42. Said section 2BBBBBB of said chapter 29 is hereby further amended by  
705 striking out subsection (f), as appearing in section 41, and inserting in place thereof the following  
706 subsection:-

707 (f) The annual spending threshold shall be equal to the prior year spending threshold, less  
708 the dedicated transportation income surtax revenue amount, plus an adjustment factor equal to  
709 the 10-year rolling rate of growth of income subject to the tax specified in subsection (d) of  
710 section 4 of chapter 62 as certified by the commissioner of revenue. For years in which the tax  
711 specified in said subsection (d) of said section 4 of said chapter 62 was not in effect, the  
712 commissioner shall calculate the amount of income that would have been subject to the taxes,  
713 adjusted for increases in the cost of living in the same manner as described in Article XLIV of  
714 the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth and set forth pursuant to said  
715 subsection (d) of said section 4 of said chapter 62.

716 SECTION 43. Said chapter 29 is hereby further amended by inserting after section  
717 2DDDDDD the following 3 sections:-

718 Section 2EEEEEE. (a) There shall be a Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project  
719 Fund which shall be a separate, nonbudgeted special revenue fund to be administered by the  
720 secretary of health and human services. There shall be credited to the fund: (i) any transfers from  
721 the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E; (ii) an amount equal  
722 to any federal financial participation revenues claimed and received by the commonwealth for  
723 eligible expenditures made from the fund; (iii) any revenue from appropriations or other money  
724 authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; and (iv)  
725 interest earned on any money in the fund. Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended  
726 without further appropriation.

727 (b) The secretary shall annually make available amounts from the fund solely for the  
728 expenses of the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project operated by the department of  
729 mental health, in an amount equal to the amount described in the definition of “Massachusetts  
730 Child Psychiatry Access Project revenue amount” under section 64 of chapter 118E.

731 (c) To accommodate timing discrepancies between the receipt of revenue and related  
732 expenditures, the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the most recent  
733 revenue estimates as certified by the secretary to be transferred, credited or deposited under this

734 section. The secretary shall, to the maximum extent possible, administer the fund to obtain  
735 federal financial participation for the expenditures of non-federal money from the fund.

736 (d) If the amount in the fund exceeds the amount sufficient to make the payments  
737 described in subsection (b), at any point in time, as determined by the secretary, the secretary  
738 may transfer the commonwealth's share of such amount to the General Fund, the Health Safety  
739 Net Trust Fund established in said section 66 of said chapter 118E or the Managed Care  
740 Organization Services Reinvestment Fund established in section 2FFFFFF of chapter 29;  
741 provided, however, that no such transfer shall cause a deficit in this fund.

742 Section 2FFFFFF. (a) There shall be a Managed Care Organization Services  
743 Reinvestment Fund which shall be a separate, nonbudgeted revenue fund to be administered by  
744 the secretary of health and human services. There shall be credited to the fund: (i) any transfers  
745 from the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E; (ii) an amount  
746 equal to any federal financial participation revenues claimed and received by the commonwealth  
747 for eligible expenditures made from the fund; (iii) any revenue from appropriations or other  
748 money authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; and  
749 (iv) interest earned on any money in the fund. Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended,  
750 without further appropriation, to make payments to Medicaid managed care organizations, as  
751 defined in section 64 of chapter 118E.

752 (b) Money in the fund shall be expended for Medicaid payments under an approved state  
753 plan or federal waiver or for the administration of the assessment established in section 68 of  
754 chapter 118E; provided, however, that all Medicaid payments from the fund shall be: (i) subject  
755 to the availability of federal financial participation; (ii) made only under federally-approved  
756 payment methods; (iii) consistent with federal funding requirements and all applicable federal  
757 payment limits as determined by the secretary; and (iv) subject to the terms and conditions of  
758 applicable agreements between Medicaid managed care organizations and the executive office of  
759 health and human services. To accommodate timing discrepancies between the receipt of  
760 revenue and related expenditures, the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed  
761 the most recent revenue estimates as certified by the secretary to be transferred, credited or  
762 deposited under this section. The secretary shall, to the maximum extent possible, administer the  
763 fund to obtain federal financial participation for the expenditures of non-federal money from the  
764 fund. Money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund  
765 and shall be available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years.

766 (c)(1) The secretary shall expend money in the fund, including all amounts credited to the  
767 fund, as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3).

768 (2) The secretary shall annually expend amounts from the fund for payments to Medicaid  
769 managed care organizations, as such term is defined in section 64 of chapter 118E, averaging,  
770 over a period of 5 years, not less than \$246,000,000 per year; provided, however, that such  
771 expenditures shall be consistent with all approved federal waivers and state plan provisions.

772 (3) Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, the secretary shall transfer from the  
773 fund to the General Fund \$57,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 and \$114,000,000 annually thereafter.

774 (d) If the amount in the fund exceeds the amount sufficient to make the payments  
775 described in subsection (c), at any point in time, as determined by the secretary, the secretary  
776 may transfer the commonwealth's share of such amount to the General Fund, the Health Safety  
777 Net Trust Fund established in said section 66 of said chapter 118E or the Massachusetts Child  
778 Psychiatry Access Project Fund established in section 2EEEEEE of chapter 29; provided,  
779 however, that no such transfer shall cause a deficit in this fund.

780 Section 2GGGGGG. (a) There shall be a Reentry Demonstration Project Reinvestment  
781 Trust Fund which shall be a separate, nonbudgeted revenue fund to be administered by the  
782 secretary of health and human services. There shall be credited to the fund: (i) an amount equal  
783 to any federal financial participation revenues claimed and received by the commonwealth  
784 attributed to the delivery of MassHealth services to individuals in certain public institutions  
785 including, but not limited to, state prisons, county jails, houses of correction and the department  
786 of youth services' facilities, pursuant to an approved demonstration project under section 1115 of  
787 the Social Security Act; (ii) appropriations or other money authorized or transferred by the  
788 general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; and (iii) any interest earned  
789 on the amounts in the fund.

790 (b) Money in the fund shall be expended in accordance with an approved demonstration  
791 project under section 1115 of the Social Security Act to provide MassHealth services to  
792 individuals in certain public institutions including, but not limited to, state prisons, county jails,  
793 houses of correction and the department of youth services facilities. The secretary shall, to the  
794 maximum extent possible, administer the funds to obtain federal financial participation for the  
795 expenditures of nonfederal money from the fund. Amounts credited to the fund shall be

796 expended without further appropriation. Money in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not  
797 revert to the General Fund and shall be available for expenditure during the following fiscal year.

798 (c) The secretary may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify payment amounts  
799 in anticipation of expected receipts; provided, however, that no expenditure made from the fund  
800 shall cause the fund to be deficient at the close of a fiscal year. To accommodate timing  
801 discrepancies between the receipt of revenue and related expenditures, the comptroller may  
802 certify for payment amounts not to exceed the most recent revenue estimates as certified by the  
803 secretary to be transferred, credited or deposited under this section.

804 SECTION 44. Section 39M of chapter 30 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
805 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 63, the word “and”.

806 SECTION 45. Said section 39M of said chapter 30, as so appearing, is hereby further  
807 amended by inserting after the figure “\$150,000”, in line 67, the following words:- and, at the  
808 option of the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance, every maintenance  
809 service contract as defined in paragraph (D ½) of section 44A of chapter 149 by the division of  
810 capital asset management and maintenance.

811 SECTION 46. The fourth paragraph of subsection (a) of said section 39M of said chapter  
812 30, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence the following  
813 sentence:- The division of capital asset management and maintenance shall evaluate the  
814 performance of the contractor of a maintenance service contract, as defined in said paragraph (D  
815 ½) of said section 44A of said chapter 149, procured pursuant to this section at the end of each  
816 maintenance service contract and keep said maintenance service contract performance  
817 evaluations on file.

818 SECTION 47. Section 58 of said chapter 30, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
819 inserting after the third paragraph the following paragraph:-

820 If an employee of the commonwealth has received payments pursuant to chapter 175M  
821 and subsequently receives workers' compensation payments pursuant to chapter 152 for the same  
822 period, the state employer agency shall, on behalf of the state employee, return to the department  
823 of family and medical leave the portion of the workers' compensation payment that represents an  
824 overpayment of benefits pursuant to section 3 of said chapter 175M.



825 SECTION 48. Section 8 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is amended  
826 hereby by inserting after the word “job”, in line 25, the following words:- or similar position.

827 SECTION 49. Paragraph (a) of subdivision (1) of said section 8 of said chapter 32, as so  
828 appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:-

829 During the regular periodic evaluation required pursuant to this section, a member may  
830 request that, in addition to being evaluated for a return to their former position, the member be  
831 evaluated for a specific identified position in a retirement system other than the position from  
832 which they retired, including a position with a different employer or a position that would entitle  
833 the member to membership in a different retirement system. The evaluation shall be conducted in  
834 the same manner as all other examinations provided for in this section. If the member is found  
835 able to perform the essential duties of the identified position, the member shall be permitted to  
836 return to active service in said position and the member’s pension provided for in section 6 or 7  
837 shall cease upon the member’s return to service.

838 SECTION 50. Paragraph (b) of subdivision (2) of said section 8 of said chapter 32, as so  
839 appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the second sentence the following sentence:- If  
840 the member returns to service to a different retirement system than that from which the member  
841 retired, the member’s original retirement system shall provide creditable service for any period  
842 of disability prior to reinstatement to service in the new system; provided, however, that if the  
843 member is subsequently retired for a disability as a result of the injury for which the member was  
844 previously retired, the original retirement system shall be assessed a portion of the disability  
845 pension pursuant to subdivision (5) of section 7.

846 SECTION 51. Chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
847 section 17S the following section:-

848 Section 17T. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall have the  
849 following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

850 “Directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility”, to cause circumstances where a  
851 disease or the necessary treatment for a disease has a likely side effect of infertility as established  
852 by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology  
853 or other reputable professional organizations.

854 “Standard fertility preservation services”, procedures or treatments to preserve fertility as  
855 recommended by a board-certified obstetrician gynecologist, reproductive endocrinologist or  
856 other physician; provided, however, that the recommendation shall be made in accordance with  
857 current medical practices and professional guidelines published by the American Society for  
858 Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology or other reputable  
859 professional organizations.

860 (b) The commission shall provide to any active or retired employee of the commonwealth  
861 who is insured under the group insurance commission coverage for standard fertility preservation  
862 services, including, but not limited to, coverage for procurement, cryopreservation and storage of  
863 gametes, embryos or other reproductive tissue, when the enrollee has a diagnosed medical or  
864 genetic condition that may directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility by affecting  
865 reproductive organs or processes. Coverage shall be provided to the same extent that coverage is  
866 provided for other pregnancy-related procedures.

867 SECTION 52. Section 41 of chapter 36 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
868 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 9 and 12, the figure “2025” and  
869 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- 2030.

870 SECTION 53. Section 3 of chapter 40A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
871 amended by striking out the fifth paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following  
872 paragraph:-

873 Family child care home and large family child care home as defined in section 1A of  
874 chapter 15D shall be an allowable use and no city or town shall prohibit or regulate such use in  
875 its zoning ordinances or by-laws.

876 SECTION 54. Section 13 of chapter 46 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
877 amended by striking out subsection (e) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

878 (e)(1) A person who is 18 years of age or older, an emancipated minor or the parent or  
879 guardian of a person who is a minor may request a change in the sex designation on the person’s  
880 birth record to a sex designation including, but not limited to, “female”, “male” or “X”. An “X”  
881 designation may indicate that the person is another gender or an undesignated gender. A request  
882 for a change in the sex designation on a birth record shall be accompanied by an affidavit  
883 executed under the penalty of perjury by the person to whom the record relates or by the parent

884 or guardian of the person if the person is a minor attesting that the request is to conform the  
885 person's birth record to the person's gender identity and is not made for any fraudulent purpose.  
886 No medical or healthcare related documentation, court order or proof of change of name shall be  
887 required by a town clerk or other official in connection with a request under this paragraph.

888 (2) A person who requests a change in the sex designation on the person's birth record  
889 pursuant to paragraph (1) may request a change of name on the person's birth record. A request  
890 for a change of name on a birth record shall be accompanied by a certified copy of the legal  
891 change of name. No medical or healthcare related documentation shall be required by a town  
892 clerk or other official in connection with a request under this paragraph.

893 (3) A person who has changed the sex designation on the person's birth record pursuant  
894 to paragraph (1) but did not request a change of name on the person's birth record pursuant to  
895 paragraph (2) may request a change of name on the person's birth record within 3 years from the  
896 date of the change in the sex designation on the person's birth record pursuant to said paragraph  
897 (1); provided, however, that a person whose sex designation on their birth record was changed  
898 while the person was a minor shall have 3 years from the date of their eighteenth birthday to  
899 request a change of name on the person's birth record; provided further, that the department may  
900 waive the 3-year limitation for a person that demonstrates good cause, as determined by the  
901 department. A request for a change of name on a birth record shall be accompanied by a certified  
902 copy of the legal change of name. No medical or healthcare related documentation shall be  
903 required by a town clerk or other official in connection with a request under this paragraph.

904 (4) The department of public health may promulgate regulations to implement this  
905 subsection.

906 SECTION 55. Said section 13 of said chapter 46, as so appearing, is hereby further  
907 amended by striking out, in line 200, the words "name of the father" and inserting in place  
908 thereof the following words:- a named parent, or whose record has been amended pursuant to  
909 subsection (e).

910 SECTION 56. Said section 13 of said chapter 46, as so appearing, is hereby further  
911 amended by adding the following subsection:-

912 (1) Upon application of both parties to a marriage, the record of marriage shall be  
913 amended to remove the sex of either or both parties to the marriage and change either or both

914 parties' names upon receipt of the following by the state registrar or town clerk: (i) an affidavit  
915 executed by the parties to the marriage on a form provided by the registrar attesting to their  
916 concurrence that the record be amended to reflect or remove the gender identity or sex of the any  
917 such party; and (ii) a request by a party for a change of name along with evidence of the party's  
918 legal change of name.

919 SECTION 57. Chapter 51 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out  
920 sections 37, 37A and 38, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following 2 sections:-

921 Section 37. (a) The registrars shall maintain an annual register of voters which shall  
922 contain the names and residential addresses of all registered voters in their city or town and  
923 reflect the names and residential addresses contained in the central registry of voters maintained  
924 by the state secretary under section 47C. The registrars shall add to the register the name and  
925 residential address of every person registering to vote under section 33A or 42 or automatically  
926 registered under sections 42G½ and 65. The registrars shall correct any error in the register after  
927 due investigation; provided, however, that the registrars shall only remove a name from the  
928 register in a manner provided in of subsection (c).

929 (b) The register shall not include the name of a voter that is certified under section 2 of  
930 chapter 9A or who provides the registrars with a copy of a court order granting protection,  
931 evidence of residence in a protective shelter or an affidavit signed by a chief of police or  
932 designee that the voter is entitled to have certain information withheld from the public inspection  
933 under section 24C of chapter 265.

934 (c) The registrars shall not remove a voter's name and address from the register unless:

935 (i) the voter so requests in writing;

936 (ii) the registrars receive notice from the city or town clerk under section 14, a death  
937 record from the department of public health or any other reliable information indicating that the  
938 voter has died;

939 (iii) the registrars receive official written notice that the voter is: (a) incarcerated for a  
940 felony conviction; (b) disqualified by law because of corrupt practices in respect to elections; or  
941 (c) under guardianship that prohibits voting;

942 (iv) the registrars receive official written notice that the voter is registered to vote in  
943 another jurisdiction;

944 (v) the registrars determine that the voter is illegally or incorrectly registered after  
945 complaint, notice and hearing under sections 48 and 49; or

946 (vi) the registrars determine that the voter no longer resides in their city or town as  
947 determined under section 38.

948 (d) The state secretary shall promulgate regulations to implement this section. To the  
949 extent feasible, the state secretary shall automate processes using the central registry of voters  
950 under section 47C.

951 Section 38. (a) The registrars shall maintain an inactive voters list. The registrars shall not  
952 remove a voter's name and address from the register of voters and add it to the inactive voters  
953 list unless the registrars receive information that the voter no longer resides in their city or town  
954 from: (i) permanent change-of-address information supplied by the United States Postal Service  
955 or its licensee; or (ii) the Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc. under section 47C.

956 (b) Registrars receiving information under subsection (a) showing that the voter has  
957 changed residence within their city or town shall update the voter's address in the register  
958 accordingly and notify the voter in writing.

959 (c) Whenever the registrars remove a voter's name and address from the register of voters  
960 and add it to the inactive voters list under subsection (a), the registrars shall mail to the voter at  
961 the address in the register a notice that the name of the voter may be removed from the voting list  
962 if the voter fails to respond to such notice and does not vote during the period ending with the  
963 second biennial state election following the mailing of the notice. The notice shall: (i) be postage  
964 prepaid; (ii) contain a return card preaddressed to the city or town clerk with return postage  
965 guaranteed; (iii) be sent by forwardable mail; (iv) instruct the voter to return the card before the  
966 last day to register if the voter did not change residence from the city or town; and (v) contain  
967 additional information about remaining eligible to vote, as prescribed by the state secretary.

968 (d) A voter whose name is on the inactive voters list may vote in their assigned precinct  
969 on a regular ballot upon said voter's written affirmation of continued residence in the city or  
970 town.

971 (e) The registrars shall restore to the register of voters the name and address of a voter on  
972 the inactive voters list who notifies the registrars in writing of continued residence in the city or  
973 town or who votes in any primary or election, applies for a mail ballot, signs a nomination paper  
974 or petition for a ballot question using an address in their city or town or performs acts governed  
975 by this chapter or chapters 52, 53 or 54 that require such use of an address in their city or town.

976 (f) The registrars shall remove from the inactive voters list the name of a voter that has  
977 not been restored to the register under subsection (e) after 2 biennial state elections following the  
978 mailing of the notice under subsection (c). The registrars shall mail forwardable notice to the  
979 voter that the voter's name has been removed from the inactive voters list; provided, however,  
980 that such notice shall also include information about remaining eligible to vote, as prescribed by  
981 the state secretary.

982 (g) The state secretary shall promulgate regulations to implement this section. To the  
983 extent feasible, the state secretary shall automate processes using the central registry of voters  
984 under section 47C.

985 SECTION 58. Section 1 of chapter 60 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
986 amended by inserting after the definition of "Collector" the following 2 definitions:-

987 "Excess equity", any remaining surplus amount above the taxes, interest, fees and  
988 charges of keeping, as reflected in the tax title account balance as of the date of the foreclosure  
989 judgment, and the fees, expenses, charges and costs actually and reasonably incurred in selling or  
990 appraising the property in accordance with section 64A following a final judgment of  
991 foreclosure; provided, however, that where the property is sold in accordance with said section  
992 64A, the excess equity shall be determined by deducting from the gross sale proceeds: (i) the tax  
993 title balance as of the date of the foreclosure judgment; (ii) any unpaid property tax, assessments  
994 for unpaid water and sewer charges, property insurance and homeowners' association or  
995 condominium fees accruing from the date of foreclosure; and (iii) any documented, post-  
996 judgment costs incurred by the judgment holder from the sale of the property including, but not  
997 limited to, broker or real estate agent fees or commissions, listing fees, marketing and advertising  
998 costs, legal fees, litigation fees and costs, closing costs, transfer fees, auctioneer fees, notice to  
999 property owner, appraisal fees, publication costs, property management, emergency demolition,  
1000 environmental fees and other fees, charges or costs directly or indirectly related to the  
1001 maintenance, marketing and sale of the property; provided further, that where the property is

1002 retained by the judgment holder in accordance with said section 64A, the excess equity shall be  
1003 determined by deducting the tax title account balance as of the date of the foreclosure judgment  
1004 and any documented post-judgment costs of appraisal incurred by the judgment holder from the  
1005 appraised highest and best use value of the property as of the date of the final judgment of  
1006 foreclosure.

1007 “Language understandable by a least sophisticated consumer”, language that complies  
1008 with the standard for evaluating truth and deception under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act,  
1009 15 U.S.C. section 1692 et seq., as summarized in *Jeter v. Credit Bureau, Inc.*, 760 F.2d 1168  
1010 (11th Cir. 1985).

