

# SENATE . . . . . NO. 2525

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Senate, May 22, 2025 – Text of the Senate amendment to the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 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. 4001) (being the text of Senate, No. 3, printed as amended).

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)

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**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, 2026. 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, 2026 are necessary and sufficient to provide the means to defray the appropriations and expenditures from such funds for fiscal year 2026 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 2026 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	\$98.1	\$98.1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Banks	\$18.7	\$18.7	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Cigarettes	\$262.3	\$262.3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Corporations	\$4,078.2	\$4,078.2	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Deeds	\$376.8	\$376.8	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Fair Share Income Surtax	\$2,400.0	\$1,800.0	\$600.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Income	\$24,240.0	\$24,240.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Inheritance and Estate	\$517.0	\$517.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Insurance	\$784.3	\$757.3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$27.0
Marijuana Excise	\$185.9	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$185.9	\$0.0
Motor Fuel	\$742.2	\$0.0	\$741.2	\$0.0	\$1.0
Public Utilities	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Room Occupancy	\$265.0	\$265.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Sales - Regular	\$6,727.0	\$4,438.3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$2,288.7
Sales - Meals	\$1,725.0	\$1,725.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Sales - Motor Vehicles	\$1,181.0	\$0.0	\$779.2	\$0.0	\$401.8
Miscellaneous	\$12.6	\$12.6	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<b>Fiscal Year 2026 Base Tax Revenue Estimate</b>	<b>\$43,614.0</b>	<b>\$38,589.2</b>	<b>\$2,120.4</b>	<b>\$185.9</b>	<b>\$2,718.5</b>

<b>Statutory Tax Transfers</b>					
Annual Contribution to the State Pension System	-\$4,334.2	-\$4,334.2	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Excess Capital Gains to State Pension System	-\$599.0	-\$599.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Sales Tax Transfer to the MBTA	-\$1,425.3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	-\$1,425.3
Sales Tax Transfer to the MSBA	-\$1,265.3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	-\$1,265.3

UI Surcharge to the Workforce Training Trust Fund	-\$27.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	-\$27.0
Fair Share Surtax to Education and Transportation Fund	-\$1,185.0	-\$1,185.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Fair Share Surtax to Education and Transportation Reserves	-\$615.0	-\$615.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Excess Capital Gains to the Stabilization Fund	-\$33.3	-\$33.3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Excess Capital Gains to the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund	-\$33.3	-\$33.3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<b>Total Statutory Tax Transfers</b>	<b>-\$9,517.3</b>	<b>-\$6,799.7</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>-\$2,717.6</b>

<b>Total Fiscal Year 2026 Consensus Tax Revenue Available for Budget</b>	<b>\$34,096.7</b>	<b>\$31,789.4</b>	<b>\$2,120.4</b>	<b>\$185.9</b>	<b>\$1.0</b>
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<b>Tax Initiatives and Other Tax Revenue</b>					
Tax-Related Settlements & Judgments	\$50.0	\$50.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<b>Total Tax Initiatives and Other Tax Revenue</b>	<b>\$50.0</b>	<b>\$50.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>
<b>Total Taxes for Budget</b>	<b>\$34,146.7</b>	<b>\$31,839.4</b>	<b>\$2,120.4</b>	<b>\$185.9</b>	<b>\$1.0</b>

<b>Non-Tax Revenue</b>					
Federal Reimbursements	\$15,759.3	\$15,750.8	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$8.4
Departmental Revenues	\$6,517.0	\$5,759.8	\$695.5	\$49.8	\$11.9
Consolidated Transfers	\$4,830.6	\$3,183.8	\$85.4	\$319.8	\$1,241.7
<b>Total Non-Tax Revenue</b>	<b>\$27,106.8</b>	<b>\$24,694.4</b>	<b>\$780.8</b>	<b>\$369.5</b>	<b>\$1,262.0</b>
<b>Fiscal Year 2026 Grand Total</b>	<b>\$61,253.5</b>	<b>\$56,533.8</b>	<b>\$2,901.2</b>	<b>\$555.5</b>	<b>\$1,263.0</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	\$2,183,220	\$0	\$2,183,220	\$0
Committee for Public Counsel	\$0	\$3,275,000	\$0	\$3,275,000	\$0
Appeals Court	\$0	\$315,317	\$0	\$315,317	\$0
Trial Court	\$0	\$61,634,000	\$0	\$61,634,000	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$67,407,537</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$67,407,537</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>District Attorneys</b>					
Middlesex District Attorney's Office	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Worcester District Attorney's Office	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
Plymouth District Attorney's Office	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Secretary of the Commonwealth</b>					
Secretary of the Commonwealth	\$0	\$296,118,673	\$0	\$295,603,673	\$515,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$296,118,673</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$295,603,673</b>	<b>\$515,000</b>
<b>Treasurer and Receiver General</b>					
Office of the Treasurer	\$0	\$549,245,500	\$604,814,937	\$1,123,710,437	\$30,350,000
Massachusetts Cultural Council	\$0	\$16,000	\$0	\$16,000	\$0
State Lottery Commission	\$0	\$115,707,006	\$1,238,645,216	\$1,354,352,222	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$664,968,506</b>	<b>\$1,843,460,153</b>	<b>\$2,478,078,659</b>	<b>\$30,350,000</b>
<b>Attorney General</b>					
Office of the Attorney General	\$4,426,908	\$51,942,184	\$0	\$48,960,797	\$7,408,295
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,426,908</b>	<b>\$51,942,184</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$48,960,797</b>	<b>\$7,408,295</b>
<b>State Ethics Commission</b>					
State Ethics Commission	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Inspector General</b>					

Office of the Inspector General	\$0	\$1,680,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,680,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,680,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,680,000</b>
<b>Office of Campaign and Political Finance</b>					
Office of Campaign and Political Finance	\$0	\$54,500	\$0	\$54,500	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$54,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$54,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination</b>					
Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination	\$2,500,000	\$440,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$2,910,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>	<b>\$440,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$2,910,000</b>
<b>Office of the State Comptroller</b>					
Office of the State Comptroller	\$0	\$6,366,806	\$1,920,615,333	\$1,926,862,139	\$120,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,366,806</b>	<b>\$1,920,615,333</b>	<b>\$1,926,862,139</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>
<b>Massachusetts Gaming Commission</b>					
Massachusetts Gaming Commission	\$0	\$0	\$393,481,438	\$393,481,438	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$393,481,438</b>	<b>\$393,481,438</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Cannabis Control Commission</b>					
Cannabis Control Commission	\$0	\$19,781,406	\$0	\$19,781,406	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$19,781,406</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$19,781,406</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Executive Office for Administration and Finance</b>					
Secretary of Administration and Finance	\$0	\$201,150,000	\$721,129,000	\$922,279,000	\$0
Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance	\$0	\$4,567,573	\$11,296,867	\$4,567,573	\$11,296,867
Civil Service Commission	\$0	\$12,500	\$0	\$12,500	\$0
Group Insurance Commission	\$0	\$1,135,914,348	\$409,862,157	\$1,543,579,759	\$2,196,746
Division of Administrative Law Appeals	\$0	\$70,000	\$0	\$0	\$70,000
Department of Revenue	\$63,125,570	\$180,908,168	\$0	\$237,266,487	\$6,767,251

Appellate Tax Board	\$0	\$2,985,306	\$0	\$2,585,306	\$400,000
Human Resources Division	\$0	\$2,160,000	\$0	\$2,160,000	\$0
Operational Services Division	\$0	\$30,421,408	\$0	\$12,271,701	\$18,149,707
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$63,125,570</b>	<b>\$1,558,189,303</b>	<b>\$1,142,288,024</b>	<b>\$2,724,722,326</b>	<b>\$38,880,571</b>

#### **Executive Office of Technology**

##### **Services and Security**

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>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,733,931</b>

#### **Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs**

Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs	\$25,000	\$5,050,000	\$0	\$4,385,000	\$690,000
Department of Public Utilities	\$0	\$53,426,437	\$0	\$53,426,437	\$0
Department of Environmental Protection	\$0	\$34,723,982	\$0	\$28,638,164	\$6,085,818
Department of Fish and Game	\$8,420,000	\$13,181,789	\$1,945,000	\$23,078,800	\$467,989
Department of Agricultural Resources	\$0	\$6,846,325	\$0	\$6,846,325	\$0
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$0	\$27,892,691	\$0	\$27,892,691	\$0
Department of Energy Resources	\$0	\$9,031,633	\$0	\$9,031,633	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,445,000</b>	<b>\$150,152,857</b>	<b>\$1,945,000</b>	<b>\$153,299,050</b>	<b>\$7,243,807</b>

#### **Executive Office of Health and Human Services**

Department of Veterans' Services	\$0	\$760,000	\$0	\$0	\$760,000
Secretary of Health and Human Services	\$12,542,481,426	\$2,206,468,318	\$16,000,000	\$14,449,949,744	\$315,000,000
Mass Commission for the Blind	\$5,037,612	\$7,500	\$0	\$5,045,112	\$0
Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission	\$9,207,866	\$40,000	\$0	\$9,247,866	\$0
Mass Commission for the Deaf	\$246,064	\$3,500	\$0	\$249,564	\$0
Chelsea Soldiers' Home	\$16,424,436	\$2,078,384	\$0	\$18,502,820	\$0
Holyoke Soldiers' Home	\$7,871,365	\$1,518,702	\$0	\$7,200,424	\$2,189,643

Department of Youth Services	\$5,706,738	\$130,000	\$0	\$5,836,738	\$0
Department of Transitional Assistance	\$499,856,389	\$925,000	\$17,600,000	\$518,381,389	\$0
Department of Public Health	\$172,730,525	\$120,265,042	\$1,500,000	\$146,100,364	\$148,395,203
Department of Children and Families	\$349,397,551	\$2,658,000	\$700,000	\$345,720,124	\$7,035,427
Department of Mental Health	\$140,513,535	\$26,644,612	\$20,000,000	\$187,033,147	\$125,000
Department of Developmental Services	\$1,189,415,397	\$3,875,621	\$0	\$1,193,291,018	\$0
Department of Elder Affairs	\$227,733,737	\$1,434,850	\$0	\$229,168,587	\$0

**Total      \$15,166,622,641    \$2,366,809,529    \$55,800,000    \$17,115,726,897    \$473,505,273**

#### **Health Policy Commission**

Health Policy Commission	\$0	\$11,948,856	\$0	\$11,948,856	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$11,948,856</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$11,948,856</b>	<b>\$0</b>

#### **Center for Health Information and Analysis**

Center for Health Information and Analysis	\$0	\$48,918,094	\$0	\$48,918,094	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$48,918,094</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$48,918,094</b>	<b>\$0</b>

#### **Board of Library Commissioners**

Board of Library Commissioners	\$0	\$3,200	\$0	\$3,200	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,200</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,200</b>	<b>\$0</b>

#### **Executive Office of Economic Development**

Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation	\$0	\$1,856,490	\$0	\$861,038	\$995,452
Division of Banks	\$0	\$45,629,760	\$0	\$44,129,760	\$1,500,000
Division of Insurance	\$0	\$159,768,412	\$0	\$159,768,412	\$0
Division of Professional Licensure	\$0	\$42,520,330	\$0	\$22,603,769	\$19,916,561
Division of Standards	\$0	\$3,293,008	\$0	\$2,417,577	\$875,431
Department of Telecommunications and Cable	\$0	\$5,198,884	\$0	\$5,198,884	\$0

Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism	\$0	\$0	\$2,492,000	\$2,492,000	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$258,266,884</b>	<b>\$2,492,000</b>	<b>\$237,471,440</b>	<b>\$23,287,444</b>
<b>Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities</b>					
Housing and Livable Communities	\$0	\$6,897,012	\$0	\$3,325,500	\$3,571,512
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,897,012</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,325,500</b>	<b>\$3,571,512</b>
<b>Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development</b>					
Labor and Workforce Development	\$0	\$2,300,150	\$23,238,419	\$25,077,493	\$461,076
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,300,150</b>	<b>\$23,238,419</b>	<b>\$25,077,493</b>	<b>\$461,076</b>
<b>Executive Office of Education</b>					
Department of Early Education and Care	\$306,415,325	\$2,226,146	\$0	\$308,121,471	\$520,000
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	\$0	\$7,750,792	\$0	\$5,026,250	\$2,724,542
Department of Higher Education	\$0	\$8,000,000	\$0	\$8,000,000	\$0
University of Massachusetts	\$0	\$110,000,000	\$0	\$110,000,000	\$0
Bridgewater State College	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fitchburg State College	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Framingham State College	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Massachusetts College of Art and Design	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Salem State College	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Westfield State College	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Worcester State College	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Berkshire Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bristol Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cape Cod Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Greenfield Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Holyoke Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Mass Bay Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Massasoit Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Middlesex Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mount Wachusett Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Northern Essex Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
North Shore Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Quinsigamond Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Springfield Technical Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Roxbury Community College	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,500,000
Bunker Hill Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$306,415,325</b>	<b>\$130,476,938</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$431,147,721</b>	<b>\$5,744,542</b>

#### **Executive Office of Public Safety and Security**

Executive Office of Public Safety and Security	\$0	\$2,100,000	\$0	\$2,100,000	\$0
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner	\$0	\$10,164,450	\$0	\$1,517,565	\$8,646,885
Criminal History Systems Board	\$0	\$34,916,711	\$0	\$28,593,036	\$6,323,675
Department of State Police	\$1,935,922	\$111,433,000	\$0	\$2,663,000	\$110,705,922
Municipal Police Training Council	\$0	\$2,800,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,800,000
Department of Fire Services	\$0	\$61,648,536	\$0	\$59,314,976	\$2,333,560
Military Division	\$0	\$1,900,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,900,000
Emergency Management Agency	\$175,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$175,000,000	\$0
Department of Corrections	\$3,500,000	\$6,013,000	\$4,687,000	\$0	\$14,200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$180,435,922</b>	<b>\$230,975,697</b>	<b>\$4,687,000</b>	<b>\$269,188,577</b>	<b>\$146,910,042</b>