1011 SECTION 59. Subsection (c) of section 2C of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby  
1012 amended by striking out paragraph (9) and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

1013 (9) A purchaser owning any tax receivable shall give notice to a taxpayer, and to the  
1014 appropriate municipality, within 12 business days of purchasing that tax receivable. The notice  
1015 shall include the name, address, telephone number and preferred method of communication with  
1016 the purchaser and any service agent acting on behalf of the purchaser. If the purchaser or the  
1017 service agent of such tax receivables shall change, the new purchaser or service agent shall  
1018 provide the notice required herein within 12 business days of the effective date of such change.  
1019 Where the land is Class one, residential property, as defined in section 2A of chapter 59, such  
1020 notice shall: (i) be mailed and addressed to the taxpayer at their last known residence and usual  
1021 place of abode or place of business; (ii) be posted upon the Class one, residential property; (iii)  
1022 be posted in a convenient and public place; and (iv) include a uniform notice prepared by the  
1023 commissioner of revenue, in language understandable by a least sophisticated consumer, together  
1024 with a notice in the 7 most commonly spoken languages in the commonwealth that the notice  
1025 affects important legal rights and should be translated immediately. The notice shall state:

1026 (i) that a complaint to foreclose the tax title may be filed on or after a specific date;

1027 (ii) that the tax title has been sold to a purchaser of tax receivables;

1028 (iii) why the property was taken and that the owner may redeem the property up until the  
1029 property is foreclosed by a judgment issued on a proceeding before the land court;

1030 (iv) the components of the amount as of the date of the notice, subject to accumulating  
1031 taxes, fees and charges, required to redeem the property and the procedure for redemption;

1032 (v) that if a complaint to foreclose the tax title is filed and the owner does not respond by  
1033 filing an answer, the court may enter an order defaulting the owner;

1034 (vi) that if a complaint to foreclose the tax title is filed, the owner may respond by filing  
1035 an answer that requests that the court set the terms by which the owner may redeem the property;

1036 (vii) that if the property is not redeemed, the purchaser is entitled to receive a judgment  
1037 from the land court that transfers title to the property to the town or purchaser and permanently  
1038 eliminates any title rights the owner has in the property; and

1039 (viii) that following a foreclosure of the property, the former owner shall be entitled to  
1040 any excess equity in the property, upon written request to the municipality or purchaser of tax  
1041 receivables, pursuant to section 64A.

1042 SECTION 60. Said chapter 60 is hereby further amended by striking out section 16, as so  
1043 appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

1044 Section 16. The collector shall, before selling the land of a resident or non-resident or  
1045 distraining the goods of any person, serve on him a statement of the amount thereof with a  
1046 demand for its payment. If 2 or more parcels of land are assessed in the name of a resident, or  
1047 non-resident, the statement of the aggregate amount of the taxes thereon may be made in 1  
1048 demand. Such demand may also include taxes due on account of tangible personal property and  
1049 any motor vehicle excise tax. If the heirs of a deceased person, co-partners or 2 or more persons  
1050 are jointly assessed, service shall be required for only 1 of the persons. Such demand for the tax  
1051 upon land may be made upon the person occupying the same on January first of the year in  
1052 which the tax is assessed. No demand shall be required to be made on a mortgagee, unless the  
1053 mortgagee has given notice under section 38, in which case no demand shall be required to be  
1054 made on the owner or occupant. Demand shall be made by the collector by mailing the same to  
1055 the taxpayer at taxpayer's last known residence and usual place of abode or place of business or  
1056 to the address best known by the collector; provided, however, that failure to receive the demand  
1057 notice shall not invalidate a tax or any proceedings for the enforcement or collection of the same;  
1058 provided further, that if the land is Class one, residential property, as defined in section 2A of  
1059 chapter 59, the demand shall include a uniform notice prepared by the department of revenue, in  
1060 language understandable by a least sophisticated consumer, together with a notice in the 7 most  
1061 commonly spoken languages in the commonwealth that this notice affects important legal rights  
1062 and should be translated immediately, and providing clear notice that the nonpayment of



1063 property taxes can result in the taking of the property and that the property owner may be eligible  
1064 for exemptions, abatements and tax deferrals and other assistance and should contact the local  
1065 assessor's office, together with the address, telephone number, email address, if available, and  
1066 internet address for further information.

1067 SECTION 61. Section 25 of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1068 adding the following sentence:- The notice posted shall be prepared by the department of  
1069 revenue, in language understandable by a least sophisticated consumer, together with a notice in  
1070 the 7 most commonly spoken languages in the commonwealth that this notice affects important  
1071 legal rights and should be translated immediately.

1072 SECTION 62. Section 52 of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1073 inserting after the third sentence the following 2 sentences:- Where the land is Class one,  
1074 residential property, as defined in section 2A of chapter 59, such notice shall: (i) be mailed to  
1075 the taxpayer at their last known residence and usual place of abode or place of business; (ii) be  
1076 posted upon the Class one, residential property; (iii) be posted in a convenient and public place;  
1077 and (iv) include a uniform notice prepared by the department of revenue, in language  
1078 understandable by a least sophisticated consumer, together with a notice in the 7 most commonly  
1079 spoken languages in the commonwealth, that this notice affects important legal rights and should  
1080 be translated immediately. The notice shall state that the treasurer intends to sell the tax title to  
1081 the owner's property, that the nonpayment of property taxes may result in the loss of the property  
1082 and that the property owner may be eligible for exemptions, abatements and tax deferrals and  
1083 other assistance and may contact the local assessor's office for further information, together with  
1084 the telephone number, email address, if available and internet address for the local assessor.

1085 SECTION 63. Section 53 of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1086 striking out, in line 4, the words “, which notice”, and inserting in place thereof the following  
1087 words:- ; provided, however, that where the land is Class one, residential property, as defined in  
1088 section 2A of chapter 59, such notice shall: (i) be mailed to the taxpayer at their last known  
1089 residence and usual place of abode or place of business; (ii) be posted upon the Class one,  
1090 residential property; and (iii) be published on the town or city website; provided further, that for  
1091 any properties not Class one, residential the notice.

1092 SECTION 64. The first paragraph of said section 53 of said chapter 60, as so appearing,  
1093 is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- A notice provided pursuant to this section

1094 shall be prepared by the department of revenue, in language understandable by a least  
1095 sophisticated consumer, together with a notice in the 7 most commonly spoken languages in the  
1096 commonwealth, that the notice affects important legal rights and should be translated  
1097 immediately.

1098 SECTION 65. Said section 53 of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1099 amended by adding the following paragraph:-

1100 Where the land is Class one, residential property as defined in section 2A of chapter 59  
1101 all notices sent pursuant to this section shall include a uniform notice prepared by the department  
1102 of revenue, together with a notice in the 7 most common languages in the commonwealth, that  
1103 this notice affects important legal rights and should be translated immediately. Such notice shall  
1104 state in language understandable by a least sophisticated consumer:

1105 (i) what taxes or other municipal costs remain unpaid;

1106 (ii) the taxpayer's right to redeem full ownership of the property and the components of  
1107 the amount required to redeem the property;

1108 (iii) that a complaint to foreclose the tax title may be filed on or after a specific date;

1109 (iv) that the tax title may be sold to a purchaser of tax receivables;

1110 (v) that if a complaint to foreclose the tax title is filed and the owner does not respond by  
1111 filing an answer, the court may enter an order defaulting the owner;

1112 (vi) that if a complaint to foreclose the tax title is filed, the owner may respond by filing  
1113 an answer that requests that the court set the terms by which the owner may redeem the property;

1114 (vii) that if the property is not redeemed, the town or purchaser is entitled to receive a  
1115 judgment from the land court that transfers title of the property to the town or purchaser and  
1116 permanently eliminates any title rights the owner has in the property; and

1117 (viii) that following a foreclosure of the property, the former owner shall be entitled to  
1118 any excess equity in the property, upon written request to the municipality or purchaser of tax  
1119 receivables, pursuant to section 64A.

1120 SECTION 66. Section 62 of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1121 striking out, in line 8, the word "sixteen" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 8.

1122 SECTION 67. Section 62A of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1123 striking out, in line 4, the figure, “5” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 10.

1124 SECTION 68. Said section 62A of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1125 amended by striking out, in lines 5 and 6, the words “not more than 50 per cent of”.

1126 SECTION 69. Said section 62A of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1127 amended by striking out in in line 12, the figure “25” and inserting in place thereof the following  
1128 figure:- 10.

1129 SECTION 70. Said chapter 60 is hereby further amended by striking out section 64, as so  
1130 appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

1131 Section 64. The land court shall have exclusive jurisdiction of the foreclosure of all rights  
1132 of redemption from titles conveyed by a tax collector's deed or a taking of land for taxes in a  
1133 proceeding held pursuant to sections 65 to 75, inclusive. The title conveyed by a tax collector's  
1134 deed or by a taking of land for taxes shall be absolute after foreclosure of the right of redemption  
1135 by judgment of the land court as provided in this chapter; provided, however, that the entry by  
1136 the land court of a judgment of foreclosure of the right of redemption shall not impair or limit the  
1137 right of the owner of the land at the time of foreclosure, and of those holding an interest in the  
1138 land at the time of foreclosure and their heirs, successors and assigns, to receive any excess  
1139 equity and subject to the requirements of section 64A. Any sale or retention of property by a  
1140 municipality or other foreclosing entity pursuant to this chapter shall be subject to the  
1141 requirements of said section 64A.

1142 SECTION 71. Said chapter 60 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 64 the  
1143 following section:-Section 64A. (a) This section shall apply to the sale or retention of property  
1144 by a municipality or a purchaser of tax receivables following a final judgment of the land court  
1145 foreclosing the right of redemption under this chapter. Not more than 14 days after the of entry  
1146 of judgment foreclosing the right of redemption becomes final, with either no appeal having been  
1147 taken within the applicable time limit or any appeal taken having resulted in the entry of  
1148 judgment pursuant to the rescript of the supreme judicial court or appeals court, the judgment  
1149 holder shall elect to: (i) retain possession of the property; or (ii) sell the property. The judgment  
1150 holder shall notify the former owners of the property and all others known to hold the right of  
1151 redemption in the property at the time judgment is entered, by certified mail, to their last known

1152 address or place of business, of: (i) the judgment holder's election; and (ii) the rights and  
1153 procedures for claiming excess equity set forth in this section.

1154 (b)(1) A municipality or a purchaser of tax receivables that has elected to retain the  
1155 property under subsection (a), shall use reasonable best efforts to have the property appraised not  
1156 later than 120 days after the final judgment of the land court; provided, however, that the  
1157 judgment holder and any parties entitled to claim excess equity under this section may agree to a  
1158 later date for the appraisal. The appraisal shall be: (i) for the highest and best use of the property  
1159 as of the date of the final judgment of foreclosure; and (ii) conducted by an independent  
1160 appraiser licensed in the commonwealth in accordance with the usual and customary professional  
1161 appraisal practices.

1162 (2) The appraised value shall be used to establish the amount of excess equity, which,  
1163 shall be paid to any parties who make a valid claim for excess equity as set forth in this section.

1164 (c)(1) A municipality or a purchaser of tax receivables that has elected to sell the property  
1165 under subsection (a) shall, not later than 180 days after the final judgment of the land court, list  
1166 the property for sale with a real estate agent or broker licensed in the commonwealth; provided,  
1167 however, that the judgment holder and any parties entitled to claim excess equity under this  
1168 section may agree to a later date for sale; provided further, that the real estate agent or broker  
1169 shall not hold elected or appointed office or be employed by the municipality in which the  
1170 property is located.

1171 (2) The judgment holder for a property listed for sale pursuant to paragraph (1) that does  
1172 not sell within 12 months of the date of listing shall: (i) auction the property with an auctioneer  
1173 licensed in the commonwealth; provided, however, that the auctioneer does not hold elected or  
1174 appointed office or is not employed by the municipality in which the property is located; (ii)  
1175 accept bids that are not less than 2/3 of the appraised value of the property consistent with the  
1176 appraisal requirements of subsection (b); and (iii) not accept bids by individuals that hold elected  
1177 or appointed office or are employed by the municipality in which the property is located.

1178 (3) A property shall not be considered retained by a judgment holder that has elected  
1179 under subsection (a) to sell the property and has complied with the requirements of paragraph (2)  
1180 but has been without success in such sale. If a property has not been sold after the auction, the  
1181 judgment holder shall notify any parties entitled to claim excess equity of their intention to  
1182 continue the sale to another date and not to retain the property. Such notice shall be mailed, by

1183 certified mail, to any parties entitled to claim excess equity, or their successors in interest, to  
1184 their last known address or place of business.

1185 (d)(1) Upon a sale of a property or an appraisal of property where the judgment holder  
1186 has elected to retain possession, the judgment holder shall prepare a written itemized accounting  
1187 setting forth the disposition of the proceeds arising from the sale or a report of the appraisal  
1188 including, but not limited to, the sale price, legal fees, marketing fees, auctioneer fees,  
1189 advertising costs, appraisal fees and any excess equity due to any parties entitled to claim excess  
1190 equity, or their successors in interest. The written itemized accounting shall be mailed, by  
1191 certified mail, to any parties entitled to claim excess equity, or their successors in interest, to  
1192 their last known address or place of business, not more than 30 days after the sale of the property  
1193 or receipt of the appraisal of the property if such property is retained.

1194 (2) Where the judgment holder knows the identity and mailing address of the former  
1195 property owner and all others known to hold the right of redemption in the property, the  
1196 judgment holder shall, in addition to the written itemized accounting, provide for the provision of  
1197 a proportional share of the excess equity to which such individual is entitled.

1198 (3) A judgment holder that does not know the identity and mailing address of the former  
1199 property owner and all others known to hold the right of redemption in the property shall, in  
1200 addition to the written itemized accounting, provide a notice that the former owners of the  
1201 property and all others known to hold the right of redemption in the property at the time  
1202 judgment of foreclosure entered in the land court, or their successors in interest, may claim  
1203 excess equity from the sale or retention of the property and that such claims shall be submitted in  
1204 writing to the judgment holder not more than 18 months after the date of the notice. The excess  
1205 equity claim shall be delivered to the judgment holder by personal service, receipt of which is  
1206 acknowledged by the judgment holder, or by certified mail, return receipt requested; provided,  
1207 however, that a municipality shall allow a claimant to submit a claim at the local collector's  
1208 office. The excess equity claim shall contain the claimant's name, telephone number, mailing  
1209 address, the property address or parcel number and a description of their interest in the property  
1210 and shall include any other persons or entities known to the claimant to have an interest in the  
1211 property at the time of the final judgment of foreclosure, including any other former owners,  
1212 mortgagees, lienholders, heirs or other individuals or entities who held a right to redeem or their  
1213 successors in interests.

1214 (e) Excess equity shall be held in escrow by the judgment holder in a segregated interest-  
1215 bearing account, in which all excess equity funds from all foreclosures are deposited and  
1216 separately accounted for on the books and records of the municipality. Excess equity that has not  
1217 been claimed within 19 months of a sale or appraisal of a property shall be disposed of pursuant  
1218 to chapter 200A.

1219 (f) The superior court shall have jurisdiction to hear any disputes that arise between or  
1220 among the judgment holder and any former owners, mortgagees, lienholders, heirs or other  
1221 individuals or entities who, at the time of the final judgment of the land court, held an interest in  
1222 the property and right to redeem, or their successors in interest, and who are claiming excess  
1223 equity including, but not limited to, disputes regarding the valuation of the property, the sale  
1224 process, the amount of excess equity, its distribution or any other aspect of this section. Any  
1225 party may seek a determination of the dispute by filing a written complaint in the superior court  
1226 not more than 12 months after the date of the notice of written itemized accounting following  
1227 sale or appraisal of the property under subsection (d). Such complaint shall name all parties  
1228 adversely interested who are known to the plaintiff and process shall issue and service be made  
1229 consistent with the Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure. All matters pertaining to the  
1230 litigation shall be heard by the superior court department and the parties shall be granted the right  
1231 to a trial before a jury, unless all parties waive that right and file a written agreement requesting a  
1232 trial without a jury.

1233 SECTION 72. Section 65 of said chapter 60, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is  
1234 hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the word “six” and inserting in place the following  
1235 figure:- 12.

1236 SECTION 73. Said chapter 60 is hereby further amended by striking out section 69A, as  
1237 so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

1238 Section 69A. The land court may grant a motion to vacate a decree of foreclosure brought  
1239 by any interested person other than the petitioner under section 65 within 1 year after the final  
1240 entry of the decree if presented with extraordinary circumstances and if: (i) no innocent  
1241 purchaser has acquired an interest in the property for value; or (ii) no claim for excess equity has  
1242 been paid pursuant to section 64A, unless the court makes appropriate equitable orders to protect  
1243 the rights of the purchaser of the property or the payor of the excess equity. If the foreclosure  
1244 petition was filed for an unoccupied or abandoned building as set forth in sections 1 and 81A or

1245 if there has been a certification pursuant to section 81B that the redemption amount as  
1246 determined pursuant to section 62 exceeds the assessed value of the parcel, no petition to vacate  
1247 a decree of foreclosure entered under section 69 and no proceedings at law or in equity for  
1248 reversing or modifying such a decree shall be commenced by any person other than the petitioner  
1249 except within 90 calendar days after the final entry of the decree or within 1 year of the final  
1250 entry of the decree, if the decree was entered prior to the effective date of this section. For any  
1251 decree relating to a property for which record title stands in the name of a deceased person or  
1252 person under guardianship or conservatorship, a petition may be maintained for reversal or  
1253 modification of such decree up to 1 year from the date of decree.

1254 No motion to vacate a decree of foreclosure and no proceeding at law or in equity for  
1255 reversing or modifying such a decree shall be commenced by any person other than the petitioner  
1256 under section 65 after 1 year, except upon a showing that the moving party's due process rights  
1257 have been violated.

1258 If a decree of foreclosure is vacated pursuant to this section, all rights and obligations set  
1259 forth in section 64A shall be suspended and any proceedings instituted in the superior court  
1260 regarding excess equity shall be dismissed.

1261 SECTION 74. Section 75 of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1262 adding the following sentence:- The notices shall be prepared by the department of revenue, in  
1263 language understandable by a least sophisticated consumer, together with a notice in the 7 most  
1264 commonly spoken languages in the commonwealth, that this notice affects important legal rights  
1265 and should be translated immediately.

1266 SECTION 75. The second paragraph of section 77B of said chapter 60, as so appearing,  
1267 is hereby amended by inserting after the second sentence the following sentence:- The notice  
1268 shall also include the affirmative statement that the custodian will, following a completed sale,  
1269 provide to such owner a written notice containing an itemized accounting of the disposition of  
1270 the proceeds arising from the sale, including the sale price, legal fees, auctioneer fees and  
1271 advertising costs, other fees and any excess equity due to the owner within 30 days after the  
1272 receipt of such funds.

1273 SECTION 76. Said section 77B of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1274 amended by inserting after the word "law", in line 36, the following words:- , so long as the  
1275 accounting provisions of this section and section 64A are satisfied.

1276 SECTION 77. Said section 77B of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1277 amended by striking out the fourth paragraph.

1278 SECTION 78. Section 1 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
1279 amended by striking out, in line 6, the figure “2022” and inserting in place thereof the following  
1280 figure:- 2024.

1281 SECTION 79. Paragraph (a) of Part B of section 3 of said chapter 62, as so appearing, is  
1282 hereby amended by striking out subparagraph (6).

1283 SECTION 80. Section 6 of said chapter 62 is hereby amended by striking out subsection  
1284 (i), as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

1285 (i) Any owner of residential property located in the commonwealth who is not a  
1286 dependent of another taxpayer and who occupies said property as his principal residence, shall be  
1287 allowed a credit equal to 60 per cent of the expenditures for design and construction expenses for  
1288 the repair, replacement or upgrade of a cesspool or septic system or connection to a sanitary  
1289 sewer collection system, if such repair, replacement, upgrade or sewer connection is required  
1290 pursuant to the provisions of Title 5 of the state environmental code, a watershed permit issued  
1291 by the department of environmental protection or other requirements or conditions for  
1292 implementation of the watershed permit imposed by the permittee or the department of  
1293 environmental protection. Said expenditures shall be the actual cost to the taxpayer or \$30,000,  
1294 whichever is less; provided, however, that said credit shall be available to eligible taxpayers  
1295 beginning in the tax year in which the repair, replacement, upgrade or sewer connection was  
1296 completed; and provided further, that said credit shall not exceed \$4,000 in any tax year and any  
1297 excess credit may be applied over the following 5 subsequent tax years up to an aggregate  
1298 maximum of \$18,000. The department shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are  
1299 necessary to administer the credit afforded by this subsection, including, but not limited to, a  
1300 notification system by the commonwealth to recipients of said interest subsidy or grant of the  
1301 amount of the total subsidy provided by the commonwealth.

1302 SECTION 81. Paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of section 6 of chapter 62C of the General  
1303 Laws, as appearing in section 24 of chapter 50 of the acts of 2023, is hereby amended by striking  
1304 out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- A married couple  
1305 shall file a joint return for any year in which they file a joint federal income tax return; provided,  
1306 however, that this requirement shall not apply if at least 1 of the spouses would not otherwise be



1307 required to make a return under paragraph (1) because their Massachusetts gross income did not  
1308 exceed \$8,000.

1309 SECTION 82. Section 6 of chapter 64H of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
1310 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 218 and 219, the words “,  
1311 publications of any corporation, foundation, organization or institution described in paragraph (e)  
1312 of this section,”.

1313 SECTION 83. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
1314 section 98 the following section:-

1315 Section 98A. The department shall make available to school districts, charter schools,  
1316 approved private day or residential schools and collaborative schools resources relative to  
1317 antisemitism and societal bias, which shall include, but not be limited to: (i) model and evidence-  
1318 based curricula; (ii) guidance to assist in the selection of materials and a curriculum; and (iii)  
1319 professional development and trainings on antisemitism, ethnic, racial and religious hate and  
1320 discrimination.

1321 SECTION 84. Chapter 69 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
1322 section 1E the following section:-

1323 Section 1E ½. Each city, town, regional school district, vocational school district and  
1324 charter school shall file a biennial report regarding sexual health education, which shall include,  
1325 but not be limited to, for each city, town, regional school district, vocational school district and  
1326 charter school, by grade level: (i) the name and a description of any sexual health education  
1327 curriculum offered; (ii) the approximate number of hours spent on sexual health education; (iii)  
1328 the number of students enrolled in sexual health education; and (iv) the number of students who  
1329 withdrew from sexual health education under section 32A of chapter 71. The report shall be filed  
1330 with the board of elementary and secondary education each even-numbered year by a date and in  
1331 a format to be determined by the board. The commissioner shall make the data collected under  
1332 this section available to the public on the department’s website and transmit the data to the  
1333 department of public health within 30 days of the date established by the board for the filing of  
1334 biennial reports under this section.

1335 SECTION 85. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
1336 section 98 the following section:-

1337 Section 98A. The department shall make available to school districts, charter schools,  
1338 approved private day or residential schools and collaborative schools resources relative to  
1339 antisemitism and societal bias, which shall include, but not be limited to: (i) model and evidence-  
1340 based curricula; (ii) guidance to assist in the selection of materials and a curriculum; and (iii)  
1341 professional development and trainings on antisemitism, ethnic, racial and religious hate and  
1342 discrimination.

1343 SECTION 86. Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
1344 section 8M the following section:-

1345 Section 8N. The registry of motor vehicles shall permit a person submitting an  
1346 application under sections 8, 8B or 8E of this chapter or section 34B of chapter 138 to designate  
1347 “X”, “M” or “F” for gender on an application for a driver’s license, learner’s permit,  
1348 identification card or liquor purchase identification card. No documentation shall be required for  
1349 such a designation.

1350 The registrar of motor vehicles shall report annually to the chairs of the joint committee  
1351 on transportation on the number of people, indicated by race and ethnicity, who choose an “X”  
1352 designation on their driver’s license, learner’s permit, identification card or liquor purchase  
1353 identification card; provided, however, that data included in the report shall be de-identified so  
1354 that the identification of an individual person cannot be ascertained.

1355 The registrar of motor vehicles may promulgate regulations to implement this section.

1356 SECTION 87. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out  
1357 section 24N, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the  
1358 following section:-

1359 Section 24N. (a) As used in this section the following words shall, unless the context  
1360 clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:-

1361 “Children”, individuals less than 19 years of age.

1362 “Estimated vaccine cost”, the estimated cost over the course of a fiscal year for the  
1363 purchase, storage and distribution of vaccines for all children in the commonwealth.

1364 “Routine childhood immunizations”, immunizations for children until their nineteenth  
1365 birthday including: (i) the immunizations recommended by the Vaccines for Children Program

1366 and (ii) any immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization  
1367 Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

1368 “Total nonfederal program cost”, the estimated annual cost of vaccines needed for routine  
1369 childhood immunizations for children in the commonwealth less the amount of federal revenue  
1370 available to the commonwealth for purchase, storage, distribution and administration of the  
1371 vaccines.

1372 (b) There shall be a Vaccine Purchase Fund to support a universal purchase system for  
1373 routine childhood immunizations in the commonwealth. The fund shall be a separate,  
1374 nonbudgeted special fund to be administered by the commissioner of public health or a  
1375 designee. The fund shall be credited with: (i) monies transferred from the executive office of  
1376 health and human services pursuant to section 66 of chapter 118E; (ii) any voluntary  
1377 contributions to the fund including, but not limited to, contributions from third-party payers or  
1378 third-party administrators, as defined in section 1 of chapter 12C; and (iii) any interest earnings  
1379 on such monies. Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended, without further appropriation,  
1380 to cover the costs to purchase, store and distribute vaccines for routine childhood immunizations  
1381 and to administer the fund and the immunization registry, established pursuant to section 24M.  
1382 Funds shall be expended solely to cover total non-federal program costs; provided, however, that  
1383 the amount to be expended for storing and distributing vaccines for routine childhood  
1384 immunizations, if such costs are not covered by federal contributions, and for the costs of  
1385 administering the immunization registry, shall not exceed 10 per cent of the total amount of the  
1386 fund expended for the purchase of vaccines needed for routine childhood immunizations for all  
1387 children in the commonwealth. The department may incur expenses and the comptroller may  
1388 certify for payment, amounts in anticipation of the most recent estimate of expected receipts, as  
1389 certified by the secretary of administration and finance; provided, however, that no expenditure  
1390 shall be made from the fund which shall cause the fund to be in deficit at the close of a fiscal  
1391 year. Any balance in the fund at the close of a fiscal year shall be available for expenditure in  
1392 subsequent fiscal years and shall not be transferred to any other fund or revert to the General  
1393 Fund. The commissioner of public health or a designee shall annually report the amount of funds  
1394 collected and any expenditures made from the fund to the clerks of the house of representatives  
1395 and senate and to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the house and senate  
1396 chairs of the joint committee on public health and the house and senate chairs of the joint  
1397 committee on health care financing.

1398 (c) There shall be a vaccine program advisory council consisting of the commissioner of  
1399 public health or a designee, who shall serve as chair; the medical director of the universal  
1400 immunization program of the department of public health established under section 24I; the  
1401 executive director for the center for health information and analysis or a designee; the executive  
1402 director of the commonwealth health insurance connector authority or a designee; 1 person to be  
1403 appointed by the director of Medicaid, who shall be a representative of managed care  
1404 organizations contracting with MassHealth; 3 persons to be appointed by the commissioner of  
1405 insurance, each of whom shall be a representative of 1 of the 3 health insurance companies  
1406 having the most insured lives in the commonwealth; and 7 persons to be appointed by the  
1407 commissioner of public health, 1 of whom shall be a representative of an employer that self-  
1408 insures for health coverage who shall be appointed from lists of nominees submitted by statewide  
1409 associations of employers, 1 of whom shall be a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society,  
1410 1 of whom shall be a member of the Massachusetts chapter of the American Academy of  
1411 Pediatrics, 1 of whom shall be a member of the Massachusetts Academy of Family Physicians  
1412 and 3 of whom shall be physicians licensed to practice in the commonwealth and who shall have  
1413 expertise in the area of childhood vaccines. The council shall recommend the types of vaccines  
1414 to be purchased based on a list of routine childhood immunizations and shall take into account  
1415 provider preference, cost, availability and other factors as determined by the council. The council  
1416 shall recommend the amount of funding needed each fiscal year by calculating the total non-  
1417 federal program cost. The council shall make recommendations to the commissioner on whether  
1418 the commissioner may authorize provider choice of more than 1 comparable brand or type for a  
1419 routine childhood immunization vaccine. In its recommendations, the council shall examine the  
1420 feasibility, costs and benefits of authorizing provider choice, provide a schedule of the cost of  
1421 each comparable brand or type of a vaccine recommended for provider choice and demonstrate  
1422 that the estimated vaccine cost of authorizing provider choice would not be substantially greater  
1423 than the estimated vaccine cost of purchasing a single brand or type of a vaccine. The  
1424 commissioner of public health shall determine the final vaccines to be purchased.

1425 (d) [reserved]

1426 (e) The department of public health may adopt rules and regulations as necessary to  
1427 implement the universal purchase and distribution system under this chapter and other applicable  
1428 state and federal laws. The rules and regulations shall establish the system by which vaccines are  
1429 distributed for children in the commonwealth.

1430 (f) Every individual or entity that pays for or arranges for the purchase of health care  
1431 services provided by acute hospitals and ambulatory surgical center, including managed care  
1432 organizations, as such term is defined in section 64 of chapter 118E, but excluding Title XVIII  
1433 and Title XIX programs and their beneficiaries or recipients, other governmental programs of  
1434 public assistance and their beneficiaries or recipients and the workers' compensation program  
1435 established under chapter 152, to the extent not preempted by federal law, shall provide benefits  
1436 for: (i) routine childhood immunizations for residents of the commonwealth; and (ii)  
1437 immunizations for residents of the commonwealth who are 19 years of age and older according  
1438 to the most recent schedules recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization  
1439 Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These benefits shall be exempt from  
1440 any co federal payment, coinsurance, deductible or dollar limit provisions in the health insurance  
1441 policy or contract.

1442 SECTION 88. Chapter 115 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
1443 following section:-

1444 Section 18. (a) There shall be within the executive office of veterans' services a women  
1445 veterans' network. The duties of the network shall include, but not be limited to: (i) performing  
1446 outreach to women veterans; (ii) improving women veterans' awareness of eligibility for federal  
1447 and state veterans' services and benefits; (iii) holding in-person events for women veterans; (iv)  
1448 making recommendations to the secretary of veterans' services to improve benefits and services  
1449 for women veterans; (v) incorporating women veterans' issues in the strategic planning of the  
1450 executive office; and (vi) creating and distributing documents detailing benefits and resources  
1451 available to women veterans, including but not limited to, resources to help women veterans  
1452 transition to civilian life; provided, however, that such documents shall be made available on the  
1453 executive office's website.

1454 (b) The network shall employ a women veterans' coordinator to assist in the  
1455 programming and outreach to women veterans, who shall work with the executive office of  
1456 veterans' services and veteran services officers to engage women veterans in a geographically  
1457 equitable manner.

1458 (c) Annually, not later than November 1, the office shall submit a report to the clerks of  
1459 the senate and the house of representatives, the senate and house committees on ways and means  
1460 and the joint committee on veterans and federal affairs, which shall include, but not be limited to:

1461 (i) demographic information on women veterans in the commonwealth; (ii) summation of  
1462 veteran outreach events designed to connect women veterans; (iii) women veteran benefits  
1463 documents created by the network; and (iv) upcoming in-person events organized or identified  
1464 by the network.

1465 SECTION 89. Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
1466 section 12A the following section:-

1467 Section 12B. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary of  
1468 health and human services may directly negotiate rebate agreements with manufacturers of non-  
1469 drug products and drugs that are not covered outpatient drugs under 42 U.S.C. 1396r-8 if such  
1470 agreements maximize value to the commonwealth; provided, however, that the secretary shall  
1471 not be subject to any otherwise applicable requirements set forth in 801 CMR 21.00 or any  
1472 successor regulation. Such agreements may be based on the value, efficacy or outcomes of the  
1473 non-drug product or drug.

1474 SECTION 90. Section 64 of said chapter 118E, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,  
1475 is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “Bad debt” the following definition:-

1476 “Center for health information and analysis revenue amount”, an amount equal to the sum  
1477 of the amount collected by the center for health information and analysis from acute hospitals  
1478 and ambulatory surgical centers pursuant to section 7 of chapter 12C.

1479 SECTION 91. Said section 64 of said chapter 118E is hereby amended by inserting after  
1480 the definition “Gross patient service revenue”, as so appearing, the following 3 definitions:-

1481 “Group 1 safety net hospital”, a hospital identified as a group 1 safety net hospital in the  
1482 MassHealth demonstration waiver approved under subsection (a) of section 1115 of Title XI of  
1483 the Social Security Act.

1484 “Group 2 safety net hospital”, a hospital identified as a group 2 safety net hospital in the  
1485 MassHealth demonstration waiver approved under subsection (a) of section 1115 of Title XI of  
1486 the Social Security Act.

1487 “Health policy commission revenue amount”, the amount collected by the health policy  
1488 commission from hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers pursuant to section 6 of chapter 6D.

1489 SECTION 92. Said section 64 of said chapter 118E, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1490 amended by striking out the definitions of “Managed care organization” and “Payments subject  
1491 to surcharge” and inserting in place thereof the following definitions:-

1492 “Health safety net managed care organization revenue amount”, an amount equal to  
1493 \$160,000,000 plus 50 per cent of the estimated cost, as determined by the secretary for  
1494 administration and finance, of administering the health safety net and related assessments in  
1495 accordance with sections 65 to 69, inclusive.

1496 “Immunization revenue amount”, the estimated costs to purchase, store and distribute  
1497 vaccines for routine childhood immunizations and to administer the Vaccine Purchase Fund,  
1498 established in section 24N of chapter 111, and the computerized immunization registry,  
1499 established in section 24M of chapter 111, taking into consideration the limitations on  
1500 expenditures described in subsection (b) of section 24N of chapter 111, as well as any anticipated  
1501 surplus or deficit in said Vaccine Purchase Fund, but excluding any costs anticipated to be  
1502 covered by federal contribution.

1503 “Managed care organization”, any of the following entities, as defined in regulations  
1504 promulgated by the secretary of health and human services: (i) an entity that is accredited  
1505 pursuant to chapter 176O and that is: (A) licensed or otherwise authorized to transact accident or  
1506 health insurance pursuant to chapter 175; (B) a nonprofit hospital service corporation organized  
1507 pursuant to chapter 176A; (C) a nonprofit medical service corporation organized pursuant to  
1508 chapter 176B; (D) a health maintenance organization organized pursuant to chapter 176G; or (E)  
1509 an organization entering into a preferred provider arrangement pursuant to chapter 176I; (ii) a  
1510 Medicaid managed care organization; (iii) a health care organization, as defined in section 2 of  
1511 chapter 32A; (iv) a self-insured group for which a carrier provides administrative services  
1512 pursuant to section 21 of chapter 176O; and (v) a health insurance plan that contracts with the  
1513 commonwealth health insurance connector authority.

1514 “Managed care organization reinvestment revenue amount”, a fixed amount equal to  
1515 \$246,000,000.

1516 “Managed care organization services subject to assessment”, services rendered by a  
1517 managed care organization for which a premium or membership payment is made by or on  
1518 behalf of the member; provided, however, that managed care organization services subject to  
1519 assessment shall not include services: (i) rendered to members enrolled per month in Medicare

1520 managed care organizations; (ii) rendered to members dually enrolled per month in both  
1521 Medicaid and Medicare; (iii) rendered to members in a Medicaid managed care organization who  
1522 are age 65 or older; (iv) rendered as part of limited benefit plans, including, but not limited to,  
1523 dental only or vision only member months, which are paid for as part of a subcontract under  
1524 another managed care organization; or (v) services which are preempted from taxation by section  
1525 8909(f) of title 5 of the United States Code; and provided further, that managed care organization  
1526 services subject to assessment may be based on a tax base of managed care organization member  
1527 months, premiums, claims, or charges, as determined by the secretary of health and human  
1528 services and established consistently across the assessment groups that may be established  
1529 pursuant to section 68.

1530 “Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project revenue amount”, an amount equal to  
1531 the amounts expended for the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project that are related to  
1532 services provided on behalf of commercially insured clients.

1533 “Medicaid managed care organization”, a managed care organization, as defined in 42  
1534 CFR 438.2, that contracts with MassHealth pursuant to an approved state plan or federal waiver.

1535 “Medicaid managed care organization services subject to assessment”, managed care  
1536 organization services subject to assessment provided to a Medicaid member.

1537 SECTION 93. Said section 64 of said chapter 118E, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1538 amended by striking out the definition of “Surcharge payor”.

1539 SECTION 94. Said section 64 of said chapter 118E, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1540 amended by striking out the definition of “Total surcharge amount” and inserting in place thereof  
1541 the following definition:-

1542 “Total managed care organization services assessment amount”, an amount equal, for  
1543 each year, to the sum of the following in the same year: (i) the managed care organization  
1544 reinvestment revenue amount; (ii) the health safety net managed care organization revenue  
1545 amount; (iii) the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project revenue amount; (iv) the  
1546 immunization revenue amount; (v) the health policy commission revenue amount; (vi) the center  
1547 for health information and analysis revenue amount; (vii) the amount transferred, pursuant to  
1548 section 66, to the Behavioral Health Access and Crisis Intervention Trust Fund established in



1549 section 2WWWWW of chapter 29; and (viii) the amounts necessary to incorporate prospectively  
1550 all adjustments or reconciliations to account for under-assessments in the prior year.

1551 SECTION 95. Said section 64 of said chapter 118E, as so appearing, is hereby amended  
1552 by striking out, in line 147, as so appearing, the figure “\$880,000,000” and inserting in place  
1553 thereof the following figure:- \$1,484,050,000.

1554 SECTION 96. Said section 66 of said chapter 118E, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1555 amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in its place thereof the following  
1556 subsection:-

1557 (b) The fund shall consist of: (i) all amounts paid by hospitals and managed care  
1558 organizations under sections 67 and 68; (ii) all appropriations for the purpose of payments to  
1559 acute hospitals or community health centers for health services provided to uninsured and  
1560 underinsured residents; (iii) any transfers from the Commonwealth Care Trust Fund established  
1561 in section 2000 of chapter 29; (iv) any transfers from the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund  
1562 established in section 2AAAAA of chapter 29; (v) any transfers from the Hospital Investment  
1563 and Performance Trust Fund established in section 2TTTTT of chapter 29; (vi) any transfers  
1564 from the Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment Fund established in section  
1565 2FFFFFF of chapter 29; and (vii) all property and securities acquired by and through the use of  
1566 money belonging to the fund and all interest thereon. There shall also be credited to the fund an  
1567 amount equal to any federal financial participation claimed and received by the commonwealth  
1568 for eligible expenditures made from the fund and financed by money transferred from the  
1569 Hospital Investment and Performance Trust Fund established in section 2TTTTT of chapter 29,  
1570 the Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment Fund established in section 2FFFFFF of  
1571 chapter 29 or from the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund established in section 2AAAAA of  
1572 chapter 29. To accommodate timing discrepancies between the receipt of such revenue and  
1573 related expenditures, the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the most  
1574 recent revenue estimates as certified by the secretary of health and human services to be  
1575 transferred, credited or deposited under this subsection. Annually, the office shall transfer from  
1576 the non-federal money in the fund: (A) \$149,300,000 to the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund  
1577 established in section 2AAAAA of chapter 29; (B) \$994,000,000 to the Hospital Investment and  
1578 Performance Trust Fund established in section 2TTTTT of chapter 29; (C) \$115,500,000 to the  
1579 Population Health Investment Trust Fund established in section 2UUUUU of chapter 29; (D)  
1580 \$30,250,000 to the Non-Acute Care Hospital Reimbursement Trust Fund established in section

1581 2WWWW of chapter 29; (E) an amount equal to the managed care organization reinvestment  
1582 revenue amount to the Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment Fund established in  
1583 section 2FFFFFF of chapter 29; (F) an amount equal to the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry  
1584 Access Project revenue amount to the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project Fund  
1585 established in section 2EEEEEE of chapter 29; (G) an amount equal to the health policy  
1586 commission revenue amount to the Health care Payment Reform Trust Fund established in  
1587 section 7 of chapter 6D; (H) an amount equal to the immunization revenue amount to the  
1588 Vaccine Purchase Fund established in section 24N of chapter 111; (I) \$33,700,000 to the  
1589 Behavioral Health Access and Crisis Intervention Trust Fund established in section 2WWWWW  
1590 of chapter 29; (J) an amount equal to the center for health information and analysis revenue  
1591 amount to the Center for Health Information and Analysis Fund established in section 7A of  
1592 chapter 12C; and (K) \$35,000,000 to the Essential Community Provider Trust Fund established  
1593 in section 2PPP of chapter 29. The office shall expend amounts in the fund, except for amounts  
1594 transferred to the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund, the Hospital Investment and Performance  
1595 Trust Fund, the Population Health Investment Trust Fund, the Non-Acute Care Hospital  
1596 Reimbursement Trust Fund, the Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment Fund, the  
1597 Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project Fund, the Vaccine Purchase Fund, the Center for  
1598 Health and Information Analysis Fund, the Healthcare Payment Reform Trust Fund and the  
1599 Behavioral Health Access and Crisis Intervention Trust Fund, for payments to hospitals and  
1600 community health centers for reimbursable health services provided to uninsured and  
1601 underinsured residents, consistent with the requirements of this section, section 69 and the  
1602 regulations adopted by the office. The amount collected pursuant to clause (vii) of the definition  
1603 of total managed care organization services assessment amount in section 64 shall be dedicated  
1604 to reducing the shortfall, as described in subsection (b) of section 69, for the year prior to the  
1605 assessment year. The office shall also annually expend money from the fund for the expenses of  
1606 the executive office, including the health safety net office under subsection (a), for the  
1607 administration of the health safety net and related assessments. The office shall also expend not  
1608 more than \$6,000,000 annually from the fund for demonstration projects that use case  
1609 management and other methods to reduce the liability of the fund to acute hospitals. All interest  
1610 earned on the amounts in the fund shall be deposited or retained in the fund. The director shall  
1611 from time-to-time requisition from the fund amounts that the director considers necessary to  
1612 meet the current obligations of the office for the purposes of the fund and estimated obligations  
1613 for a reasonable future period.