#### **Sheriffs**

Hampden Sheriff's Office	\$825,000	\$3,687,251	\$0	\$881,000	\$3,631,251
Worcester Sheriff's Office	\$25,000	\$750	\$0	\$25,750	\$0
Middlesex Sheriff's Office	\$12,000	\$238,996	\$0	\$75,996	\$175,000
Hampshire Sheriff's Office	\$7,600	\$2,525	\$0	\$10,125	\$0

Berkshire Sheriff's Office	\$6,000	\$1,605,000	\$0	\$11,000	\$1,600,000
Franklin Sheriff's Office	\$86,200	\$7,000	\$0	\$93,200	\$0
Essex Sheriff's Office	\$41,000	\$1,858,115	\$0	\$49,115	\$1,850,000
Barnstable Sheriff's Office	\$0	\$1,552,970	\$0	\$2,970	\$1,550,000
Bristol Sheriff's Office	\$82,712	\$20,000	\$0	\$102,712	\$0
Dukes Sheriff's Office	\$0	\$330,656	\$0	\$30,656	\$300,000
Norfolk Sheriff's Office	\$576,000	\$215,430	\$0	\$576,000	\$215,430
Plymouth Sheriff's Office	\$25,620,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$25,620,000	\$300,000
Suffolk Sheriff's Office	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$200,000	\$1,800,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,281,512</b>	<b>\$11,818,693</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$27,678,524</b>	<b>\$11,421,681</b>

**Massachusetts Department of  
Transportation**

Massachusetts Department of Transportation	\$0	\$628,727,105	\$57,565,200	\$686,292,305	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$628,727,105</b>	<b>\$57,565,200</b>	<b>\$686,292,305</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Non-Tax Revenue</b>	<b>\$15,759,252,878</b>	<b>\$6,516,983,861</b>	<b>\$5,445,572,567</b>	<b>\$26,965,066,132</b>	<b>\$756,743,174</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 .....	\$12,314,981
0320-0010	For the operation of the clerk's office of the supreme judicial court for Suffolk county.....	\$2,428,095
0321-0001	For the operation of the commission on judicial conduct.....	\$1,187,392
0321-0100	For the services of the board of bar examiners .....	\$2,349,408

#### **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, 2025, 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 2026; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2026, 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 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.....\$91,000,000

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 and 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 2026 .....\$213,827,979

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 \$1,500,000 from this item shall be expended for services rendered prior to fiscal year 2026 .....\$25,172,236

#### **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 2, 2026, 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 .....\$51,000,000

#### **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 .....\$3,315,604

#### **Prisoners' Legal Services.**

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0321-2100 For the expenses of Prisoners' Legal Services .....\$3,272,105

#### **New England Innocence Project.**

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0321-2200 For the expenses of the New England Innocence Project, Inc. to support exonerees\$350,000

## **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 .....\$15,794,381

## **Trial Court.**

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0330-0101 For the salaries of the justices of the 7 departments of the trial court ...\$90,824,455

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 and 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 2025; 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 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\$365,833,714

0330-0344	For the administration and transportation costs associated with a veterans court program .....	\$254,222
0330-0410	For the implementation of alternative dispute resolution programming; provided, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for online dispute resolution	\$1,372,241
0330-0441	For permanency mediation services in the probate and juvenile courts .....	\$515,000
0330-0500	For the use of video teleconferencing for court appearances by persons in the custody of the houses of correction .....	\$254,925
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 2026 as selected in fiscal year 2025 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 16, 2026, 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 .....	\$1,373,164
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, 2026, 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 \$7,970,454

- 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 2, 2026, 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 .....\$228,116
- 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 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 2, 2026, 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 2, 2026, 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 any 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 2, 2026, 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 funds shall be expended 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 2, 2026, 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 2025 compared to prior fiscal years; and (iii) average length of delays in fiscal year 2025 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; and 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 .....\$40,924,734

#### **District Court Department.**

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- 0332-0100 For the operation of the district court department, including a civil conciliation program .....\$91,656,230

**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\$48,053,606

**Land Court Department.**

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0334-0001 For the operation of the land court department.....\$6,103,614

**Boston Municipal Court Department.**

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0335-0001 For the operation of the Boston municipal court department .....\$17,013,331

**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 .....\$14,717,104

**Juvenile Court Department.**

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0337-0002 For the operation of the juvenile court department; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for One Can Help, Inc. for providing assistance and resources for families in juvenile courts statewide .....\$27,729,013

**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 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 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 .....\$197,302,225

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 2, 2026, 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 .....\$33,668,302

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 16, 2026, 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 .....\$515,000

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 correction facilities and state prisons, including incarcerated persons under the supervision of state prisons and county correction 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 the 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 2, 2026, 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 .....\$16,079,410

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#### **Office of the Jury Commissioner.**

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0339-2100 For the office of jury commissioner under chapter 234A of the General Laws\$3,998,640

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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.....\$29,078,956

0340-0198 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Suffolk district attorney's office .....\$488,843

**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.....\$24,748,204

0340-0298 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Middlesex district attorney's office .....\$724,350

**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.....\$15,002,530

0340-0398 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Eastern district attorney's office .....\$695,868

**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.....\$16,246,281

0340-0498 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Worcester district attorney's office .....\$588,201

**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.....\$16,892,176

0340-0598 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Hampden district attorney's office .....\$595,785

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#### **Northwestern District Attorney.**

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; provided further, that not less than \$90,000 shall be expended for NoFIRES, Inc. for a juvenile firesetter intervention and prevention program; provided further, that no assistant district attorney shall be paid an annual salary of less than \$68,000; and provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the Opioid Task Force of Franklin County and the North Quabbin Region .....\$10,250,676

0340-0698 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Northwestern district attorney's office .....\$418,560

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#### **Norfolk District Attorney.**

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.....\$14,643,846

0340-0798 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Norfolk district attorney's office .....\$576,944

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#### **Plymouth District Attorney.**

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.....\$12,934,832

0340-0898 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Plymouth district attorney's office .....\$602,558

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#### **Bristol District Attorney.**

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 .....\$14,863,264

0340-0998 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Bristol district attorney's office .....\$720,188

#### **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.....\$6,715,417

0340-1098 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Cape and Islands district attorney's office .....\$398,503

#### **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.....\$6,137,391

0340-1198 For the overtime costs of state police officers assigned to the Berkshire district attorney's office .....\$324,857

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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 any 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 16, 2026, 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, 2026, 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 .....\$2,938,927