1614 SECTION 97. Said section 66 of said chapter 118E, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1615 amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

1616 (b) The fund shall consist of: (i) all amounts paid by hospitals and managed care  
1617 organizations under sections 67 and 68; (ii) all appropriations for the purpose of payments to  
1618 acute hospitals or community health centers for health services provided to uninsured and  
1619 underinsured residents; (iii) any transfers from the Commonwealth Care Trust Fund established  
1620 in section 2000 of chapter 29; (iv) any transfers from the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund  
1621 established in section 2AAAAA of chapter 29; (v) any transfers from the Hospital Investment  
1622 and Performance Trust Fund established in section 2TTTTT of chapter 29; (vi) any transfers  
1623 from the Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment Fund established in section  
1624 2FFFFFF of chapter 29; and (vii) all property and securities acquired by and through the use of  
1625 money belonging to the fund and all interest thereon. There shall also be credited to the fund an  
1626 amount equal to any federal financial participation claimed and received by the commonwealth  
1627 for eligible expenditures made from the fund and financed by money transferred from the  
1628 Hospital Investment and Performance Trust Fund established in section 2TTTTT of chapter 29,  
1629 the Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment Fund established in section 2FFFFFF of  
1630 chapter 29 or from the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund established in section 2AAAAA of  
1631 chapter 29. To accommodate timing discrepancies between the receipt of such revenue and  
1632 related expenditures, the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the most  
1633 recent revenue estimates as certified by the secretary of health and human services to be  
1634 transferred, credited or deposited under this subsection. Annually, the office shall transfer an  
1635 amount equal to all amounts paid by privately-owned, nonfederal hospitals under subsection (b)  
1636 of section 67 to the Non-Acute Care Hospital Reimbursement Trust Fund established in section  
1637 2WWWW of chapter 29. The office shall annually transfer from the non-federal money in the  
1638 fund: (A) an amount equal to the managed care organization reinvestment revenue amount to the  
1639 Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment Fund established in section 2FFFFFF of  
1640 chapter 29; (B) an amount equal to the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project revenue  
1641 amount to the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project Fund established in section  
1642 2EEEEEE of chapter 29; (C) an amount equal to the health policy commission revenue amount  
1643 to the Healthcare Payment Reform Trust Fund established in section 7 of chapter 6D; (D) an  
1644 amount equal to the immunization revenue amount to the Vaccine Purchase Fund established in  
1645 section 24N of chapter 111; (E) \$33,700,000 to the Behavioral Health Access and Crisis  
1646 Intervention Trust Fund established in section 2WWWWW of chapter 29; and (F) an amount

1647 equal to the center for health information and analysis revenue amount to the Center for Health  
1648 Information and Analysis Fund established in section 7A of chapter 12C. The office shall expend  
1649 amounts in the fund, except for amounts transferred to the Non-Acute Care Hospital  
1650 Reimbursement Trust Fund, the Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment Fund, the  
1651 Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project Fund, the Vaccine Purchase Fund, the Center for  
1652 Health Information and Analysis Fund, the Healthcare Payment Reform Trust Fund and the  
1653 Behavioral Health Access and Crisis Intervention Trust Fund, for payments to hospitals and  
1654 community health centers for reimbursable health services provided to uninsured and  
1655 underinsured residents, consistent with the requirements of this section, section 69 and the  
1656 regulations adopted by the office. The amount collected pursuant to clause (vii) of the definition  
1657 of total managed care organization services assessment amount in section 64 shall be dedicated  
1658 to reducing the shortfall, as described in subsection (b) of section 69, for the year prior to the  
1659 assessment year. The office shall also annually expend money from the fund for the expenses of  
1660 the executive office, including the health safety net office under subsection (a), for the  
1661 administration of the health safety net and related assessments. The office shall also expend not  
1662 more than \$6,000,000 annually from the fund for demonstration projects that use case  
1663 management and other methods to reduce the liability of the fund to acute hospitals. Any annual  
1664 balance remaining in the fund after these payments have been made shall be retained in the fund  
1665 and shall not revert to the General Fund. All interest earned on the amounts in the fund shall be  
1666 deposited or retained in the fund. The director shall from time-to-time requisition from the fund  
1667 amounts that the director considers necessary to meet the current obligations of the office for the  
1668 purposes of the fund and estimated obligations for a reasonable future period.

1669         SECTION 98. Subsection (b) of section 66 of said chapter 118E, as appearing in section  
1670 60 of chapter 126 of the acts of 2022, is hereby amended by striking out the fourth sentence and  
1671 inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- Annually, the office shall transfer from the  
1672 nonfederal money in the fund: (A) \$149,300,000 to the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund  
1673 established in said section 2AAAAA of said chapter 29; (B) \$994,000,000 to the Hospital  
1674 Investment and Performance Trust Fund established in said section 2TTTTT of said chapter 29;  
1675 (C) \$115,500,000 to the Population Health Investment Trust Fund established in section  
1676 2UUUUU of said chapter 29; (D) \$30,250,000 to the Non-Acute Care Hospital Reimbursement  
1677 Trust Fund established in section 2WWWW of said chapter 29; and (E) \$35,000,000 to the  
1678 Essential Community Provider Trust Fund established in section 2PPP of said chapter 29.

1679 SECTION 99. Said chapter 118E is hereby further amended by striking out section 67, as  
1680 appearing in section 62 of said chapter 126, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

1681 Section 67. (a) Subject to all required federal approvals, including any required waivers  
1682 under 42 CFR 433.68, a hospital's annual liability to the fund shall be calculated in accordance  
1683 with this section. The annual aggregate liability of all hospitals to the fund shall equal the total  
1684 hospital assessment amount.

1685 (b) [reserved].

1686 (c) The office shall promulgate regulations establishing an appropriate mechanism for  
1687 enforcing each hospital's liability to the fund if a hospital does not make a scheduled payment to  
1688 the fund.

1689 (d) For the purposes of the assessment in this section, all hospitals in the commonwealth  
1690 shall be divided into the following groups, as determined by the secretary: (i) large group 1  
1691 safety net hospitals which, for the purposes of this section, shall mean, any group 1 safety net  
1692 hospital that had not less than 355 staffed beds in fiscal year 2022, as reported by the center for  
1693 health information and analysis; (ii) small group 1 safety net hospitals which, for the purposes of  
1694 this section, shall mean any group 1 safety net hospital that had less than 355 staffed beds in  
1695 fiscal year 2022 as reported by the center for health information and analysis; (iii) large group 2  
1696 safety net hospitals which, for the purposes of this section, shall mean any group 2 safety net  
1697 hospital that had not less than 355 staffed beds in fiscal year 2022 as reported by the center for  
1698 health information and analysis; (iv) small group 2 safety net hospitals which, for the purposes of  
1699 this section, shall mean any group 2 safety net hospital that had less than 355 staffed beds in  
1700 fiscal year 2022 as reported by the center for health information and analysis; (v) freestanding  
1701 pediatric acute hospitals; (vi) academic, teaching and specialty hospitals which, for the purposes  
1702 of this section, shall mean an academic medical center, teaching hospital or specialty hospital as  
1703 determined by the center for health information and analysis as of September 30, 2019, but  
1704 excluding any high public payer hospital; (vii) private acute hospitals which, for the purposes of  
1705 this section, shall mean a private hospital licensed under section 51 of chapter 111 that contains a  
1706 majority of medical-surgical, pediatric, obstetric and maternity beds as defined by the department  
1707 of public health and operating as of September 30, 2019, but excluding any safety net hospital or  
1708 academic, teaching and specialty hospital; (viii) non-state public hospitals which, for the  
1709 purposes of this section, shall mean any non-state-owned public hospital in the commonwealth as

1710 determined by the secretary; and (ix) non-acute hospitals which, for the purposes of this section  
1711 shall mean any nonpublic hospital licensed by the department of public health under said section  
1712 51 of said chapter 111; provided, however, that non-acute hospital shall not include an acute care  
1713 hospital under section 25B of said chapter 111 or a nonpublic hospital licensed as an inpatient  
1714 facility by the department of mental health under section 19 of chapter 19 and regulations  
1715 promulgated thereunder but not categorized as a class VII licensee under the regulations.

1716 (e) Each of the groups described in subsection (d) shall be subject to the following  
1717 assessment rates: (i) large group 1 safety net hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 24.000 per cent  
1718 for inpatient services and 5.950 per cent for outpatient services; (ii) small group 1 safety net  
1719 hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 14.500 per cent for inpatient services and 5.500 per cent for  
1720 outpatient services; (iii) large group 2 safety net hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 18.000 per  
1721 cent for inpatient services and 18.200 per cent for outpatient services; (iv) small group 2 safety  
1722 net hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 18.000 per cent for inpatient services and 10.200 per  
1723 cent for outpatient services; (v) freestanding pediatric acute hospitals shall be subject to a rate of  
1724 4.800 per cent for inpatient services and 4.250 per cent for outpatient services; (vi) academic,  
1725 teaching and specialty hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 4.701 per cent for inpatient services  
1726 and 1.065 per cent for outpatient services; (vii) private acute hospitals shall be subject to a rate of  
1727 8.500 per cent for inpatient services and 1.045 per cent for outpatient services; (viii) non-state  
1728 public hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 1.615 per cent for inpatient services and 1.500 per  
1729 cent for outpatient services; and (ix) non-acute hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 3.300 per  
1730 cent for inpatient services and 3.300 per cent for outpatient services; provided, however, that the  
1731 office shall increase each such rate by the amount necessary to generate 50 per cent of the  
1732 estimated cost as determined by the secretary of administration and finance, of administering the  
1733 health safety net and related assessments in accordance with sections 65 to 69, inclusive. If  
1734 hospital closures or hospital changes in status to a different type of provider would result in a  
1735 reduction of total hospital assessment amount, the secretary may, by regulation, adjust the  
1736 assessment rates to ensure the total hospital assessment amount is not reduced by more than  
1737 \$10,000,000 on an annual basis; provided, however, that any such adjustments to the rates shall  
1738 ensure the rates remain in the same proportion to each other as established herein.

1739 (f) The assessment rates described in subsection (e) shall be applied to each hospital's  
1740 fiscal year 2019 assessed charges for inpatient and outpatient services as determined by the  
1741 secretary of health and human services; provided, however, that the term "assessed charges"

1742 shall have the meaning ascribed to it in section 64. The total of the resulting products shall equal  
1743 a hospital's annual assessment liability.

1744 (g) Subject to receipt of all required federal approvals, the executive office shall  
1745 implement the assessment structure described in this section and shall promulgate regulations, in  
1746 consultation with the Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association, Inc., necessary to support  
1747 implementation of said assessment structure. In promulgating such regulations, and in  
1748 consultation with the Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association, Inc., the executive office  
1749 shall, at a minimum: (i) specify an appropriate mechanism for determination and payment of an  
1750 acute hospital's liability to the fund; (ii) identify the hospitals that belong to each group identified  
1751 in subsection (d); (iii) specify an appropriate mechanism for the determination of a hospital's  
1752 liability in cases of merger or transfer of ownership; and (iv) specify an appropriate mechanism  
1753 by which any amounts paid by a hospital in excess of a hospital's total annual assessment  
1754 liability may be refunded or otherwise credited to the hospital.

1755 (h) The secretary of health and human services may enforce the payment of assessments  
1756 required under this section: (i) for hospitals licensed by the department of health, by notifying the  
1757 department of the unpaid assessments and such information shall be considered by the  
1758 department in determining suitability in accordance with section 51 of chapter 111 for the  
1759 hospital or its affiliate provider entities; (ii) by offsetting payments from the office of Medicaid  
1760 against the claims for payment by the delinquent hospital, against other hospitals or MassHealth-  
1761 contracted entities under common ownership as the delinquent hospital or against any successor  
1762 in interest to the hospital or such provider entities under common ownership, in the amount of  
1763 the delinquent fees owed, including any interest, penalties and reasonable attorneys' fees, and by  
1764 transferring such funds into the fund; or (iii) creating, after demand for payment, a lien in favor  
1765 of the commonwealth in an amount not to exceed the delinquent fees owed, including any  
1766 interest, penalties and reasonable attorneys' fees, encumbering the building in which the  
1767 delinquent hospital is located, encumbering the real property upon which the delinquent hospital  
1768 is located, including fixtures, equipment or goods used in the operation of the delinquent  
1769 hospital, or encumbering any real property in which the delinquent hospital holds an interest.

1770 SECTION 100. Said chapter 118E is hereby further amended by striking out section 68  
1771 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

1772 Section 68. (a) Subject to all required federal approvals, including any required waivers  
1773 under 42 CFR 433.68, a managed care organization's annual liability to the fund shall be  
1774 calculated in accordance with this section. The annual aggregate liability of all managed care  
1775 organizations to the fund shall equal the total managed care organization services assessment  
1776 amount.

1777 (b) The assessment shall be paid to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund, established in  
1778 section 66, by managed care organizations rendering managed care organization services subject  
1779 to assessment on a monthly basis and shall be assessed on all managed care organization services  
1780 subject to assessment.

1781 (c) All managed care organization services subject to assessment shall be divided into 1  
1782 of the following assessment groups; provided, however, that the secretary of health and human  
1783 services may, by regulation, establish further sub-groups within each assessment group:

1784 (i) managed care organization services subject to assessment that are not Medicaid  
1785 managed care organization services subject to assessment provided by a managed care  
1786 organization;

1787 (ii) Medicaid managed care organization services subject to assessment provided by a  
1788 managed care organization rendered below a threshold established by the secretary of health and  
1789 human services in its regulations; and

1790 (iii) Medicaid managed care organization services subject to assessment provided by a  
1791 managed care rendered at or above a threshold established by the secretary of health and human  
1792 services in its regulations.

1793 (d) The assessment rates for each assessment group shall be multiplied by each managed  
1794 care organization's managed care organization services subject to assessment, as determined by  
1795 the secretary of health and human services. The total of the resulting products shall equal a  
1796 managed care organization's annual assessment liability.

1797 (e) Subject to receipt of all required federal approvals, the secretary of health and human  
1798 services shall implement the assessment structure described in this section and shall promulgate  
1799 regulations necessary to support implementation of said assessment structure. In promulgating  
1800 such regulations, the secretary of health and human services shall, at a minimum: (i) establish  
1801 assessment groups, in accordance with subsection (c), into which all managed care organization



1802 services subject to assessment are divided; (ii) set assessment rates for each such assessment  
1803 group, sufficient in the aggregate to generate in each fiscal year the total managed care  
1804 organization services assessment amount; (iii) establish any necessary reporting requirements for  
1805 managed care organizations; (iv) establish an appropriate mechanism for enforcing each  
1806 managed care organization's liability to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund, established in section  
1807 66, if a managed care organization rendering managed care organization services subject to  
1808 assessment does not make a scheduled payment to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund; (v) specify  
1809 an appropriate mechanism for determination and payment of a managed care organization's  
1810 liability to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund; (vi) identify the managed care organization services  
1811 subject to assessment under each group established pursuant to subsection (c); (vii) specify an  
1812 appropriate mechanism for the determination of a managed care organization's liability in cases  
1813 of merger or transfer of ownership; and (viii) specify an appropriate mechanism by which any  
1814 amounts paid by a managed care organization in excess of its total annual assessment liability  
1815 may be refunded or otherwise credited to the managed care organization.

1816 SECTION 101. Section 69A of chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby repealed.

1817 SECTION 102. Said chapter 118E is hereby further amended by adding the following 2  
1818 sections:-

1819 Section 83. (a) As used in this section and section 84, the following words shall have the  
1820 following meaning unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

1821 "HSN", the payment program established and administered in accordance with section  
1822 8A and sections 64 to 69, inclusive.

1823 "HSN patient", an individual served by an HSN provider whose services are paid for  
1824 through the HSN.

1825 "OTC oral contraceptive", a nonprescription oral contraceptive approved or otherwise  
1826 authorized by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

1827 (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a practitioner who is  
1828 registered to prescribe or dispense controlled substances in the course of the practitioner's  
1829 professional practice under section 7 of chapter 94C and is designated by the assistant secretary  
1830 for the division may issue a standing order that may be used for a licensed pharmacist to  
1831 dispense an OTC oral contraceptive to a MassHealth member or HSN patient.

1832 (c) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a licensed pharmacist may  
1833 dispense an OTC oral contraceptive in accordance with the standing order issued under  
1834 subsection (b) to a MassHealth member or HSN patient. Except for gross negligence or willful  
1835 misconduct, a pharmacist who, in good faith, dispenses an OTC oral contraceptive consistent  
1836 with the standing order shall not be subject to any criminal or civil liability or professional  
1837 disciplinary action by the board of registration in pharmacy related to the dispensing of said OTC  
1838 oral contraceptive.

1839 (d) A pharmacist who dispenses an OTC oral contraceptive pursuant to this section to a  
1840 MassHealth member or HSN patient shall submit a claim to MassHealth or the HSN, as  
1841 applicable.

1842 (e) Except for gross negligence or willful misconduct, the assistant secretary for the  
1843 division or a physician who issues the standing order under subsection (b) and any practitioner  
1844 who, acting in good faith, directly or through the standing order, prescribes or dispenses an OTC  
1845 oral contraceptive to a MassHealth member or HSN patient shall not be subject to any criminal  
1846 or civil liability or professional disciplinary action.

1847 (f) The division may adopt regulations or issue written guidance to implement this  
1848 section.

1849 Section 84. (a) For the purposes of this section, “Prenatal vitamin”, shall mean an oral  
1850 multivitamin for supporting health during pregnancy.

1851 (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a physician who is  
1852 registered to prescribe or dispense a controlled substance in the course of the physician’s  
1853 professional practice under section 7 of chapter 94C and is designated by the assistant secretary  
1854 for the division may issue a standing order that may be used for a licensed pharmacist to  
1855 dispense a prenatal vitamin to a MassHealth member or HSN patient.

1856 (c) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a licensed pharmacist may  
1857 dispense a prenatal vitamin in accordance with the standing order issued under subsection (b) to  
1858 a MassHealth member or HSN patient. Except for gross negligence or willful misconduct, a  
1859 pharmacist who, in good faith, dispenses a prenatal vitamin consistent with the standing order  
1860 shall not be subject to any criminal or civil liability or professional disciplinary action by the  
1861 board of registration in pharmacy related to the dispensing of such prenatal vitamin.

1862 (d) A pharmacist who dispenses a prenatal vitamin pursuant to this section to a  
1863 MassHealth member or HSN patient shall submit a claim to MassHealth or the HSN, as  
1864 applicable.

1865 (e) Except for gross negligence or willful misconduct, the assistant secretary for the  
1866 division or a physician who issues the standing order under subsection (b) and any practitioner  
1867 who, in good faith, directly or through the standing order, prescribes or dispenses a prenatal  
1868 vitamin to a MassHealth member or HSN patient shall not be subject to any criminal or civil  
1869 liability or professional disciplinary action.

1870 (f) The division may adopt regulations or issue written guidance to implement this  
1871 section.

1872 SECTION 103. Section 1 of chapter 125 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
1873 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 32, and in lines 40 and 41, each time  
1874 they appear, the words “; Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord”.

1875 SECTION 104. Subsection (b) of section 171 of chapter 127 of the General Laws, added  
1876 by section 51 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023, is hereby amended by striking out the first  
1877 sentence.

1878 SECTION 105. Said subsection (b) of said section 171 of said chapter 127, as amended  
1879 by section 104, is hereby further amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place  
1880 thereof the following 2 sentences:- The department of correction, state correctional facilities,  
1881 state prisons, county correctional facilities and entities, sellers, suppliers or vendors contracting  
1882 with such facilities shall not charge more than 5 per cent below the prevailing market price for  
1883 commissary items. The department of correction and county sheriffs shall maximize discounts  
1884 procured from bulk purchasing of commissary items or other contracting opportunities that  
1885 reduce the cost of such items and shall not receive commissions, revenue or other financial  
1886 incentives in any contract with a seller, supplier or vendor of commissary items.

1887 SECTION 106. Section 1A of chapter 130 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
1888 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the fourth sentence the following  
1889 sentence:- Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the division of marine  
1890 fisheries shall have the sole authority and jurisdiction to regulate the harvest of marine fish and  
1891 the effect of such activities on marine fish species and marine fisheries resources. No person

1892 authorized to engage in fishing activities by the division pursuant to this chapter shall be required  
1893 to file a notice of intent pursuant to section 40 of chapter 131 or pursuant to a local wetlands by-  
1894 law or regulation and no person shall be required to obtain a permit or license pursuant to chapter  
1895 91 or a water quality certification pursuant to chapter 21 in relation to any such fishing activities.

1896 SECTION 107. Subsection (1) of section 44A of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as so  
1897 appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “Eligible” the following  
1898 definition:-

1899 “Maintenance service contract”, a multi-year contract exclusively for the ongoing,  
1900 periodic maintenance, including maintaining, servicing, testing and incidental repairs, of 1 or  
1901 more of the following building systems: (i) electrical system; (ii) elevator system; (iii) fire  
1902 protection sprinkler system, as defined in section 81 of chapter 146; (iv) fire alarm system; (v)  
1903 heating, ventilating and air-conditioning and any associated mechanical system; or (vi) plumbing  
1904 system.

1905 SECTION 108. Said section 44A of said chapter 149, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1906 amended by striking out, in line 47, the word “(A)” and inserting in place thereof the following  
1907 words:- (2)(A).

1908 SECTION 109. Subsection (2) of said section 44A of said chapter 149, as so appearing, is  
1909 hereby amended by inserting after paragraph (D) the following paragraph:-

1910 (D ½) Every maintenance service contract for any building by the division of capital asset  
1911 management and maintenance estimated to cost more than \$150,000 shall be awarded to the  
1912 lowest responsible and eligible general bidder on the basis of competitive bids in accordance  
1913 with the procedure set forth in section 44A to 44H, inclusive; provided, however, that this  
1914 paragraph shall not apply if a maintenance service contract is bid, at the option of the  
1915 commissioner, pursuant to section 39M of chapter 30.

1916 SECTION 110. Subsection (a) of section 62A of chapter 151A of the General Laws, as so  
1917 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the  
1918 following 2 sentences:- The department of unemployment assistance shall provide regional in-  
1919 person assistance in each workforce area and in coordination with the MassHire department of  
1920 career services. A department representative shall be available for assistance at each workforce  
1921 area at least 1 day a week; provided, however, that assistance shall include, but not be limited to:

1922 (i) providing general information on unemployment compensation and claims; (ii) application  
1923 assistance; and (iii) identity verification assistance.

1924 SECTION 111. Section 52E of said chapter 149, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1925 inserting after the definition of “Abusive behavior” the following 2 definitions:-

1926 “Client employer”, a business entity that obtains or is provided workers to perform labor  
1927 or services within its usual course of business from a third party, including, but not limited to, a  
1928 staffing agency as defined in section 159C.

1929 “Contract worker”, an individual who performs services for a client employer but is not  
1930 considered an employee under section 148B, including individuals who are contracted for work  
1931 by client employers.

1932 SECTION 112. Said section 52E of said chapter 149, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1933 amended by striking out, in line 36, the words “An employer shall permit an employee” and  
1934 inserting in place thereof the following words:- An employer or a client employer shall permit an  
1935 employee or a contract worker.

1936 SECTION 113. Subsection (a) of section 62A of chapter 151A of the General Laws, as so  
1937 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the  
1938 following 2 sentences:- The department of unemployment assistance shall provide regional in-  
1939 person assistance in each workforce area and in coordination with MassHire in the department of  
1940 career services. A department representative shall be available for assistance at each workforce  
1941 area at least 1 day a week; provided, however, that assistance shall include, but not be limited to:  
1942 (i) providing general information on unemployment compensation and claims; (ii) application  
1943 assistance; and (iii) identity verification assistance.

1944 SECTION 114. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
1945 section 47UU the following section:-

1946 Section 47VV. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall have the  
1947 following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

1948 “Directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility”, to cause circumstances where a  
1949 disease or the necessary treatment for a disease has a likely side effect of infertility as established

1950 by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology  
1951 or other reputable professional organizations.

1952 “Standard fertility preservation services”, procedures or treatments to preserve fertility as  
1953 recommended by a board-certified obstetrician gynecologist, reproductive endocrinologist or  
1954 other physician; provided, however, that the recommendation shall be made in accordance with  
1955 current medical practices and professional guidelines published by the American Society for  
1956 Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology or other reputable  
1957 professional organizations.

1958 (b) The following shall provide coverage for standard fertility preservation services,  
1959 including, but not limited to, coverage for procurement, cryopreservation and storage of gametes,  
1960 embryos or other reproductive tissue, when the enrollee has a diagnosed medical or genetic  
1961 condition that may directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility by affecting reproductive  
1962 organs or processes: (i) any policy of accident and sickness insurance as described in section 108  
1963 that provides hospital expense and surgical expense insurance and that is delivered, issued or  
1964 subsequently renewed by agreement between the insurer and policyholder in the commonwealth;  
1965 (ii) any blanket or general policy of insurance described in subdivision (A), (C) or (D) of section  
1966 110 that provides hospital expense and surgical expense insurance and that is delivered, issued or  
1967 subsequently renewed by agreement between the insurer and the policyholder within or without  
1968 the commonwealth; and (iii) any employees’ health and welfare fund that provides hospital  
1969 expense and surgical expense benefits and that is delivered, issued or renewed to any person or  
1970 group of persons in the commonwealth. Coverage shall be provided to the same extent that  
1971 coverage is provided for other pregnancy-related procedures.

1972 SECTION 115. Section 1 of chapter 175M of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
1973 inserting after the figure “19A”, as appearing in section 35 of chapter 77 of the acts of 2023, the  
1974 following words:- , whose wages from working as a consumer directed care worker meet the  
1975 financial eligibility requirements of said subsection (a) of said section 24 of said chapter 151A.

1976 SECTION 116. Subsection (b) of section 7 of said chapter 175M, as appearing in the  
1977 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place  
1978 thereof the following sentence:- The costs of administering the department under this chapter  
1979 shall be paid from the trust fund and, in each fiscal year, shall not exceed 5 per cent of the  
1980 amount remaining in the fund at the end of the previous fiscal year; provided, however, that the

1981 amount available from the trust fund for administering the department shall not decrease by more  
1982 than 5 per cent from the previous year.

1983 SECTION 117. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
1984 section 8VV the following section:-

1985 Section 8WW. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall have the  
1986 following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

1987 “Directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility”, to cause circumstances where a  
1988 disease or the necessary treatment for a disease has a likely side effect of infertility as established  
1989 by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology  
1990 or other reputable professional organizations.

1991 “Standard fertility preservation services”, procedures or treatments to preserve fertility as  
1992 recommended by a board-certified obstetrician gynecologist, reproductive endocrinologist or  
1993 other physician; provided, however, that the recommendation shall be made in accordance with  
1994 current medical practices and professional guidelines published by the American Society for  
1995 Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology or other reputable  
1996 professional organizations.

1997 (b) Any contract between a subscriber and a corporation subject to this chapter, pursuant  
1998 to an individual or group hospital service plan that is delivered, issued or renewed within the  
1999 commonwealth shall provide coverage for standard fertility preservation services, including, but  
2000 not limited to, coverage for procurement, cryopreservation and storage of gametes, embryos or  
2001 other reproductive tissue, when the enrollee has a diagnosed medical or genetic condition that  
2002 may directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility by affecting reproductive organs or  
2003 processes. Coverage shall be provided to the same extent that coverage is provided for other  
2004 pregnancy-related procedures.

2005 SECTION 118. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2006 section 4VV the following section:-

2007 Section 4WW. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall have the  
2008 following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

2009 “Directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility”, to cause circumstances where a  
2010 disease or the necessary treatment for a disease has a likely side effect of infertility as established  
2011 by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology  
2012 or other reputable professional organizations.

2013 “Standard fertility preservation services”, procedures or treatments to preserve fertility as  
2014 recommended by a board-certified obstetrician gynecologist, reproductive endocrinologist or  
2015 other physician; provided, however, that the recommendation shall be made in accordance with  
2016 current medical practices and professional guidelines published by the American Society for  
2017 Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology or other reputable  
2018 professional organizations.

2019 (b) A subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service agreement that  
2020 is delivered, issued or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide coverage for standard  
2021 fertility preservation services, including, but not limited to, the coverage for procurement,  
2022 cryopreservation and storage of gametes, embryos or other reproductive tissue, when the enrollee  
2023 has a diagnosed medical or genetic condition that may directly or indirectly cause impairment of  
2024 fertility by affecting reproductive organs or processes. Coverage shall be provided to the same  
2025 extent that coverage is provided for other pregnancy-related procedures.

2026 SECTION 119. Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2027 section 4NN the following section:-

2028 Section 4OO. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall have the  
2029 following meaning unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

2030 “Directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility”, to cause circumstances where a  
2031 disease or the necessary treatment for a disease has a likely side effect of infertility as established  
2032 by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology  
2033 or other reputable professional organizations.

2034 “Standard fertility preservation services”, procedures or treatments to preserve fertility as  
2035 recommended by a board-certified obstetrician gynecologist, reproductive endocrinologist or  
2036 other physician; provided, however, that the recommendation shall be made in accordance with  
2037 current medical practices and professional guidelines published by the American Society for



2038 Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology or other reputable  
2039 professional organizations.

2040 (b) An individual or group health maintenance contract that is issued, delivered or  
2041 renewed within the commonwealth shall provide coverage for standard fertility preservation  
2042 services, including, but not limited to, coverage for procurement, cryopreservation and storage of  
2043 gametes, embryos or other reproductive tissue, when the enrollee has a diagnosed medical or  
2044 genetic condition that may directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility by affecting  
2045 reproductive organs or processes. Coverage shall be provided to the same extent that coverage is  
2046 provided for other pregnancy-related procedures.

2047 SECTION 120. Subsection (b) of section 3 of chapter 258C of the General Laws, as  
2048 appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 15, the figure  
2049 “\$8,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$13,000.

2050 SECTION 121. Said subsection (b) of said section 3 of said chapter 258C, as so  
2051 appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 22, the figure “\$800” and inserting  
2052 in place thereof the following figure:- \$4,000.

2053 SECTION 122. Said subsection (b) of said section 3 of said chapter 258C, as so  
2054 appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 105, the figure “\$500” and inserting  
2055 in place thereof the following figure:- \$3,000.

2056 SECTION 123. Section 2A of chapter 77 of the acts of 2023 is hereby amended by  
2057 striking out item 4400-1031 and inserting in place thereof the following item:-

2058 4400-1031 For reimbursement to clients who have had their federal supplemental  
2059 nutrition assistance program or summer electronic benefits for children program payments stolen  
2060 through electronic benefit transfer card skimming, card cloning and other similar fraudulent  
2061 methods, including organized identity theft schemes during the period of October 1, 2022 to June  
2062 30, 2025, inclusive, to the extent that federal funds will not cover the cost of reimbursement;  
2063 provided, that claims for such reimbursement must be verified by the department of transitional  
2064 assistance and must be reported to or identified by the department not later than July 31, 2025;  
2065 and provided further, that the funds appropriated in this item shall not revert to the General Fund  
2066 but shall be made available for these purposes through September 1, 2025.....\$1,000,000.

2067 SECTION 124. Item 2300-0101 of section 2 of chapter 126 of the acts of 2022 is hereby  
2068 amended by striking out the figure 2024”, as appearing in section 72 of chapter 77 of the acts of  
2069 2023, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2025.

2070 SECTION 125. Item 4590-0250 of said section 2 of said chapter 126 is hereby amended  
2071 by striking out the figure 2025, as appearing in section 84 of chapter 77 of the acts of 2023, and  
2072 inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2025.

2073 SECTION 126. Sections 157, 158 and 159 of chapter 126 of the acts of 2022 are hereby  
2074 repealed.

2075 SECTION 127. Sections 25, 66 and 187 of chapter 126 of the acts of 2022 are hereby  
2076 repealed.

2077 SECTION 128. Item 1100-2516 of section 2 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2022 is hereby  
2078 amended by striking out the words "city of Boston" and inserting in place thereof the following  
2079 words:- Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester, Inc.

2080 SECTION 129. Item 1599-6090 of section 2A of chapter 268 of the acts of 2022 is  
2081 hereby amended by striking out the words “June 30, 2024”, as appearing in section 74 of chapter  
2082 28 of the acts of 2023, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- December 31, 2024.

2083 SECTION 130. Item 1599-0026 of section 2 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023 is hereby  
2084 amended by inserting after the word “federal”, the first time it appears. the following words:- and  
2085 state.

2086 SECTION 131. Item 2000-0100 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby amended by  
2087 inserting after the word “program”, the third time it appears, the following words:- and funds  
2088 shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

2089 SECTION 132. Item 1100-2516 of section 2 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2022 is hereby  
2090 amended by striking out the words "city of Boston" and inserting in place thereof the following  
2091 words:- Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester, Inc.

2092 SECTION 133. Item 1599-0026 of section 2 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023 is hereby  
2093 amended by inserting after the word “federal”, the first time it appears. the following words:-  
2094 “and state”.

2095 SECTION 134. Item 5011-0100 of section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby amended by  
2096 striking out the words “\$50,000 shall be expended for a study to be conducted by the department  
2097 of mental health, in consultation with the naval construction and marine engineering program at  
2098 the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, on the feasibility of converting a decommissioned  
2099 ship or other water-based vessel into a floating hospital for mental health, substance use  
2100 treatment and recovery services” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- \$25,000  
2101 shall be expended to Southwest Corridor Park Conservancy, Inc. for biohazard cleanups along  
2102 the Southwest Corridor park in the Back Bay, Roxbury and South End sections of the city of  
2103 Boston; provided further, that not less than \$12,500 shall be expended to Andrew Square Civic  
2104 Association, Inc. for biohazard cleanup in the Andrew Square area in the South Boston section of  
2105 the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$12,500 shall be expended to Worcester  
2106 Square Area Neighborhood Assoc. Inc. for biohazard cleanups in the Worcester Square area in  
2107 the South End section in the city of Boston.

2108 SECTION 135. Section 18 of said chapter 28 is hereby repealed.

2109 SECTION 136. Section 2A of chapter 77 of the acts of 2023 is hereby amended by  
2110 striking out item 4400-1031 and inserting in place thereof the following item:-

2111 4400-1031 For reimbursement to clients who have had their federal supplemental  
2112 nutrition assistance program or summer electronic benefits for children program payments stolen  
2113 through electronic benefit transfer card skimming, card cloning and other similar fraudulent  
2114 methods, including organized identity theft schemes during the period of October 1, 2022 to June  
2115 30, 2025, inclusive, to the extent that federal funds will not cover the cost of reimbursement;  
2116 provided, that claims for such reimbursement must be verified by the department of transitional  
2117 assistance and must be reported to or identified by the department not later than July 31, 2025;  
2118 and provided further, that the funds appropriated in this item shall not revert to the General Fund  
2119 but shall be made available for these purposes through September 1, 2025.....\$1,000,000.

2120 SECTION 137. The secretary of administration and finance shall develop a plan,  
2121 including estimated costs and a proposed timeline for implementation, to ensure that any state  
2122 form or document issued by a state agency that requires an individual to indicate the individual’s  
2123 gender shall provide an opportunity for the individual to choose a gender option other than male  
2124 or female; provided, however, that the secretary shall ensure that such a form or document  
2125 complies with applicable federal rules and regulations. The secretary shall submit the plan to the

2126 clerks of the senate and house of representatives and the senate and house committees on ways  
2127 and means not later than January 1, 2025.

2128 SECTION 138. Not later than January 1, 2025, the registry of motor vehicles, the state  
2129 secretary and any state agency including, but not limited to, the department of children and  
2130 families, the department of youth services, the department of mental health and the committee  
2131 for public counsel services, that interacts with youth or young adults in the care of such state  
2132 agency or provides youth or young adults with legal assistance shall develop materials for  
2133 dissemination to inform youth and young adults of the options regarding sex and gender  
2134 designations on state forms and documents pursuant to this act and develop processes to assist  
2135 youth and young adults who wish to change their gender designation.

2136 SECTION 139. Not later than October 31, 2024, the department of early education and  
2137 care shall submit a report to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the senate and  
2138 house committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education on a proposed  
2139 methodology to calculate and assess the cost of providing high-quality early education and care.  
2140 The methodology shall take into consideration the full cost of service delivery including, but not  
2141 limited to, costs that vary based on: (i) geographic region; (ii) early education and care provider  
2142 type and size; (iii) the age ranges of children served; (iv) group size and ratios; (v) the  
2143 demographics of the populations served by early education and care providers; and (vi) costs of  
2144 additional services to children and families with high needs, including staff and staff training  
2145 necessary to accommodate children with disabilities or other high needs, interpreter services,  
2146 mental health supports for children and staff and staff time required to provide comprehensive  
2147 family engagement and services to ensure effective early education and promote  
2148 multigenerational success.

2149 In developing the methodology, the department shall consider the factors that affect the  
2150 cost of service delivery including, but not limited to: (i) administration; (ii) staff pay and  
2151 benefits; (iii) professional development and instructional coaching; (iv) operations and  
2152 maintenance including, but not limited to, rent, equipment, technology, furniture and utility  
2153 costs; (v) educational supplies and curricula; (vi) food services; and (vii) transportation services.

2154 The department shall include in its report: (i) recommendations to annually assess and  
2155 update the methodology to ensure continued alignment with the cost of providing high-quality  
2156 early education and care and compliance with federal regulations; and (ii) recommendations

2157 regarding the use of the methodology to inform the development of child care financial  
2158 assistance reimbursement rates under clause (e) of the second paragraph of section 2 of said  
2159 chapter 15D and the distribution formula for the operational grant program established in section  
2160 19 of said chapter 15D.

2161 SECTION 140. (a) Not later than June 30, 2025, the executive office of labor and  
2162 workforce development, in consultation with the department of early education and care and the  
2163 executive office of economic development, shall conduct a study and make recommendations in  
2164 a report to be filed with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the senate and  
2165 house committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education. The report shall  
2166 include, but not be limited to: (i) identifying and promoting employer best practices; (ii)  
2167 exploring employer incentives to support additional early education and care benefits for their  
2168 employees; (iii) examining the availability of state partnerships with the business community to  
2169 support employees who have young children; (iv) exploring ways to improve collaboration  
2170 across secretariats of state agencies to engage with the business community; (v) considering  
2171 incentives or requirements for employers of a certain size or specific subgroups of employers to  
2172 provide employer-supported early education and care benefits to employees; and (vi) considering  
2173 the feasibility of assessing all or certain employers to fund expanded access to high quality,  
2174 affordable early education and care. Prior to making its recommendations, the executive office of  
2175 labor and workforce development shall meet with regionally-diverse stakeholders.

2176 SECTION 141. Not later than October 31, 2024, the department of early education and  
2177 care shall file a report on the operational grant program established under section 19 of chapter  
2178 15D of the General Laws with the clerks of senate and the house of representatives, the senate  
2179 and house committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education. The report shall  
2180 include the department's proposed: (i) distribution formula for the operational grant program; (ii)  
2181 eligibility criteria for the operational grant program; (iii) allowable uses of operational grants;  
2182 and (iv) enforceable compliance standards for ensuring that program openings in early education  
2183 and care providers receiving operational grants are accessible to children receiving child care  
2184 financial assistance.