0340-2117 For the retention of assistant district attorneys and nonattorney 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 nonattorney 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 .....	\$3,364,704

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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.....	\$8,639,411
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, 2026, 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.....	\$606,206
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 2025 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.....	\$879,130

0511-0230	For the operation of the records center .....	\$36,259
0511-0250	For the operation of the archives facility .....	\$847,715
0511-0260	For the operation of the commonwealth museum.....	\$430,673
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 .....	\$1,030,663
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 clause (i) of subsection (a) 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.....	\$327,582
0517-0000	For the printing of public documents.....	\$577,146
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 .....	\$14,085,226
0521-0001	For the operation of the central voter registration computer system; provided, that not later than January 30, 2026, 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.....	\$11,448,118
0521-0002	For implementation of early voting in the commonwealth as required by section 25B of chapter 54 of the General Laws, prior appropriation continued ..	\$3,000,000
0524-0000	For providing information to voters.....	\$455,738
0526-0100	For the operation of the Massachusetts historical commission .....	\$1,153,624
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.....	\$1,431,071

0540-1000	For the registry of deeds located in the city of Salem.....	\$3,246,205
0540-1100	For the registry of deeds located in the county of Franklin .....	\$711,431
0540-1200	For the registry of deeds located in the county of Hampden .....	\$2,230,765
0540-1300	For the registry of deeds located in the county of Hampshire .....	\$890,512
0540-1400	For the registry of deeds located in the city of Lowell .....	\$1,358,057
0540-1500	For the registry of deeds located in the city of Cambridge.....	\$4,587,131
0540-1600	For the registry of deeds located in the town of Adams .....	\$475,103
0540-1700	For the registry of deeds located in the city of Pittsfield .....	\$642,533
0540-1800	For the registry of deeds located in the town of Great Barrington .....	\$381,268
0540-1900	For the registry of deeds located in the county of Suffolk.....	\$2,685,808
0540-2000	For the registry of deeds located in the city of Fitchburg.....	\$826,636
0540-2100	For the registry of deeds located in the city of Worcester .....	\$2,658,397

#### **TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL.**

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

0610-0000	For the office of the treasurer and receiver general .....	\$12,695,256
0610-0010	For the office of economic empowerment to promote and improve financial literacy; 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, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the MIDAS Collaborative, Inc. as a fiscal intermediary for matched-savings programs, which help 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	\$1,726,700
0610-0050	For the administration of the alcoholic beverages control commission in its efforts to regulate and control the conduct and condition of trafficking in alcoholic beverages; provided, that the commission shall maintain at least 1 chief investigator and may maintain such other investigators as may be necessary for the regulation and control of the 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 the 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\$6,255,309

- 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 funds, grants and other federal appropriations from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in the United States Department of Justice; 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 state treasurer may expend not more than \$500,000 for costs incurred in the administration of these payments; and provided further, that not later than September 2, 2025, 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 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 of any expenditure of funds from 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; 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; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, funds may be expended for the establishment and operation of the online lottery established in section 24 of chapter 10 of the General Laws .....\$115,754,135

- 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 .....\$4,321,359
- 0640-0010 For the promotional activities associated with the state lottery program; provided, that not later than June 30, 2026, 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.....\$6,000,000
- 0640-0096 For the commonwealth's fiscal year 2026 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, 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 equal to not less than 75 per cent of the amount in 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 October 31, 2025, the council shall submit its board-approved fiscal year 2026

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 as an honorarium to the official Poet Laureate of Massachusetts pursuant to executive order number 640; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 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; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Debbie's Treasure Chest, Inc. in the city of Lawrence to provide aid and support to disadvantaged and at-risk families in the Merrimack Valley; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Elevated Thought, Inc. to support the creation of murals in the city of Lawrence .....\$26,245,152

#### **Debt Service.**

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0699-0005 For the state treasurer, who may retain and expend not more than \$30,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 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.....\$30,000,000

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 .....\$270,606,457

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, 2026 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, 2026; 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 2O 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 2026 and prior fiscal years on bonds held pursuant to section 4 of the Morrill Act, 7 U.S.C. 304.....\$2,250,387,453

General Fund ..... 49.59%  
Commonwealth Transportation Fund ..... 50.41%

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 \$82,370,751  
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 in the debt management department in 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, 2026 shall be charged to the various funds or to the General Fund or to 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 ..... \$20,200,234

0710-0100 For the operation of the division of local mandates ..... \$443,932

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 ..... \$2,599,086

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 2, 2026, 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\$1,483,719
0710-0300	For costs related to the use of data analytic techniques to identify fraud by the bureau of special investigations .....\$557,724
0710-0400	For the operation of an information technology audit unit within the office of the state auditor to conduct audits of high risk information technology related activities including, cybersecurity, data access, systems operations, data integrity and regulatory compliance.....\$865,519

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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 16, 2026, 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 2026; (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 .....\$8,922,427
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 funds shall be expended to support the services of the student loan ombudsman within the office
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	who will serve as an independent mediator for student loan borrowers in the commonwealth.....	\$48,072,168
0810-0013	For the office of the attorney general, which may expend for a false claims program not more than \$4,542,326 in revenues collected from enforcement of sections 5A to 5O, inclusive, of chapter 12 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 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 .....	\$4,542,326
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.....	\$3,233,255
0810-0016	For the office of the attorney general, which may expend not more than \$618,201 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 Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq., the 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 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.....	\$618,201
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.....	\$5,726,249
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 27, 2026, 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 .....	\$7,367,276
0810-0061	For the funding of existing and future litigation committed to obtaining significant recoveries for the commonwealth.....	\$3,856,817
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 .....	\$857,588
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 .....	\$2,033,032
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 .....	\$581,532
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 any other 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 .....\$408,338

- 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 .....\$596,773
- 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 29, 2026, 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.....\$2,738,897
- 0810-1206 For the office of the attorney general, which may expend for a civil penalties revolving fund an amount not to exceed \$2,247,769 from revenues collected from enforcement of civil laws; 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.....\$2,247,769

#### **Victim and Witness Assistance Board.**

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- 0840-0004 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
- 0840-0100 For the operation of the victim and witness assistance board; provided, that funds shall be expended for the operation and administration of trainings and educational programming that advances the goals of the Massachusetts office for victim assistance.....\$2,213,707

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 29 2026, 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 2025.....\$2,453,510

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#### **STATE ETHICS COMMISSION.**

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0900-0100 For the operation of the state ethics commission.....\$3,788,198

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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.....\$5,856,039

0910-0210 For the office of the inspector general, which may expend not more than \$1,680,000 from revenues collected the fees charged to participants in the OIG Academy, including the Massachusetts public purchasing official certification program for the operation of OIG Academy 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; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, funds may be collected in the prior fiscal year for service programs or activities delivered during the next fiscal year; and provided further, that any unspent balance at the close of the current fiscal year up to the ceiling shall remain in the account and may be expended for this item in the next fiscal year .....\$1,680,000

0910-0220 For the operation of the bureau of program integrity established in section 16V of chapter 6A of the General Laws .....\$813,324

0910-0230 For the operation of the data analytics unit within the office of the inspector general .....\$626,933

0910-0300 For the operation of the internal special audit unit established in section 9 of chapter 6C of the General Laws .....\$1,272,054

0910-0330 For the operation of the division of state police oversight established pursuant to section 72 of chapter 22C of the General Laws.....\$467,913

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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 .....\$2,207,235

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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; and provided further, that not less than \$1,250,000 shall be expended for Roca. Inc.'s young mothers experiencing acute trauma pilot program....\$5,191,014

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, 2026, 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 authority is named as a respondent, delineating those cases by agency or authority; (iii) number of new cases filed in fiscal year 2025; (iv) number of cases closed by the commission in fiscal year 2025; and (v) average duration of cases closed by the commission in fiscal year 2025, 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 .....\$8,811,293

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 2026 and for federal reimbursements received for the fair housing program 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 authorized fees and; 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 \$409,999 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.....	\$409,999
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 2026 and prior fiscal years for the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's 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 authorized fees and costs; 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 .....	\$972,297
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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 .....	\$359,272
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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.....	\$1,600,000
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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 American and Pacific Islander descent established in section 68 of chapter 3 of the General Laws.....\$586,188

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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 .....\$1,000,000

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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 .....\$11,419,113

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## **CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION.**

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1070-0840 For the operation of the cannabis control commission .....\$16,424,371

Marijuana Regulation Fund.....100%

1070-0842 For the cannabis control commission's oversight of the medical marijuana industry .....\$3,457,320

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 29, 2026 and the second of which shall be submitted not later

than May 28, 2026, 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 nonsalary 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, 2025, 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..... \$4,911,475

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| 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  | \$588,524    |
| 1100-1700 | For the provision of information technology services within the executive office for administration and finance .....   | \$38,877,981 |
| 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..... | \$1,977,064  |
| 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, 2025, the office shall report its fiscal year 2025 actuals, fiscal year 2026 year-to-date actuals and forecasts and fiscal year 2027 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 13, 2026, the office shall submit updated forecasts to the executive office and to the house and senate committees on ways and means ..... \$248,097

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

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| 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 .....   | \$26,589,990 |
| 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 \$11,296,868 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..... | \$11,296,868 |
| 1102-3233 | For the division of capital asset management and maintenance for the certification of contractors and subcontractors .....  | \$996,529    |

#### **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 .....  | \$161,088   |
| 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..... | \$4,556,426 |

- 1102-3400 For security operations at the bureau of the state house, including security personnel necessary to adequately staff the security operations center and manage communications for the bureau of the state house security and emergency preparedness team with public safety agencies .....\$750,000

**Massachusetts Office on Disability.**

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- 1107-2400 For the Massachusetts office on disability..... \$1,377,471
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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 MassAbility; 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.....\$12,792,996

**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 ..... \$1,317,029

**Group Insurance Commission.**

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- 1108-5100 For the operation of the group insurance commission; provided, 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; provided further, that on a monthly basis, the commission shall provide the caseload forecasting office with enrollment data and any other information pertinent to caseload forecasting; and 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 .....\$5,742,723

1108-5200

For the commonwealth's share of the group insurance premium and plan costs incurred in fiscal year 2026; 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 funds may be expended from this item for elderly retired governmental employees and retired municipal teachers; 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; provided further, that the rules for determining the commonwealth's share of the group insurance premiums for retired state employees shall be the same as the standards in effect on July 1, 2012; 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 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 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 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 2026 and any unexpended balance in this item shall revert to the General Fund on June 30, 2026; and provided further, that not later than March 6, 2026, 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 2026; (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\$2,399,561,737

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\$12,634,259	

#### **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 .....	\$1,951,037
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.....	\$1,641,331
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#### **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 services 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	
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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 funds 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 ..... \$103,964,518

- 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, 2026, 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 services 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 services activities and those agencies may expend funds for the purposes of this item; provided further, that not later than March 3, 2026, 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 services 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, 2026, 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 .....	\$48,226,548
1201-0164	For the child support services 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.....	\$1,188,443
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 \$175,000 or the amount certified by the secretary of administration and finance under section 156 of chapter 139 of the acts of 2012.....	\$175,000
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.....	\$5,920,100
	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 from 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, 2026, 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 .....	\$1,818,477

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 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 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 .....	\$38,972,625
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.....	\$1,337,505,369
	General Fund .....	83.32%
	Gaming Local Aid Fund .....	16.68%
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; provided, that not less than \$1,520,000 shall be expended for one-time, additional reimbursements to cities and towns so that no city or town shall receive an amount from this item in fiscal year 2026 that is less than the amount said city or town received in fiscal year 2025.....	\$54,520,000
1233-2401	For reimbursements to qualifying cities and towns for additional educational costs under chapter 40S of the General Laws; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a city or town which received funding under this item in fiscal year 2025 and which remains eligible in fiscal year 2026 shall receive not less than the amount of funding that such city or town received under this item in fiscal year 2025 .....	\$1,200,000

**Appellate Tax Board.**

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1310-1000	For the operation of the appellate tax board .....	\$2,663,396
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 commission to the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than 15 days after the public meeting .....\$13,610,954

### **Reserves.**

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1599-0026 For a reserve to support municipal improvements; provided, that not less than \$4,000,000 shall be expended for the District Local Technical Assistance Fund established in 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 \$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 2025; provided further, that grants under this item shall only be provided to communities that submitted qualifying applications that were approved by the executive office in fiscal year 2025; 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 16, 2026, 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 this item and the criteria used for distribution; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Spencer for the repair and repaving of East Charlton road; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Boxborough for the purchase and installation of an emergency generator at the Boxborough public library; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Harvard for improvements to the Old Library building; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to Morrill memorial library in the town of Norwood for the installation of a study pod to support individual and group learning spaces; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Westwood for capital improvements to town facilities to help bring the town into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the city of Amesbury for costs associated with the digitization and preservation of municipal documents; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for accessibility improvements at North Andover town hall; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for emergency access poles with automatic external defibrillators at athletic field complexes in the town of Norfolk; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for senior

center parking lot improvements in the town of Norfolk; provided further, that not less than \$65,000 shall be expended for senior center parking lot improvements in the town of Bellingham; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for the acquisition of an autonomous robotic lawnmower in the town of Topsfield; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the town of Essex for a study of Chebacco lake and its watershed in the town of Essex; provided further, that not less than \$90,000 shall be expended for the planning, design and construction of wastewater treatment plant upgrades in the city of Gloucester; provided further, that not less than \$5,000 shall be expended for Americans with Disabilities Act compliance upgrades at the Manchester-by-the-Sea public library; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for the purchase of a van for the council on aging in the city of Newburyport; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for a heating, ventilation and air conditioning system at the Rockport public library; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for a storage unit at the Rowley public library; and provided further, that not less than \$90,000 shall be expended for town hall security improvements in the town of Hampden .....\$10,885,000