2185 SECTION 142. The department of early education and care shall establish the first early  
2186 education and care career ladder pursuant to section 20 of chapter 15D of the General Laws not  
2187 later than October 31, 2024.

2188 SECTION 143. (a) For the purposes of this section, “authority” shall mean the  
2189 Massachusetts School Building Authority established in section 1A of chapter 70B of the  
2190 General Laws.

2191 (b) There shall be a special commission to study and make recommendations regarding  
2192 the: (i) capacity of the authority to meet the needs of current and future school facility projects;  
2193 and (ii) racial, ethnic, socioeconomic and geographic equity of the authority’s grant funding  
2194 formula to ensure that all communities may participate in the program.

2195 (c) The commission shall consist of: the chairs of the joint committee on education who  
2196 shall serve as co-chairs; 1 member to be appointed by the senate president; 1 member to be  
2197 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; 1 member to be appointed by the  
2198 minority leader of the senate; 1 member to be appointed by the minority leader of the house of  
2199 representatives; the secretary of education or a designee; the commissioner of elementary and  
2200 secondary education or a designee; the executive director of the authority or a designee; 2  
2201 members to be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a representative of a gateway city  
2202 with knowledge of municipal finance and 1 of whom shall be an individual with demonstrated  
2203 expertise in the design and construction of cost-effective school buildings; 2 members to be  
2204 appointed by the state treasurer, 1 of whom shall be an individual with demonstrated expertise in  
2205 the design and construction of green buildings and 1 of whom shall be an individual with  
2206 demonstrated expertise in public health and indoor environmental quality in school buildings; 1  
2207 member to be appointed by the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, Inc.; 1  
2208 member to be appointed by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, Inc.; 1  
2209 member to be appointed by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators, Inc.; 1  
2210 member to be appointed by the Massachusetts chapters of the American Institute for Architects;  
2211 1 member to be appointed by the Massachusetts Facilities Administrators Association, Inc.; 1  
2212 member to be appointed by the Massachusetts Teachers Association; 1 member to be appointed  
2213 by the American Federation of Teachers, Massachusetts; 1 member to be appointed by the  
2214 Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, Inc.; 1 member to be appointed by the Massachusetts  
2215 Municipal Association, Inc.; and 1 member to be appointed by the Massachusetts Building  
2216 Trades Council.

2217 (d) The commission shall investigate and make recommendations on: (i) the current and  
2218 future need to renovate and rebuild school facilities, the availability of adequate state and local  
2219 resources and the extent to which current state funding for the authority may need to be adjusted  
2220 to meet this need; (ii) the authority’s existing grant formula and potential modifications to the

2221 formula to ensure fairness and equity for all communities; (iii) the alignment of the authority’s  
2222 construction cost reimbursement rate relative to the actual cost of construction and other  
2223 authority policies that impact eligible project costs for reimbursement; (iv) incentive percentage  
2224 points including, but not limited to, how such incentive percentage points are calculated for  
2225 municipalities that qualify for 80 per cent reimbursement; (v) reimbursement policies for  
2226 regional technical and vocational schools and how to ensure affordability for all member  
2227 communities; (vi) reimbursement policies to help the commonwealth achieve its environmental  
2228 and greenhouse gas emissions reductions goals; (vii) reimbursement policies that support healthy  
2229 school facilities for students and staff; (viii) whether the authority should be authorized to spend  
2230 money on equipment or be limited to funding for education structures; (ix) whether the authority  
2231 should add incentives for educational spaces approved under chapter 74 of the General Laws in  
2232 programs that align with labor market demand; (x) strategies for addressing facilities needs of  
2233 educational collaboratives; and (xi) any other issues affecting the ability of all students to attend  
2234 school in high quality, accessible, safe, healthy and green school buildings.

2235 (e) The authority and other state agencies shall make available to the commission any  
2236 documents, data or materials in a timely manner when reasonably requested by the commission.  
2237 The authority shall provide staff to assist the commission in completing its obligations under this  
2238 section.

2239 (f) The commission shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the  
2240 clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the joint committee on education and the house  
2241 and senate committees on ways and means not later than June 1, 2026.

2242 SECTION 144. (a) There shall be a special commission to study and examine  
2243 opportunities for collaboration and consolidation among the department of correction, the county  
2244 sheriffs, the parole board and the office of community corrections. For the purposes of this  
2245 section, “facility” shall include a correctional facility, a house of correction and a jail.

2246 (b) The commission shall develop a list of alternatives to the distribution of responsibilities  
2247 and oversight of facilities and shall consider any positive and negative impacts of each  
2248 alternative. In developing alternatives, the commission shall: (i) consider the long-term fiscal  
2249 sustainability of the facilities and recognize the need to reduce the cost to taxpayers of  
2250 maintaining and operating facilities below capacity; (ii) recognize the need to provide safe and  
2251 humane facilities for incarcerated persons; (iii) preserve flexibility to respond in a cost-effective  
2252 manner to changes in incarceration levels; (iv) recognize the importance of evidence-based

2253 rehabilitative programming for incarcerated persons; (v) recognize the value of community-  
2254 integrated reentry support services; (vi) recognize the advantages of local facilities for pretrial  
2255 confinement and short incarcerations; (vii) recognize the advantages of local facilities in  
2256 supporting family and community connections; (viii) recognize the value of existing facilities  
2257 and other investments; (ix) recognize the need for increasing regional collaboration; (x)  
2258 recognize the unique roles of sheriffs in varying urban and rural regions; (xi) recognize the  
2259 unique issues posed by incarcerating female and LGTBQ+ populations; (xii) recognize the  
2260 importance of addressing the social determinants of health in reentry services; (xiii) recognize  
2261 the role that community organizations play in reentry services; and (xiv) recognize the  
2262 alternative needs that county sheriffs may address.

2263 (c)(1) The commission shall consist of the 9 voting members and 11 nonvoting members.

2264 (2) The 7 voting members shall include: 2 members appointed by the senate president, 1 of  
2265 whom shall serve as co-chair; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 1  
2266 member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; 2 members appointed  
2267 by the speaker of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall serve as co-chair; 3 members  
2268 appointed by the governor who shall have experience in management, public finance,  
2269 correctional policies and procedures or reentry and rehabilitative programming; provided,  
2270 however, that no voting member shall be a present employee of a facility. The voting members  
2271 on the commission shall reflect the geographic diversity of the commonwealth.

2272 (3) The 11 nonvoting members shall include: the commissioner of probation, or a  
2273 designee; 3 members appointed by the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association, Inc.; 3 members  
2274 appointed by the governor, of whom 1 shall be a retired correction officer, 1 shall be a social  
2275 worker or other licensed mental health professional and 1 shall be a retired judge of the  
2276 commonwealth; and 4 members to be appointed by the attorney general, of whom 1 shall be an  
2277 advocate for prisoners' rights, 1 shall be a formerly incarcerated person whose sentence was  
2278 served in a state correctional facility, 1 shall be a formerly incarcerated person whose sentence  
2279 was served in a county correctional facility and 1 shall have expertise or experience in healthcare  
2280 for incarcerated persons.

2281 (4) Five voting members shall constitute a quorum. The first meeting of the commission  
2282 shall be convened not more than 30 days after 5 voting members have been appointed.



2283 (d) The commission shall submit a written report of its findings with the clerks of the  
2284 senate and house of representatives, the senate and house committees on ways and means and the  
2285 joint committee on public safety and homeland security not later than September 30, 2026.

2286 SECTION 145. (a) Notwithstanding sections 32 to 37, inclusive, of chapter 7C of the  
2287 General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner of capital  
2288 asset management and maintenance may sell, lease for a term not to exceed 99 years, transfer or  
2289 otherwise dispose of the Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord facility in the town of  
2290 Concord which is currently used for correctional purposes. The commissioner of capital asset  
2291 management and maintenance may determine the final boundaries of the parcels to be conveyed  
2292 after completion of a survey.

2293 (b)(1) The commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance shall study the  
2294 existing conditions of the site of the real property described in subsection (a) and plan for the  
2295 reuse of said property. The commissioner shall consult stakeholders including, but not limited to:  
2296 (i) the secretary of housing and livable communities, or a designee; (ii) the secretary of  
2297 transportation, or a designee; (iii) the secretary of public safety and security, or a designee; (iv)  
2298 members of the select board of the town of Concord, or their designees; (v) members of any  
2299 advisory body established by the select board of the town of Concord regarding the reuse of the  
2300 Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord; (vi) the chair of the board of the Concord  
2301 Housing Development Corporation, established pursuant to chapter 275 of the acts of 2006, or a  
2302 designee; (vii) the Concord representative to the metropolitan area planning council; (viii)  
2303 district council chair of the Urban Land Institute Boston/New England, or a designee; (ix)  
2304 executive director of the Concord Business Partnership, or a designee; and (x) executive director  
2305 of OARS, Inc., or a designee.

2306 (2) Not less than 60 days prior to finalizing the study, the commissioner shall hold not  
2307 less than 3 public hearings in the town of Concord, with an option for virtual participation, to  
2308 receive public comment on the site planning and reuse of the property described in subsection  
2309 (a); provided, however, that the commissioner shall provide timely notice of the public hearings.  
2310 The first public hearing shall take place not later than 45 days after the effective date of this act.

2311 (3) The commissioner shall prepare a written report summarizing the study findings  
2312 pursuant to paragraph (1), which shall include, but not be limited to: (i) a summary of existing  
2313 site conditions identified during the study; (ii) a summary of the provisions of existing and

2314 ongoing municipal plans, including the town of Concord's Envision Concord: Bridge to 2030  
2315 plan, Concord's zoning bylaws affecting the property described in subsection (a) and any  
2316 ongoing or completed studies or reports by the advisory body established by the select board of  
2317 the town of Concord regarding the reuse of the Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord;  
2318 (iii) a summary of state, regional and local plans and policies that may affect or guide use of the  
2319 property described in subsection (a), including, but not limited to, plans and policies encouraging  
2320 the development of a variety of housing options, commercial and retail opportunities, jobs and  
2321 open space and policies encouraging smart growth; (iv) a summary of input provided at the  
2322 public hearings held pursuant to paragraph (2) and the input of each of the stakeholders  
2323 described in paragraph (1); (v) an evaluation of the specific plan, including land use, density and  
2324 site access recommended by the advisory body established by the select board of the town of  
2325 Concord regarding the reuse of the Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord; and (vi) the  
2326 potential reuses and use restrictions, if any, the commissioner deems appropriate for the property  
2327 described in subsection (a).

2328 (4) The commissioner shall file the report prepared pursuant to paragraph (3) with the  
2329 clerks of the senate and house of representatives not less than 60 days prior to the sale, lease,  
2330 transfer or other disposition of the property described in subsection (a); provided, however, that  
2331 notwithstanding paragraph (5) the commissioner may, prior to the filing of the report: (i) grant  
2332 easements and rights of access to the town of Concord; (ii) convey all or part of the property  
2333 described in subsection (a) to the town of Concord in a manner consistent with paragraph (5);  
2334 and (iii) convey or grant easements of any portion of the property to the Massachusetts  
2335 Department of Transportation for the sole purpose of making improvements to state highway  
2336 route 2.

2337 (5) The commissioner shall dispose of the Massachusetts Correctional Institute, Concord  
2338 real property: (i) by utilizing appropriate competitive processes and procedures; or (ii) through a  
2339 sales-partnership agreement in accordance with subsection (d) with the town of Concord. Such  
2340 competitive processes may include, without limitation, absolute auction, sealed bids and requests  
2341 for price and development proposals. The real property shall be conveyed without warranties or  
2342 representations by the commonwealth and shall be on such terms and conditions as the  
2343 commissioner determines.

2344 (c) A sales-partnership agreement pursuant to paragraph (5) may: (i) require the town of  
2345 Concord to conduct a competitive process and select a developer prior to disposition of the real

2346 property by the commonwealth; provided, however, that the commissioner of capital asset  
2347 management and maintenance may transfer the real property directly to the developer selected by  
2348 the town of Concord; or (ii) authorize the town of Concord to sell or lease the real property  
2349 directly to a developer pursuant to chapter 30B of the General Laws. The consideration for the  
2350 disposition of the real property to the town of Concord pursuant to a sales-partnership agreement  
2351 shall be \$1. If the town of Concord sells or leases any portion of the real property or the  
2352 commonwealth disposes of real property directly to the developer selected by the town of  
2353 Concord pursuant to a sales-partnership agreement, the net proceeds from such sale or lease as  
2354 agreed to by the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance and the town of  
2355 Concord shall be allocated between the town of Concord and the commonwealth in equal shares;  
2356 provided, however, that the commissioner may agree to reduce the share of the commonwealth's  
2357 proceeds to not less than 40 per cent of the net proceeds in order to provide certain incentives to  
2358 expedite the sale, lease or permitting of redevelopment by the town of Concord.

2359 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (b) but subject to subsections (f) to (j), inclusive, the  
2360 commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance may, not later than 30 days after the  
2361 effective date of this act, make an offer to transfer the wastewater treatment facility located at  
2362 Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord, and any other real property necessary thereto,  
2363 to the town of Concord for a direct public use, as defined in section 33 of chapter 7C of the  
2364 General Laws; provided, that the town of Concord shall have, as a right of first refusal, not less  
2365 than 180 days to accept the commissioner's offer to acquire the property. Upon a refusal of the  
2366 town of Concord of the commissioner's offer, including the expiration of said offer, the  
2367 commissioner may dispose of the wastewater treatment facility and any other real property  
2368 necessary thereto pursuant to said subsection (b).

2369 (e) Not less than 30 days before the date of an auction or the date on which bids or  
2370 proposals or other offers to purchase or lease the real property are due, the commissioner of  
2371 capital asset management and maintenance shall place a notice in the central register published  
2372 by the state secretary pursuant to section 20A of chapter 9 of the General Laws stating the  
2373 availability of such property, the nature of the competitive process and other information deemed  
2374 relevant, including the time and location of the auction, the submission of bids or proposals and  
2375 the opening thereof. The commissioner shall not be required to place such notice if the property  
2376 is conveyed to the town of Concord or a developer selected by the town of Concord in  
2377 accordance with a sales-partnership agreement. Not less than 30 days before the date of an

2378 auction or the date on which bids or proposals or other offers to purchase or lease the real  
2379 property are due, the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance shall notify,  
2380 the chair of the select board of the town of Concord and the members of the general court  
2381 representing the town in writing regarding the availability of such property.

2382 (f) The commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance shall establish the  
2383 value of the real property through procedures customarily accepted by the appraising profession  
2384 as valid for determining property value. The value shall be calculated both for: (i) the highest and  
2385 best use of the property as may be encumbered; and (ii) subject to uses, restrictions and  
2386 encumbrances defined by the commissioner. The commissioner shall submit the appraisal  
2387 required by this subsection to the inspector general for review and comment. The inspector  
2388 general shall review and approve the appraisal and the review shall include an examination of the  
2389 methodology utilized for the appraisal. The inspector general shall prepare a report of the review  
2390 and file the report with the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance for  
2391 submission by the commissioner to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the  
2392 joint committee on state administration and regulatory oversight. The commissioner shall submit  
2393 copies of the appraisal and the inspector general's review and approval and comments, if any, to  
2394 the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on state  
2395 administration and regulatory oversight not less than 15 days prior to the execution of any  
2396 documents effecting any transfers authorized by this section.

2397 (g) The commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance shall place a notice  
2398 in the central register identifying the municipality, public agency, individual or firm selected as  
2399 the party to such real property transaction and the amount of the transaction. If the commissioner  
2400 accepts an amount below the value calculated pursuant to subsection (f), the commissioner shall  
2401 include the justification therefore, specifying the difference between the calculated value and the  
2402 price received.

2403 (h) Notwithstanding subsection (b), the commissioner of capital asset management and  
2404 maintenance may retain or grant rights of way or easements for access, egress, utilities and  
2405 drainage across the property described in subsection (a) and across other property owned by the  
2406 commonwealth that is contiguous to the property described in subsection (a) and may accept  
2407 such rights of way or easements for access, egress, utilities and drainage as the commissioner  
2408 considers necessary and appropriate to carry out this section.

2409 (i) No agreement for the sale, lease, transfer or other disposition of real property pursuant  
2410 to this section and no deed executed by or on behalf of the commonwealth shall be valid unless  
2411 such agreement or deed contains a certification, signed by the commissioner of capital asset  
2412 management and maintenance that certifies compliance with this section and which includes the  
2413 following statement:

2414 “The undersigned certifies under penalties of perjury that I have fully complied with the  
2415 requirements of law related to any real property transfer of the parcel of land known as  
2416 Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord.”

2417 (j) No agreement for the sale, lease, transfer or other disposition of real property pursuant  
2418 to this section shall be valid unless the purchaser or lessee has executed and filed with the  
2419 commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance the statement required by section 38  
2420 of chapter 7C of the General Laws.

2421 (k) The grantee or lessee of any real property disposed of pursuant to this section shall be  
2422 responsible for all costs, including, but not limited to, appraisals, surveys, plans, recordings and  
2423 any other expenses relating to the disposition as deemed necessary by the commissioner of  
2424 capital asset management and maintenance.

2425 SECTION 146. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the  
2426 unexpended balances in items 0699-0015 and 0699-9100 of section 2 shall be deposited into the  
2427 State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund established in section 24 of chapter 32A of the General Laws  
2428 before the certification of the fiscal year 2025 consolidated net surplus, pursuant to section 5C of  
2429 chapter 29 of the General Laws. The amount deposited shall be an amount equal to 10 per cent of  
2430 all payments received by the commonwealth in fiscal year 2025 under the master settlement  
2431 agreement in Commonwealth of Massachusetts v. Philip Morris, Inc. et al., Middlesex Superior  
2432 Court, No. 95-7378; provided, however, that if the unexpended balances of said items 0699-0015  
2433 and 0699-9100 of said section 2 in fiscal year 2025 are less than 10 per cent of all payments  
2434 received by the commonwealth in fiscal year 2025 under the master settlement agreement  
2435 payments, an amount equal to the difference shall be transferred to the State Retiree Benefits  
2436 Trust Fund from payments received by the commonwealth under the master settlement  
2437 agreement.

2438 (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the payment percentage  
2439 set forth in section 152 of chapter 68 of the acts of 2011 shall not apply in fiscal year 2025.

2440 SECTION 147. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the amounts  
2441 transferred pursuant to subdivision (1) of section 22C of chapter 32 of the General Laws shall be  
2442 made available for the Commonwealth's Pension Liability Fund established in section 22 of said  
2443 chapter 32. The amounts transferred pursuant to said subdivision (1) of said section 22C of said  
2444 chapter 32 shall meet the commonwealth's obligations pursuant to said section 22C of said  
2445 chapter 32, including retirement benefits payable by the state employees' retirement system and  
2446 the state teachers' retirement system, for the costs associated with a 3 per cent cost-of-living  
2447 adjustment pursuant to section 102 of said chapter 32, for the reimbursement of local retirement  
2448 systems for previously authorized cost-of-living adjustments pursuant to said section 102 of said  
2449 chapter 32 and for the costs of increased survivor benefits pursuant to chapter 389 of the acts of  
2450 1984. The state board of retirement and each city, town, county and district shall verify these  
2451 costs, subject to rules that shall be adopted by the state treasurer. The state treasurer may make  
2452 payments upon a transfer of funds to reimburse certain cities and towns for pensions of retired  
2453 teachers, and including any other obligation that the commonwealth has assumed on behalf of a  
2454 retirement system other than the state employees' retirement system or state teachers' retirement  
2455 system and including the commonwealth's share of the amounts to be transferred pursuant to  
2456 section 22B of said chapter 32. The payments under this section shall be made only pursuant to  
2457 distribution of money from the Commonwealth's Pension Liability Fund and any distribution,  
2458 and the payments for which distributions are required, shall be detailed in a written report  
2459 prepared quarterly by the secretary of administration and finance and submitted to the senate and  
2460 house committees on ways and means and the joint committee on public service in advance of  
2461 the distributions. Distributions shall not be made in advance of the date on which a payment is  
2462 actually to be made. If the amount transferred pursuant to said subdivision (1) of said section  
2463 22C of said chapter 32 exceeds the amount necessary to adequately fund the annual pension  
2464 obligations, the excess amount shall be credited to the Pension Reserves Investment Trust Fund  
2465 established in subdivision (8) of said section 22 of said chapter 32 to reduce the unfunded  
2466 pension liability of the commonwealth.

2467 SECTION 148. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the  
2468 comptroller shall reduce any transfers attributable to capital gains tax collections required  
2469 pursuant to section 5G of chapter 29 of the General Laws during fiscal year 2025 by an amount  
2470 not to exceed \$375,000,000 if the secretary of administration and finance makes a determination  
2471 that the funds are needed and submits such determination in writing to the house and senate

2472 committees on ways and means that the funds are necessary to achieve balance for fiscal year  
2473 2025.

2474 SECTION 149. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the  
2475 commissioner of revenue may establish a tax amnesty program during which all penalties that  
2476 may be assessed by the commissioner shall be waived without the need for any showing by the  
2477 taxpayer of reasonable cause or the absence of willful neglect for the failure of the taxpayer to:  
2478 (i) timely file any proper return for any tax type and for any tax period; (ii) timely pay any tax  
2479 liability; or (iii) pay the proper amount of any required estimated payment toward a tax liability.  
2480 The waiver of a taxpayer's liability under this section shall apply if the taxpayer, prior to the  
2481 expiration of the amnesty period, voluntarily files proper returns and pays the full amount of tax  
2482 shown on the taxpayer's returns or upon the commissioner's assessments, including all interest  
2483 due. The waiver shall not apply to any penalties that may be due pursuant to section 35A, 35D or  
2484 35F of chapter 62C of the General Laws with regard to returns filed pursuant to the tax amnesty  
2485 program. The waiver of penalties shall not apply to any period for which the taxpayer does not  
2486 file proper returns. The tax amnesty program shall apply to tax returns due on or before  
2487 December 31, 2024. If a taxpayer comes into compliance with tax obligations pursuant to the tax  
2488 amnesty program, the commissioner may apply limited look-back periods for unfiled returns, not  
2489 to exceed 4 years, unless the commissioner determines that the taxpayer has acted with  
2490 fraudulent intent. The scope of the tax amnesty program, including the particular tax types,  
2491 periods covered and the applicability of the look-back periods, shall be determined by the  
2492 commissioner.

2493 (b) The tax amnesty program shall be established within fiscal year 2025 for a period of  
2494 60 days to be determined by the commissioner and shall expire not later than June 30, 2025. If a  
2495 taxpayer fails to pay the full liability by June 30, 2025, the commissioner shall retain any  
2496 payments made and shall apply the payments against the outstanding liability and the tax  
2497 amnesty shall not apply.

2498 (c)(1) The commissioner may offer tax amnesty to taxpayers who have failed to file  
2499 required returns due for any tax period on or before December 31, 2024; provided, however, that  
2500 the taxpayer shall file the required return and shall pay the tax shown as due on the return during  
2501 the amnesty period.

2502 (2) The commissioner shall not authorize the waiver of interest or any amount treated as  
2503 interest.

2504 (3) The commissioner's authority to waive penalties during the amnesty period shall not  
2505 apply to any taxpayer who is or has been the subject of a tax-related criminal investigation or  
2506 prosecution or to any taxpayer who delivers or discloses or has delivered or disclosed any false  
2507 or fraudulent application, document, return or other statement.

2508 (4) Any taxpayer who delivers or discloses a false or fraudulent application, document,  
2509 return or other statement to the department of revenue in connection with a tax amnesty  
2510 application pursuant to this section shall not be eligible for amnesty and shall be subject to the  
2511 greater of: (i) the applicable penalties pursuant to chapter 62C of the General Laws; or (ii) a  
2512 penalty not to exceed \$10,000, which shall be calculated and assessed according to rules  
2513 determined by the commissioner and may be subject to de minimis or other exceptions that the  
2514 commissioner may consider appropriate. This penalty shall be subject to said chapter 62C and  
2515 shall be added to and become part of the tax due.

2516 (d) Tax amnesty shall not apply to penalties that the commissioner would not have the  
2517 sole authority to waive including, but not limited to, fuel taxes administered under the  
2518 International Fuel Tax Agreement or under the local option portions of taxes or excises collected  
2519 for the benefit of cities, towns or state governmental authorities.

2520 (e) The commissioner shall maintain records of the penalties waived pursuant to the tax  
2521 amnesty program including, but not limited to: (i) the number of taxpayers provided with tax  
2522 amnesty; (ii) the types of tax liability for which tax amnesty was provided and, for each type of  
2523 liability, the amount of tax liability collected and the amount of penalties forgone by virtue of the  
2524 tax amnesty program; and (iii) the total outstanding tax liability for amnesty-eligible taxpayers at  
2525 the conclusion of the tax amnesty program after the collection of all funds pursuant to this  
2526 section. The commissioner shall file a report detailing the tax amnesty program with the clerks of  
2527 the senate and house of representatives, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the  
2528 joint committee on revenue and the house and senate minority leaders not later than September 1,  
2529 2025. The report shall not contain information sufficient to identify an individual taxpayer or the  
2530 tax amnesty provided to an individual taxpayer pursuant to this section.



2531 (f) The commissioner shall establish administrative procedures and methods to prevent a  
2532 taxpayer who utilizes the tax amnesty program from utilizing any future tax amnesty programs  
2533 for the next 10 consecutive years, beginning in calendar year 2024.

2534 SECTION 150. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary  
2535 of administration and finance, in consultation with the secretary of health and human services,  
2536 may transfer not more than a total of \$25,000,000 from the prescription advantage program in  
2537 item 9110-1455 of section 2 and the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of  
2538 chapter 118E of the General Laws in fiscal year 2025 to support the Medicare Saving or  
2539 Medicare Buy-In programs established in section 25A of said chapter 118E; provided, however,  
2540 that not less than 45 days in advance of the transfer, the secretary of health and human services  
2541 shall certify in writing to the house and senate committees on ways and means the amount to be  
2542 transferred and an explanation of the amount of expected savings to those programs resulting  
2543 from the transfer.

2544 SECTION 151. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, payments  
2545 from the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E of the General  
2546 Laws may be made either as safety net care payments under the commonwealth's waiver  
2547 pursuant to section 1115 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1315, or as an adjustment to  
2548 service rate payments under Title XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act or a combination of  
2549 both. Other federally permissible funding mechanisms available for certain hospitals, as defined  
2550 by regulations of the executive office of health and human services, may be used to reimburse up  
2551 to \$70,000,000 of uncompensated care pursuant to sections 66 and 69 of said chapter 118E using  
2552 sources distinct from the funding made available to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund.

2553 SECTION 152. Notwithstanding section 6 of chapter 6D of the General Laws, section 7  
2554 of chapter 12C of the General Laws, section 24N of chapter 111 of the General Laws, section  
2555 69A of chapter 118E of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the  
2556 surcharges to be collected pursuant to said section 6 of said chapter 6D, said section 7 of said  
2557 chapter 12C, said section 24N of said chapter 111 and said section 69A of said chapter 118E  
2558 shall be collected for the period beginning with the start of the applicable assessment year for  
2559 each such surcharge through December 31, 2024 and shall not be collected for the period  
2560 beginning January 1, 2025 through the end date of the applicable assessment year. Any payment  
2561 obligation of any surcharge payor pursuant to said section 6 of said chapter 6D, said section 7 of  
2562 said chapter 12C, said section 24N of said chapter 111 or said section 69A of said chapter 118E

2563 existing on December 31, 2024 shall survive until such transfer or payment obligation is  
2564 satisfied. The secretary of health and human services may promulgate regulations to implement  
2565 this section.

2566 SECTION 153. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary  
2567 of health and human services shall seek all required federal approvals that the secretary deems  
2568 necessary to implement sections 4, 5, 14, 15, 16, 43, 87, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 96, 97, 100, 101 and  
2569 152, including any required waivers under 42 CFR § 433.68 necessary to implement the  
2570 managed care organization services assessment described in section 68 of chapter 118E of the  
2571 General Laws.

2572 If, after having received any required federal approval necessary to implement sections 4,  
2573 5, 14, 15, 16, 43, 87, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 96, 97, 100, 101 and 152, such approval is withdrawn or  
2574 is otherwise not in effect or if the secretary determines that a change in federal law or regulations  
2575 or the administration of any such federal law or regulation requires a modification to the  
2576 managed care organization services assessment described in said section 68 of said chapter 118E  
2577 or to the implementation of the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of said  
2578 chapter 118E, the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project Fund established in said  
2579 section 2EEEEEE of said chapter 29 or the Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment  
2580 Fund established in said section 2FFFFFF of said chapter 29, the secretary shall notify the joint  
2581 committee on health care financing and the house and senate committees on ways and means to  
2582 develop alternatives.

2583 Not later than February 15, 2026, and annually thereafter, the secretary shall report to the  
2584 house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on health care  
2585 financing: (i) the amount of the assessment made and collected from each managed care  
2586 organization's managed care organization services subject to assessment pursuant to said section  
2587 68 of said chapter 118E; and (ii) the amounts transferred to, deposited in, expended from and  
2588 transferred from the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project Fund established in said  
2589 section 2EEEEEE of said chapter 29 and the Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment  
2590 Fund established in said section 2FFFFFF of said chapter 29.

2591 SECTION 154. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, if the  
2592 commonwealth does not receive all federal approvals pursuant to section 153 that the secretary  
2593 of health and human services determines necessary to implement sections 4, 5, 14, 15, 16, 43, 87,

2594 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 96, 97, 100, 101 and 152, including any required waivers under 42 CFR §  
2595 433.68, the surcharge described in section 68 of chapter 118E of the General Laws shall remain  
2596 in effect as if said sections 4, 5, 14, 15, 16, 43, 87, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 96, 97, 100, 101 and 152  
2597 had not been in effect until the first full calendar month following the calendar month in which  
2598 the secretary determines that all such federal approvals have been received. The secretary shall  
2599 continue to seek all federal approvals necessary to implement said sections 4, 5, 14, 15, 16, 43,  
2600 87, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 96, 97, 100, 101 and 152 until such federal approvals have been received  
2601 or the United States Department of Health and Human Services or the Centers for Medicare and  
2602 Medicaid Services renders a final determination that an assessment established pursuant to said  
2603 section 68 of said chapter 118E cannot be implemented.

2604 SECTION 155. Section 154 is hereby repealed.

2605 SECTION 156. Notwithstanding section 186 of chapter 126 of the acts of 2022, sections  
2606 23, 24, 57, 61 and 63 of chapter 126 of the acts of 2022 shall take effect on October 1, 2027;  
2607 provided, however, that any transfer or payment obligation existing under the second paragraph  
2608 of section 2AAAAA of chapter 29 of the General Laws, subsection (c) of section 2TTTTT of  
2609 said chapter 29 or subsection (c) of section 2UUUUU of said chapter 29 as of September 30,  
2610 2027, shall survive the effectiveness of this section.

2611 SECTION 157. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary  
2612 of health and human services shall seek all required federal approvals the secretary deems  
2613 necessary to implement sections 32, 34, 91, 95, 98, 99, 126 and 156, including any required  
2614 waivers under 42 CFR § 433.68 necessary to implement the updates to the hospital assessment  
2615 described in section 67 of chapter 118E of the General Laws. If, after having received any  
2616 required federal approval necessary to implement said sections 32, 34, 91, 95, 98, 99, 126 and  
2617 156, such approval is withdrawn or is otherwise not in effect or if the secretary determines that a  
2618 change in federal law or regulations or the administration of any such federal law or regulation  
2619 requires a modification to the hospital assessment described in said section 67 of said chapter  
2620 118E or to the implementation of the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of  
2621 said chapter 118E, the Non-Acute Care Hospital Reimbursement Trust Fund established in  
2622 section 2WWWW of chapter 29 of the General Laws, the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund  
2623 established in section 2AAAAA of said chapter 29, the Hospital Investment and Performance  
2624 Trust Fund established in section 2TTTTT of said chapter 29 or the Population Health  
2625 Investment Trust Fund established in section 2UUUUU of said chapter 29, the secretary shall

2626 provide written notification to the joint committee on health care financing and the house and  
2627 senate committees on ways and means and shall consult with the Massachusetts Health and  
2628 Hospital Association, Inc. to develop alternatives.

2629 Not later than February 15, 2026, and annually thereafter, the secretary shall report to the  
2630 joint committee on health care financing and the house and senate committees on ways and  
2631 means: (i) the amount of the assessment made and collected from each hospital pursuant to said  
2632 section 67 of said chapter 118E; and (ii) the amounts transferred to, deposited in, expended from  
2633 and transferred from the Hospital Investment and Performance Trust Fund established in said  
2634 section 2TTTTT of said chapter 29 and the Population Health Investment Trust Fund established  
2635 in said section 2UUUUU of said chapter 29.

2636 SECTION 158. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, if the  
2637 commonwealth does not receive all federal approvals pursuant to section H7 that the secretary of  
2638 health and human services determines necessary to implement sections 32, 34, 91, 95, 98, 99,  
2639 126 and 156, including any required waivers under 42 CFR § 433.68, the hospital assessment  
2640 described in sections 64 to 69, inclusive, of chapter 118E of the General Laws shall remain in  
2641 effect as if said sections 32, 34, 91, 95, 98, 99, 126 and 156 had not been in effect until the first  
2642 full calendar month following the calendar month in which the secretary determines all such  
2643 federal approvals have been received. The secretary, in consultation with representatives of the  
2644 Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association, Inc. shall continue to seek all federal approvals  
2645 necessary to implement said sections 32, 34, 91, 95, 98, 99, 126 and 156 until such federal  
2646 approvals are received or until the United States Department of Health and Human Services or  
2647 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services renders a final determination that an assessment  
2648 established pursuant to sections 65 through 69 of said chapter 118E cannot be implemented.

2649 SECTION 159. Section 157 is hereby repealed.

2650 SECTION 160. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, not later than  
2651 October 1, 2024 and without further appropriation, the comptroller shall transfer from the  
2652 General Fund to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E of  
2653 the General Laws the greater of \$45,000,000 or 1/12 of the total expenditures to hospitals and  
2654 community health centers required pursuant to this act, for the purposes of making initial gross  
2655 payments to qualifying acute care hospitals for the hospital fiscal year beginning October 1,  
2656 2024. These payments shall be made to hospitals before, and in anticipation of, the payment by

2657 hospitals of their gross liability to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund. The comptroller shall  
2658 transfer from the Health Safety Net Trust Fund to the General Fund, not later than June 30, 2025,  
2659 the amount of the transfer authorized by this section and any allocation of that amount as  
2660 certified by the director of the health safety net office.

2661 SECTION 161. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for fiscal year  
2662 2025, \$160,000,000 shall be considered operating assistance and distributed to regional transit  
2663 authorities from item 1595-6370 of section 2E and item 1596-2406 of section 2F. For fiscal year  
2664 2025, \$90,500,000 of the amount transferred in item 1595-6370 shall be distributed based on  
2665 fiscal year 2024 distributions in accordance with the updated fiscal year 2024 bilateral  
2666 memorandum of understanding between each regional transit authority and the Massachusetts  
2667 Department of Transportation; provided, however, that each regional transit authority shall  
2668 receive operating assistance from said item 1595-6370 of said section 2E of not less than the  
2669 amount received in fiscal year 2024; and provided further, that \$3,500,000 shall be distributed to  
2670 each regional transit authority based on the following formula: (i) 60 per cent based on total  
2671 transit ridership as reported on the most recent certified national transit data base report; (ii) 30  
2672 per cent based on the population of its member communities from the most recent census and  
2673 (iii) 10 per cent based on service coverage area determined by the total square miles of its  
2674 member communities. The department may require each regional transit authority to provide  
2675 data on ridership, customer service and satisfaction, asset management and financial  
2676 performance, including farebox recovery, and shall include any such collected data in a report on  
2677 the performance of regional transit authorities, detailing each authority's progress towards  
2678 meeting the performance metrics established in each memorandum of understanding.

2679 SECTION 162. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in hospital  
2680 fiscal year 2025, the office of inspector general may expend not more than \$1,000,000 from the  
2681 Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E of the General Laws for  
2682 costs associated with maintaining a health safety net audit unit within the office. The unit shall  
2683 continue to oversee and examine the practices in hospitals including, but not limited to, the care  
2684 of the uninsured and the resulting free charges. The unit shall also study and review the Medicaid  
2685 program under said chapter 118E including, but not limited to, a review of the program's  
2686 eligibility requirements, utilization, claims administration and compliance with federal mandates.  
2687 The inspector general shall submit a report to the chairs of the senate and house committees on

2688 ways and means detailing the results of the audits and any other completed analyses not later  
2689 than March 1, 2025.

2690 SECTION 163. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, nursing  
2691 facility rates to be effective on October 1, 2024 under section 13D of chapter 118E of the  
2692 General Laws may be developed using the costs of calendar year 2019.

2693 SECTION 164. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the  
2694 comptroller, at the direction of the secretary of administration and finance, may transfer up to  
2695 \$15,000,000 from the Commonwealth Care Trust Fund established in section 2000 of chapter  
2696 29 of the General Laws to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter  
2697 118E of the General Laws.

2698 SECTION 165. (a) The board of higher education shall convene a task force to study and  
2699 make recommendations on improving quality and affordability of higher education in the  
2700 commonwealth, including state financial assistance programs for students domiciled in the  
2701 commonwealth and attending the university of Massachusetts segment or the state university  
2702 segment as defined under section 5 of chapter 15A of the General Laws.

2703 The task force shall review and evaluate: (i) state assistance programs and funding,  
2704 including but not limited to, aid for tuition, fees, books, supplies and other costs of attendance  
2705 and make recommendations to ensure the accessibility and affordability of said higher education  
2706 institutions and how to achieve best outcomes; (ii) student costs and debts during and after  
2707 attending said universities; (iii) programs that improve student success, including, but not limited  
2708 to, academic support, career counseling, assistance with applying for state and federal benefits  
2709 and improvements to facilities; (iv) improvements needed to increase the recruitment and  
2710 retention of qualified adjunct and full-time faculty and staff; and (v) financial assistance program  
2711 design and models to efficiently increase state assistance, improve outcomes and reduce student  
2712 costs. The task force shall consider financial, logistical, cultural and other barriers affecting  
2713 students, the financial resources of the state, the financial resources of students attending  
2714 university and make recommendations to reduce barriers and increase access to high-quality  
2715 higher education. The department of higher education may provide staff and research support to  
2716 assist the task force.

2717 (b) The task force shall consist of: 2 members of the board of higher education, who shall  
2718 serve as co-chairs; the chairs of the joint committee on higher education or their designees; the  
2719 secretary of education, or a designee; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the house of

2720 representatives; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the senate; the commissioner of  
2721 higher education, or a designee; the president of the University of Massachusetts, or a designee;  
2722 a representative of the state universities; a representative of the community colleges; 5 persons  
2723 appointed by the governor, 2 of whom shall represent faculty or staff working at a university and  
2724 2 of whom shall represent students currently enrolled at a public institution of higher education;  
2725 the executive director of the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center, Inc. or a designee; the  
2726 executive director of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, Inc. or a designee; the executive  
2727 director of the Massachusetts Business Roundtable, or a designee; the executive director from the  
2728 Massachusetts Teachers Association, or a designee; and the executive director of the  
2729 Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education, Inc.

2730 (c) The commission shall submit an initial report to the clerks of the senate and house of  
2731 representatives and the house and senate committee on ways and means not later than December  
2732 15, 2024. The commission shall submit a final report to the clerks of the senate and house of  
2733 representatives and the house and senate committee on ways and means not later than March 31,  
2734 2025.

2735 SECTION 166. The department of public health shall commission a study of the health  
2736 and noise impacts of airplane flights directed to and from the General Edward Lawrence Logan  
2737 International Airport on residents of communities that are represented on the Massachusetts Port  
2738 Authority Community Advisory Committee.

2739 The study shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis of the health and noise impacts  
2740 of airplane flights on such residents who are exposed to conditions related to noise and air  
2741 pollution emanating from airplane flights, including asthma exacerbation, sleep disturbance,  
2742 stress and elevated blood pressure; provided, however, that the study shall particularly consider  
2743 the health impacts on residents living partly or wholly beneath the flight paths most frequently  
2744 used by aircraft flying, including landing or during takeoff, at an altitude of 10,000 feet.

2745 The department shall submit a report detailing the findings of its study to the clerks of the  
2746 senate and the house of representatives, the joint committee on public health and the senate and  
2747 house committees on ways and means not later than December 31, 2024.