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

1599-1970 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 2026 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; provided, that not later than January 30, 2026, 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 for obligations existing not later than July 1, 2025, 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, 2025, in fiscal years 2027 and 2028.....\$13,000,000

1599-2003	For the Uniform Law Commission; provided, that prior fiscal year payments may be payable from this item.....	\$75,000
1599-3234	For the South Essex Sewerage District debt service assessment.....	\$33,914
1599-3384	For a reserve for the payment on behalf of a state agency as defined in 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 in 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 .....	\$275,000
1599-6903	For the fiscal year 2026 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 under 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 2026, 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 2, 2026, 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 said chapter 257, including, the: (i) state costs for rates promulgated as of July 1, 2025, delineated by regulation, department and program; (ii) state costs for rates promulgated as of January 1, 2026, delineated by regulation, department and program; (iii) per cent of increase in state funding for rates to be reviewed between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026, delineated 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, 2025 and June 30, 2026, delineated by regulation, department and program; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2026, 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 aging and independence or the executive office of housing and livable communities; provided further, that the 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 the funds received 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 .....\$207,000,000

#### **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.....\$12,988,535 |
| 1750-0103 | For the operation of the Training and Career Ladder Program .....\$833,075  |
| 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.....\$5,939,489  |
| 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.....\$54,119   |
| 1750-0300 | For the commonwealth's contributions in fiscal year 2026 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 ..... \$39,910,331  |

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 .....	\$767,078
1750-1800	For the operation of the office of leave policy administration.....	\$4,000,000

### **Operational Services Division.**

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1775-0115	For the operational services division, which may expend not more than \$16,532,284 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 authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system .....	\$16,532,284
1775-0124	For the operational services division, which may expend not more than \$127,386 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.....	\$127,386
1775-0600	For the operational services division, which may expend not more than \$468,036 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.....	\$468,036
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

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#### **Supplier Diversity Office.**

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.....\$4,621,306

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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 this item and items 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 \$330,000 shall be expended for Community Servings, Inc. to develop and implement a statewide pilot program to provide medically-tailored meals to veterans; 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...\$12,815,036

1410-0012	For services to veterans, including the maintenance and operation of outreach centers; provided, that the 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 2025; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2026, 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; 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 \$75,000 shall be expended for Vietnam Veterans of Massachusetts, Inc. to aid veterans filing claims for medical and financial benefits; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the operations of Veterans Inc. for services to veterans including, but not limited to, employment training and substance use treatment; and provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Avon VFW Post 8892 for necessary infrastructure repairs to improve Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility for veterans and the general public. ....	\$10,278,473
1410-0015	For the women veterans' outreach program .....	\$728,882
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....	\$388,739
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 2025; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2026, 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, which shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) list of veterans' homelessness services receiving funds through	

this account in the current fiscal year; (ii) amount of funding received by each veterans' homelessness service; (iii) number of veterans served annually by each veterans' homelessness service; and (iv) estimated percentage of homeless veterans receiving veterans' homelessness services per county in the current year; and provided further, that not less than \$914,000 shall be expended to the Disabled American Veterans Department of Massachusetts Service Fund, Inc. to combat veteran homelessness by maintaining and operating 3 veterans homes and to provide counseling and benefits, including wrap-around assistance, to disabled veterans and their families .....\$4,406,315

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.....\$3,843,750

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 to 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 those cities and towns; provided further, that pursuant to 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 provide the veteran, surviving spouse or dependent with 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.....\$81,806,000

- 1410-0630 For the administration of the veterans' cemeteries in the town of Winchendon and in the city known as the town of Agawam.....\$1,516,912
- 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 \$15,000 shall be expended for the Agawam Veterans Council in the city known as the town of Agawam for assistance with veterans memorials; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of North Andover for the creation of a September 11 memorial at Patriots memorial park; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Center, Inc., for the purchase of a new software-based ride scheduling system and for a contract for services with the Cape Cod & Islands regional group of the Blinded Veterans Association; and provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the Global War on Terrorism Monument Committee in the city of Attleboro to assist with the creation of a historical tribute of remembrance, respect and gratitude for all those who have served in the Global War on Terrorism\$340,000
- 1410-1700 For the provision of information technology services within the executive office of veterans' services.....\$4,004,168

#### **Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts.**

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- 4180-0100 For the maintenance and operation of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts in the city of Chelsea, including a specialized unit for the treatment of patients with Alzheimer's disease .....\$46,525,514

#### **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 .....\$31,105,778
- 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 \$2,139,643 for the operation of 12 long-term care beds from revenue generated through the occupancy of those 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.....\$2,139,643

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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 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, 2026, 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, 2026, 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.. \$3,675,818

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.....	\$55,798,206

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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, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to enter into an agreement with OARS, Inc. to operate a water quality monitoring program in the Sudbury, Assabet and Concord rivers; 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 the Buzzards Bay Coalition, Inc.; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Housing Climate Innovation Center, Inc. for costs associated with the deployment and testing of climate resilience and clean energy technology.....\$19,077,510
- 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 \$5,127,889
- 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, 2026, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means, which shall include, but not be 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; and provided further, that funds shall be expended on mapping technology to overlay environmental and public health data.....	\$6,292,156
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 a dam safety technical assistance program for public and private dam owners; provided, that the program shall 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.....	\$23,608,139
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 \$200,000 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 to enhance their ability to enforce speed restrictions through use of drone technologies to minimize potentially harmful interactions between vessels and right whales.....	\$17,075,354
2030-1004	For environmental police private details; provided, that the office of environmental law enforcement may expend not more than \$650,000 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 .....	\$650,000

#### **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 2026 under said first
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	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; and provided further, that notwithstanding the second sentence of the fourth paragraph of section 18 of said chapter 25, the assessments levied for fiscal year 2026 under said fourth paragraph of said section 18 of said chapter 25 shall be made at a rate sufficient to support the amount expended from item 2100-5964 .....	\$19,317,626
2100-0013	For the operation of the transportation oversight division.....	\$1,052,617
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 2026 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 .....	\$462,184
2100-0017	For the operation of the division of transportation network services established in section 23 of chapter 25 of the General Laws; provided, that the amount assessed under said section 23 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 .....	\$4,282,870
2100-5694	For the operation of the energy facilities siting division; provided, that the division may expend funds from this item for implementation of section 12N of chapter 25 of the General Laws, including the maintenance of a real-time, online, clean energy infrastructure dashboard, and the creation thereof; and provided further, that notwithstanding the second sentence of the fourth paragraph of section 18 of said chapter 25, the assessments levied for fiscal year 2026 under said fourth 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 .....	\$4,000,000