2748 SECTION 167. Not later than January 1, 2025, the department of early education and  
2749 care shall submit a report to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the senate and  
2750 house committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education relative to family,

2751 friend and neighbor care, which shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the feasibility of  
2752 implementing and overseeing a family, friend and neighbor care network; (ii) the department  
2753 structures necessary to evaluate and support a family, friend and neighbor care network; (iii) the  
2754 sustainability of said network; and (iv) any legislative changes necessary to carry out the  
2755 recommendations. Prior to reporting its findings, the department shall consult with Community  
2756 Labor United Inc.'s Care That Works pilot program, New England United for Justice, Inc.,  
2757 Service Employees International Union, Local 509 and Massachusetts Child Care Resource and  
2758 Referral Network, Inc.

2759 SECTION 168. Not later than December 31, 2025, the department of early education and  
2760 care, in consultation with the Children's Investment Fund, Inc. and the Community Economic  
2761 Development Assistance Corporation, shall file a report with the clerks of the senate and house  
2762 of representatives, the senate and house committees on ways and means and the joint committee  
2763 on education detailing proposed improvements to the Early Education and Out of School Time  
2764 Capital Fund. The report shall include, but not be limited to: (i) proposed grant eligibility  
2765 criteria; (ii) proposed size of grants; (iii) proposed ways to streamline the application process;  
2766 (iv) any other parameters to increase the impact of the fund and ensure that funds reach intended  
2767 recipients; and (v) any data available on unmet needs for early education and care facilities  
2768 improvements.

2769 SECTION 169. (a) There shall be a special commission to study the implementation of  
2770 vocational education annexes in gateway municipalities as defined in section 3A of chapter 23A  
2771 of the General Laws. The commission shall investigate: (i) the cost of constructing 3,000 to  
2772 5,000 square feet of vocational annex classrooms at comprehensive high schools; (ii) methods to  
2773 sustainably fund and staff regionally aligned vocational programming in the building trades for  
2774 juniors and seniors at comprehensive high schools; and (iii) estimated costs and current funding  
2775 streams to finance potential projects.

2776 (b) The commission shall consist of: the chairs of the joint committee on education; 1  
2777 member appointed by the senate president who shall serve as co-chair; 1 member appointed by  
2778 the speaker of the house of representatives who shall serve as co-chair; 1 member appointed by  
2779 the minority leader of the senate; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the house of  
2780 representatives; the secretary of education or a designee; the commissioner of elementary and  
2781 secondary education or a designee; the executive director of the Massachusetts School Building  
2782 Authority or a designee; 3 members to be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a



2783 representative of a gateway municipality with knowledge of municipal finance and 1 of whom  
2784 shall be an individual with demonstrated expertise in the design and construction of cost-  
2785 effective school buildings; the executive director of the Massachusetts Association of School  
2786 Superintendents, Inc.; the president of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees,  
2787 Inc.; the president of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators, Inc.; the  
2788 president of the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Institute of Architects; the executive  
2789 director of the Massachusetts Facilities Administrators Association; the president of the  
2790 Massachusetts Teachers Association; the president of the American Federation of Teachers,  
2791 Massachusetts; the president of the Home Builders Institute; the president of the Massachusetts  
2792 Business Alliance for Education; the executive director of the Vocational Education Justice  
2793 Coalition within the Massachusetts Community Action Network; and the president of the  
2794 Massachusetts Building Trades Council.

2795 (c) The commission shall submit a report of its findings and its recommendations for  
2796 proposed legislation, if any, by filing the same with the clerks of the senate and house of  
2797 representatives and the joint committee on education not later than March 1, 2025.

2798 SECTION 170. (a) There shall be a special commission on combatting antisemitism in  
2799 the commonwealth. The commission shall: (i) report on trends and data related to incidents of  
2800 antisemitism in the commonwealth; (ii) make recommendations for the implementation of the  
2801 United States national strategy to counter antisemitism; (iii) identify and evaluate existing efforts  
2802 to combat antisemitism in the commonwealth; (iv) identify best practices from efforts to combat  
2803 antisemitism in other states and jurisdictions; (v) evaluate the commonwealth's hate crime  
2804 statutes and whether any amendments would better protect residents from antisemitism and other  
2805 similar forms of hatred; and (vi) recommend strategies, programs and legislation to combat  
2806 antisemitism in the commonwealth. The commission shall submit a report of its study and  
2807 recommendations to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and the senate and  
2808 house committees on ways and means not later than November 30, 2024.

2809 (b) The commission shall consist of: 3 persons appointed by the senate president, 1 of  
2810 whom shall have expertise in combatting antisemitism and 1 of whom shall represent a Jewish  
2811 community organization in the commonwealth; 3 persons appointed by the speaker of the house  
2812 of representatives, 1 of whom shall have expertise in combatting antisemitism and 1 of whom  
2813 shall represent a Jewish community organization in the commonwealth; 2 persons appointed by  
2814 the governor, 1 of whom shall have expertise in legal issues related to civil rights and civil

2815 liberties; 2 persons appointed by the Massachusetts Municipal Association, Inc.; the attorney  
2816 general or a designee; the chair of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination or a  
2817 designee; the commissioner of higher education or a designee; the commissioner of elementary  
2818 and secondary education or a designee; 1 person appointed by the Massachusetts District  
2819 Attorneys Association; 1 person appointed by the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association  
2820 Incorporated; and 1 member appointed by the Massachusetts Association of School  
2821 Superintendents, Inc. The senate president and the speaker of the house of representatives shall  
2822 each designate a co-chair from their respective appointees.

2823           SECTION 171. The department of elementary and secondary education, in consultation  
2824 with at least 1 public institution of higher education, shall study and report on the delivery of  
2825 special education and services for students with disabilities pursuant to chapter 71B of the  
2826 General Laws and all applicable federal laws including, but not limited to, the Individuals with  
2827 Disabilities Educational Act of 1990 and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The  
2828 report shall include: (i) best practices and national standards for the delivery of education and  
2829 services for students with disabilities; (ii) social and societal factors that impact students  
2830 diagnosed with a disability pursuant to section 3 of said chapter 71B; and (iii) a comprehensive  
2831 evaluation of existing and potential models for providing education and services for students  
2832 with disabilities in-district and out-of-district settings and the associated costs and benefits  
2833 including, but not limited to, personnel, transportation, housing, specialized services and  
2834 supports and assistive technologies.

2835           The department shall submit a report with recommendations, including any legislative or  
2836 regulatory changes that may be necessary. The report shall be submitted to the clerks of the  
2837 house of representatives and the senate, the joint committee on education and the house and  
2838 senate committees on ways and means not later than May 1, 2025.

2839           SECTION 172. (a) There shall be a chapter 70 task force to study and make  
2840 recommendations for updating the calculation of required local contributions as defined in  
2841 section 2 of chapter 70 of the General Laws.

2842           (b) The task force shall consist of: the secretary of education or a designee, who shall  
2843 serve as co-chair; the commissioner of elementary and secondary education or a designee; the  
2844 commissioner of revenue or a designee; a representative from the Massachusetts Teachers  
2845 Association; a representative from the American Federation of Teachers-Massachusetts; a

2846 representative from the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center, Inc.; a representative from the  
2847 Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators, Inc.; a representative from the  
2848 Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education, Inc.; a representative from the Massachusetts  
2849 Taxpayers Foundation, Inc.; a representative from the Massachusetts Association of School  
2850 Superintendents, Inc.; a representative from the Massachusetts Association of School Business  
2851 Officials, Inc.; a representative from the Massachusetts Municipal Association, Inc.; a  
2852 representative from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, Inc.; and 2 members  
2853 appointed by the secretary of education, who shall have experience in elementary and secondary  
2854 education finance or municipal finance, and reside in rural areas in the commonwealth. A  
2855 member who is not a state government official or employee shall be elected as co-chair by a  
2856 majority vote of the other members of the task force. The secretary shall convene the first  
2857 meeting of the task force not later than 60 days after the passage of this act.

2858 (c) The task force shall study and make recommendations on the local contribution  
2859 calculations pursuant to section 2 of chapter 70 of the General Laws, including, but not limited to  
2860 the: (i) extent to which the wealth and income measures accurately determine a municipality's  
2861 resources and a municipality's ability to contribute to its foundation budget costs; (ii) impact of  
2862 chapter 132 of the acts of 2019 on foundation budget increases, target local contributions and  
2863 required local contributions; (iii) impact of the increasing number of municipalities that are  
2864 subject to the 82.5 per cent maximum local contribution; (iv) impact of the fixed 59 per cent  
2865 local share of the statewide foundation budget on the calculation of combined effort yield for  
2866 each municipality; (v) extent to which the municipal revenue growth factor accurately captures a  
2867 municipality's expected revenue increases; (vi) increasing number of municipalities that are  
2868 subject to below effort adjustments; (vii) impact of low and declining student enrollment; (viii)  
2869 impact of section 21C of chapter 59 of the General Laws on municipalities and their ability to  
2870 make their required local contributions; and (ix) any other potential impacts from the local  
2871 contribution calculations. The task force shall review reports and other related documents,  
2872 including, but not limited to, the local contribution study pursuant to section 21 of said chapter  
2873 132.

2874 (d) The task force shall solicit public input and hold not less than 3 public hearings;  
2875 provided, however, that at least 1 hearing shall be held in an accessible and rural or rural-serving  
2876 community in western Massachusetts and at least 1 hearing shall include an option for remote  
2877 participation.

2878 (e) Not later than June 1, 2025, the task force shall issue a report with recommendations,  
2879 including any legislative or regulatory changes that may be necessary, to update the education  
2880 funding formula. The report shall be submitted to the clerks of the house of representatives and  
2881 senate, the joint committee on education and the house and senate committees on ways and  
2882 means.

2883 SECTION 173. (a) There shall be a special commission to study and report on  
2884 enrollment trends at the university of Massachusetts segment in the system of public institutions  
2885 of higher education. The commission shall make recommendations and report on: (i) enrollment  
2886 numbers over the past 7 years, delineated by campus; (ii) factors that have impacted enrollment  
2887 changes within the segment; (iii) best practices to increase each campus' enrollment numbers,  
2888 when appropriate; and (iv) national trends in enrollments in public higher educational systems.

2889 (b) The commission shall consist of: 2 members of the board of higher education to be  
2890 appointed by the secretary of education, who shall serve as co-chairs; a representative from each  
2891 campus within the university of Massachusetts segment to be appointed by the secretary of  
2892 education; the chair of the board of trustees of the University of Massachusetts; the  
2893 commissioner of higher education; a representative from American Federation of State, County,  
2894 and Municipal Employees Council 93; a representative from the National Association of  
2895 Government Employees; 1 member to be appointed by the governor; the chairs of the joint  
2896 committee on higher education; a representative from the American Federation of Teachers -  
2897 Massachusetts; and a representative from Massachusetts Teachers Association.

2898 (c) Not later than January 1, 2025, the commission shall submit a report on its study to  
2899 the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives, the joint committee on education and  
2900 the house and senate committees on ways and means.

2901 SECTION 174. The department of elementary and secondary education, in consultation  
2902 with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, the operational services division and the  
2903 executive office for administration and finance, shall study the: (i) impact on the cost of  
2904 consolidation of transportation providers of public school students; (ii) feasibility and cost of  
2905 establishing and maintaining a rate setting process for the transportation of public school  
2906 students through contracts with private providers; (iii) possibility of establishing a statewide  
2907 registry of school transportation vendors; (iv) feasibility of authorizing purchasing collaboratives  
2908 for public school transportation; (v) rate setting systems used in other states and potential

2909 applicability of such systems in the commonwealth; and (vi) infrastructure necessary to develop,  
2910 implement and maintain any such rate setting process, registry and collaboratives.

2911           The department shall file a report of its findings and related recommendations to the  
2912 clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the joint committee on education and the joint  
2913 committee on transportation not later than March 31, 2025 and shall make the report publicly  
2914 available in an accessible format on the department's website.

2915           SECTION 175. There shall be a task force to study post-retirement employment of public  
2916 employees. The task force shall consist of: 1 member appointed by the president of the senate  
2917 who shall serve as co-chair; 1 member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives  
2918 who shall serve as co-chair; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the house of  
2919 representatives; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the senate; the executive director  
2920 of the public employee retirement administration commission or a designee; the executive  
2921 director of the state retirement board or a designee; the executive director of the teachers'  
2922 retirement system or a designee; the inspector general or a designee; the commissioner of  
2923 revenue or a designee; the president of the Retired State County & Municipal Employees  
2924 Association of Massachusetts; the executive director of the Massachusetts Municipal  
2925 Association, Inc.; the president of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, Inc.; and 2 members  
2926 appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a member of a union representing state  
2927 employees and 1 of whom shall be a member of a union representing municipal employees.

2928           The task force shall evaluate the process, limits and controls for post-retirement  
2929 employment of public employees subject to section 91 of chapter 32 of the General Laws. The  
2930 study shall include, but not be limited to: (i) an evaluation of proposed standards to track post-  
2931 retirement earnings and hours; (ii) an evaluation of proposed disclosure and reporting  
2932 requirements for public retirees and employers, including verification of potential employees'  
2933 status as a public retiree; (iii) an evaluation of a system for reporting such post-retirement status  
2934 to an oversight agency; (iv) an examination of methods to simplify the post-retirement earnings  
2935 cap; (v) an evaluation of the feasibility of the department of revenue to conduct an annual  
2936 earnings match for all public retirees; (vi) an evaluation of the feasibility of creating a new  
2937 agency tasked with enforcing post-retirement earnings limits or enhancing the enforcement  
2938 authority of the public employee retirement administration commission; (vii) an examination of  
2939 proposed financial penalties for public retirees who knowingly and willfully exceed their post-  
2940 retirement earnings cap; (viii) an evaluation of the different ways a public retiree may work for

2941 another public entity including as contractors, part-time employees, staff augmentation resources  
2942 or any other employment model, along with recommendations to provide guidance for the use or  
2943 prohibition of such models; and (ix) any other information the task force deems relevant.

2944 The task force shall submit a report of its study, findings and recommendations, together  
2945 with any draft legislation necessary to effectuate such recommendations, by filing it with the  
2946 clerks of the senate and the house of representatives not later than June 30, 2025.

2947 SECTION 176. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary and subject to  
2948 all required federal approvals, the health safety net office shall adjust the payment methodology  
2949 for any federally qualified community health center established under chapter 147 of the acts of  
2950 1995 in a manner that shall negate the impact of any site-neutral payment policy on the rate of  
2951 payment to said qualified community health centers. The office shall consult with affected  
2952 centers prior to adjusting the payment methodology for said centers; provided, however, that the  
2953 new funding policy shall be reflected in payments starting on January 1, 2025 and shall apply  
2954 retroactively as of October 1, 2024.

2955 SECTION 177. Within 60 days of the effective date of this act, the department of higher  
2956 education shall designate members of the MassTransfer Steering Committee established under  
2957 section 48 of chapter 15A of the General Laws. Not later than 1 year after the effective date of  
2958 this act, the department of higher education shall publish the website pursuant to subsection (b)  
2959 of said section 48 of said chapter 15A.

2960 SECTION 178. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the  
2961 department of public utilities shall implement section 139 of chapter 164 of the General Laws  
2962 not later than November 30, 2024.

2963 SECTION 179. Lynn Heritage State Park in the city of Lynn shall be designated and  
2964 known as Veterans Memorial Park. The department of conservation and recreation shall erect  
2965 and maintain suitable markers bearing such designation in compliance with the standards of the  
2966 department.

2967 SECTION 180. There shall be a special commission to conduct a comprehensive study  
2968 relative to current law and practice around the collection of delinquent property tax revenue by  
2969 cities and towns.

2970           The commission shall consist of: the chairs of the joint committee on revenue or their  
2971           designees, who shall serve as co-chairs; the commissioner of revenue or a designee; the chief  
2972           justice of the land court department or a designee; the chief justice of the superior court  
2973           department or a designee; 1 member who shall be appointed by the senate president; 1 member  
2974           who shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; 1 member who shall be  
2975           appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; 1 member who shall be  
2976           appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 1 member who shall be appointed by the  
2977           governor; the attorney general or a designee; the executive director of the Massachusetts  
2978           Municipal Association Inc.; the president of the Massachusetts Collectors' and Treasurers'  
2979           Association, Inc; a representative of third-party purchasers of tax receivables; and a  
2980           representative on property owners' rights.

2981           The commission shall file a report that shall include, but not be limited to:

2982           (i) an examination and assessment of the current local property tax collection processes,  
2983           including property owner notification and communication, property tax deferral options or  
2984           exemptions that exist for special classes, third-party investor and any subsequent foreclosure  
2985           proceedings;

2986           (ii) an examination of the role of purchasers of tax receivables, including third-party  
2987           purchasers of tax receivables, on the collection of delinquent property tax revenue and any  
2988           recommended changes to the practice;

2989           (iii) recommended changes to the current statutory interest rate for delinquent property  
2990           taxes, if any, and the effect such changes would have on municipal operations and finances;

2991           (iv) an examination of the revenue impact on cities and towns from former owners  
2992           seeking to recover lost equity to which they may be entitled following the United States Supreme  
2993           Court ruling in Tyler v. Hennepin County, 598 U.S. 631 (2023);

2994           (v) recommended changes to the statute of limitations for such claims, if any;

2995           (vi) the feasibility of a neutral third-party, including special masters and arbitrators, to oversee  
2996           the determination of excess equity;

2997 (vii) recommendations to implement additional reforms to municipal payment  
2998 agreements under section 62A of chapter 60 of the General Laws for seniors and individuals  
2999 whose primary income source is disability benefits;

3000 (viii) the collection and analysis of data, which may include the number of foreclosures  
3001 of properties following a tax taking which resulted in the loss of excess equity by former  
3002 property owners for the 3 years preceding the United States Supreme Court ruling in Tyler v.  
3003 Hennepin County, 598 U.S. 631 (2023);

3004 (ix) best practices in place in other states; and

3005 (x) any other recommendations that the commission finds to be in the interest of property  
3006 owners and municipalities.

3007 The commission shall file its final report and its recommendations for legislation, if any,  
3008 with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the joint committee on revenue and the  
3009 senate and house committee on ways and means not later than December 31, 2025.

3010 SECTION 181. To meet the language access and inclusion notice requirements pursuant  
3011 to sections 59 to 61, inclusive, and sections 64, 65, 71 and 74, the department of revenue shall  
3012 evaluate every 10 years the 7 most commonly spoken languages of the commonwealth utilizing  
3013 the most recent data from the decennial federal census. The department shall update and prepare  
3014 notices in language understandable by a least sophisticated consumer and the 7 most commonly  
3015 spoken languages in the commonwealth, as established by the most recent census data.

3016 SECTION 182. A former owner or other previous holder of the right of redemption of  
3017 property or their successors in interest, whose right of redemption was foreclosed upon by a final  
3018 judgment of foreclosure entered on or after May 25, 2021, but before the effective date of this  
3019 act, may file a written complaint in the superior court for the return of excess equity in  
3020 accordance with section 64A of chapter 60 of the General Laws within 12 months after the  
3021 effective date of this act; provided, however, that no claim for the return of excess equity may be  
3022 asserted by any party where a land court judgment of foreclosure was entered and not appealed,  
3023 on or before May 24, 2021.

3024 SECTION 183. Sections 4, 5, 14, 15, 16, 43, 87, 90, 92, 93, 94, 96, 100 and 101 shall  
3025 take effect on January 1, 2025.



- 3026 SECTION 184. Sections 21 and 25 shall take effect on January 15, 2025.
- 3027 SECTION 185. Sections 32, 34, 91, 95, 98, 99, 126 and 156 shall take effect on October  
3028 1, 2024.
- 3029 SECTION 186. Section 42 shall take effect on July 31, 2025.
- 3030 SECTION 187. Sections 58 to 77, inclusive, shall take effect on November 1, 2024.
- 3031 SECTION 188. Section 78, 79 and 81 shall take effect for taxable years beginning on or  
3032 after January 1, 2024.
- 3033 SECTION 189. Section 82 shall take effect 60 days after the effective date of this act.
- 3034 SECTION 190. Sections 97 and 159 shall take effect on October 1, 2027.
- 3035 SECTION 191. Section 105 shall take effect on October 31, 2024.
- 3036 SECTION 192. Section 127 shall take effect June 30, 2024.
- 3037 SECTION 193. Section 155 shall take effect on January 1, 2030.
- 3038 SECTION 194. Except as otherwise specified, this act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.