### **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 to the Merrimack River Watershed Council, Inc. for a regional approach to reducing combined sewer overflows in the Merrimack river; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Cape Ann Climate Coalition Inc for preemptive strategic planning for post-disaster recovery; and provided further, than not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for TownGreen, Inc. for a regional climate resilience convening program .....	\$54,270,855
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- 2200-0102 For the department of environmental protection, which may expend not more than \$650,148 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 ..\$650,148
- 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 \$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 to the program 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 not less than 5 years, with options for renewal, with a minimum annual funding amount of \$500,000; 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 located in the commonwealth to implement composting; provided further, that grants may be used by grantees to obtain compost collection containers, procure educational or technical assistance, establish regular collection of food waste and other compostable matter or other similar composting efforts or activities; provided further, that agricultural businesses and food service establishments shall be prioritized in the grant application review process; and provided further, that not later than April 1, 2026, the department of environmental protection, in coordination with the department of agricultural resources, 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, including, but not limited to, the names and locations of the grantees, the number of pounds of food waste and other compostable matter collected and information about where the waste was diverted .....\$1,138,748
- 2200-0109 For the department of environmental protection to ensure sufficient staff for timely permit decisions and compliance assurance .....\$2,485,550
- 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 the amount herein is reduced in fiscal year 2026 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 chapter 21I of the General Laws, not more than \$2,935,667 in revenues collected from fees, penalties, grants and tuition under said chapter 21I; provided, that not later than February 3, 2026, 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.....	\$2,935,667
2220-2220	For the administration and implementation of the Clean Air Act 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 Climate Change Action Plan for reducing acid rain deposition and mercury emissions.....	\$827,446
2220-2221	For the administration and implementation of the operating permit and compliance program required under the Clean Air Act 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq. ....	\$1,493,314
2250-2000	For the administration and implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act 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; and provided further, that not less than \$60,000	

	shall be expended for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances remediation and upgrades to residential filtration systems in the town of Rehoboth.....\$2,519,359
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 ..... \$15,615,845
2260-8872	For the brownfields site audit program..... \$1,309,188
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.... ..... \$394,154
<b>Department of Fish and Game.</b>	
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; provided further, that the amount and contribution from each division or program shall be determined by the commissioner; provided further, that the amount and contribution from each division or program shall be determined by the commissioner; and 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 ..... \$2,143,914
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 .....\$5,343,523

- 2300-0102 For a culverts and small bridges technical assistance program; provided, that the program shall support improvements to culverts and small bridges for the purpose of public safety, climate change resilience, and ecosystem restoration.....\$2,772,000
- 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 federal 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..... \$18,338,495
- Inland Fisheries and Game Fund .....100%
- 2310-0300 For the operation of the natural heritage and endangered species program \$1,585,987
- 2310-0306 For the hunter safety training program .....\$571,463
- 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 wildland conservation 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 ..... \$973,975
- 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 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 not be required 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 not less than \$550,000 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; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance for a study to assess opportunities to expand the kelp industry; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for shellfish propagation in the counties of Barnstable, Dukes County and Nantucket to be administered jointly by the director of the division of marine fisheries and the aforementioned counties; provided further, that not less than \$175,000 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 deterioration of the Great marsh; (iii) the continuation of microplastic and macroplastic sampling; and (iv) academic study and processing for water column, beach environment, marsh peat and eel grass; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to establish a program to collect and remove derelict gear; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended for the operation of the commercial fisheries commission established under section 79 of chapter 179 of the acts of 2022; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for a boat for the harbormaster in the town of Saugus.....\$10,154,804

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.....  
..... \$1,039,977

2330-0121 For the division of marine fisheries to utilize reimbursable federal sportfish restoration 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 provide for the development of marine recreational fishing; provided, that the division may expend not more than \$217,989 in revenues collected from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's 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

- 2330-0199 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 ..... \$2,266,149
- Marine Recreational Fisheries Development Fund..... 100%

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#### **Department of Agricultural Resources.**

- 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 expended 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 \$300,000 shall be expended to support the department's agricultural marketing division; provided further, that not less than \$750,000 shall

	be expended to enhance the Buy Local effort in western, central, northeastern and southeastern Massachusetts; and provided further, that any buy local effort included in this item shall include locally-harvested seafood including, but not limited to, fish and shellfish .....	\$11,677,101
2511-0103	For the costs associated with agricultural oversight of hemp and cannabis	\$1,000,000
	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 not less than \$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 \$100,000 shall be expended to Project Just Because, Inc..	\$42,100,000
2511-0107	For the advancement of community food security and the protection of public access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food; provided, that \$25,000 shall be expended to the Edward L. Cooper Community Gardening & Education Center for the emergency food pantry to operate and provide eligible community members with access to food; 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 Friday Night Supper Program, 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 for 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 \$150,000 shall be expended to the Charles River Regional Chamber, Inc. to provide grants, in coordination with Brookline Chamber of Commerce, Inc., to independent restaurants located in the city of Newton and the towns of Brookline and Wellesley to supply prepared meals and other food products to food banks serving those communities, senior programs and other programs addressing food insecurity needs of individuals in those communities; provided further, that not less than \$65,000 of such funds shall be allocated for grants to independent restaurants in the city of Newton; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 of such funds shall be allocated for grants to independent restaurants in the town of Brookline; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 of such funds shall be allocated for grants to independent	

restaurants in the town of Wellesley; provided further, that not less than \$120,000 shall be expended to Boston Area Gleaners, Incorporated for improvements to Stonefield farm located on Martin street in the town of Acton to continue its work to help families facing food insecurity; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Harvest on Vine 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 to the Regional Environmental Council, Inc. to support its operations and programs to fight for food justice in the city of Worcester and the central region of the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Arlington Eats, Inc. to increase food access in the town of Arlington; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended for FoodLink, Inc. to address food insecurity in the city of Woburn and the towns of Arlington, Billerica, Burlington and Lexington; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Weymouth Food Pantry in the city known as the town of Weymouth for food security programs; provided further, that not less than \$5,000 shall be expended for Meghan's Light, Inc. in the town of Hadley for food assistance to individuals struggling with cystic fibrosis; 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 \$50,000 shall be expended to Neighbors in Need, Inc. to support the operation of a food and diaper pantry serving the cities of Haverhill, Lawrence and Methuen and the towns of Andover and North Andover; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for The Charity Guild, Inc. to continue to supply the food pantry at Brockton high school and serve the senior citizens and homebound individuals through home delivery in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Inc. for transportation vehicles to combat food insecurity in the community; 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 \$100,000 shall be expended to the Quabbin Food Connector, Inc. in the town of Orange; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to Merrimack Valley Food Bank, Inc. for the operation of its food distribution programs and to combat food insecurity in Essex county; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to facilitate capacity expansion for The Open Door/Cape Ann Food Pantry, Inc. serving the cities of Gloucester and Lynn and the towns of Rockport, Essex, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Ipswich, Rowley, Topsfield, Boxford, Hamilton and Wenham; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for capacity expansion and innovative food storage and delivery programs for 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 \$50,000 shall be expended to Rachel's Table of Western Massachusetts, Inc. to continue with anti-hunger initiatives; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for West Bridgewater Food Pantry, Inc. to combat food insecurity; and provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended in a grant for the Joshua Kaye Foundation, Inc. for combating food insecurity in the commonwealth.....\$1,740,000

2511-3002 For the integrated pest management program.....\$84,413

**Department of Conservation and Recreation.**

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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 .....\$7,071,194

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 its office of water resources; 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; 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.....\$1,677,751

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 .....

\$1,587,063

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 the 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 2025, shall continue to receive such benefits in fiscal year 2026 during the period of such 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..... \$29,286,761

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 ..... \$752,377

2810-0100 For the operation of the division of state parks and recreation; provided, that funds 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 2025 shall be open in fiscal year 2026; 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 not more than \$3,300,000 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 29, 2026, 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 2026; 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 \$506,908 shall be expended to erect fencing along the Birmingham parkway in the Brighton section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the town of Kingston to support the required update to the town's Hazardous Mitigation Plan; and provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Blue Hills Trailside Museum in the town of Milton ..... \$113,795,049

- 2810-0122 For special projects relating to the commonwealth's state parks and recreational areas; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, Inc. to provide equipment for the benefit of area rail trails, including, but not limited to, the Assabet river rail trail, the Bruce Freeman rail trail and the Mass Central rail trail; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to Hardwick Pond Preservation Association, Inc. for invasive species control on Hardwick pond in the town of Hardwick; provided further, that not less than \$175,000 shall be expended to the department of conservation and recreation for the design, planning and construction of Havey beach in the West Roxbury section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$70,000 shall be expended to the town of Grafton for the removal of invasive plants; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for maintenance and improvements to a pocket park in the city of Amesbury; provided further, that not less than \$55,000 shall be expended for the purchase and installation of backstop fencing at the Puglielli softball field at Riverside park in the city of Haverhill; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the city of Haverhill for the replacement of a pedestrian bridge in the Clement Farm Conservation Area; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the town of Russell for the replacement of playground equipment; provided further, that not less than \$90,000 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 district; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Greater Lawrence Community Boating Program, Inc. to support youth boating, rowing and water safety programming at the Abe Bashara Boathouse in the city of Lawrence, including training, certifications, seasonal employment opportunities for low-income youth and after-school and summer enrichment activities that promote leadership, environmental stewardship and access to the Merrimack river; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of Salem for improvements to the main entrance, perimeter safety enhancements and the replacement of historic lighting on the Salem common in consultation with the Friends of Salem Common, Inc.; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Friends of Bass River, Inc. for the purchase and installation of passive filtration culvert inserts and to address the removal of Chesapeake Bay boring sponge in the Bass river in the towns of Dennis and Yarmouth.....\$825,000
- 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..... \$3,022,820
- 2820-2000 For the operation of street lighting and the expenses of maintaining the parkways of the department of conservation and recreation..... \$4,624,670

## **Department of Energy Resources.**

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- 7006-1001 For the Massachusetts residential conservation service program established in chapter 465 of the acts of 1980 and the Massachusetts commercial and apartment conservation service program established in section 11A of chapter 25A of the General Laws; provided, that the assessments levied for fiscal year 2026 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 ....\$268,958
- 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..... \$7,919,402
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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 such reports shall reflect current caseload and detailed assumptions on caseload cost in future months; provided further, that the 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 \$300,000 shall be expended to Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc. to provide evidence-based early childhood education programs to enhance language, literacy and early relational health for preschool children from communities with untapped potential .....\$8,293,365

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; and 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.....\$44,903,765

3000-1045 For operational grants to child care providers; provided, that for fiscal year 2026 funds shall be distributed in accordance with the formula established in section 20 of chapter 15D of the General Law; provided further, that funds from this item shall be expended in coordination with funds from item 1596-2410; provided further, that the department shall collect data from participating programs, including, but not limited to: (i) the number of enrolled children; (ii) the number of educators employed; (iii) efforts to recruit and retain employees; (iv) any available demographic data of the families served by participating providers; (v) to the extent feasible, the income level of the families served by participating providers; (vi) the amount awarded to each provider; and (vii) the amount of operational grants spent by provider, delineated by category of spending including, but not limited to: (a) salaries; (b) other compensation; (c) workforce training; and (d) facilities

improvements; provided further, that programs shall respond to all data collection requests and surveys from the department to be eligible for such grants; provided further, that funds may be expended for departmental technical assistance related to the administration and distribution of the grants; and provided further, that funds may be expended to support data collection technology, personnel and supports related to this item.....\$150,000,000

Early Education and Care  
Operational Grant Fund .....76.67%  
General Fund .....23.33%

- 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 the program shall be open to applications from an employer or a group of employers in the commonwealth or an early education and care provider partnering with an employer or group of employers in the commonwealth; 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 1 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 shortage 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, 2025, 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) the number of program participants; (b) the number of early education and care slots supported by this item; (c) the 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, 2025, 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.....	\$2,432,536
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 Enough Abuse, Inc. to provide technical assistance to and training for schools and communities .....	\$2,364,334
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 in 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 participants 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; provided further, that the commissioner shall provide notice to the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days prior to any such transfer; provided further, that not later than April 16, 2026, 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, 2026, 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 2026; and provided further, that all children eligible for services under this item shall receive such services .....\$448,211,115

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; provided further, the commissioner shall provide notice 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 any such transfer; provided further, that not more than 3 per cent of the funds appropriated in this item may be transferred in fiscal year 2026 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, 2026, 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, 2026, 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 2026; 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.....\$517,637,865

3000-5000 For grants to head start programs; provided, that funds from this item may be expended on early head start programs.....\$20,000,000

High Quality Early Education  
and Care Affordability Fund .....50.00%  
General Fund .....50.00%

3000-6025 For grants in fiscal year 2026 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 2027; 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 16, 2026, 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...\$17,673,127

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 .....	\$17,855,920
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 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, 2025 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 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 .....	\$11,740,598
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 at least \$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; provided further, that not later than February 6, 2026, the executive office 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 2025; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for 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 \$500,000 shall be expended to BAGLY, Inc. to provide innovative job training and wraparound support to LGBTQ+ homeless youth.....\$13,150,000

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 13, 2026, 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 receiving either prevention or rehousing services, including total statewide numbers and numbers by region; (ii) the types of services received by participating youths; (iii) the number of youths who transition into stabilized housing after experiencing homelessness; (iv) the number of youths who do not enter homelessness after receiving prevention support; (v) the number of youths who do not return to homelessness after being housed; (vi) other quantifiable data related to client outcomes as determined by the executive office; and (vii) the amount of funding awarded to vendors for the delivery of services and the names of each vendor.....\$10,545,850

4000-0014 For the Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center, Inc. to train community health workers to 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 shall 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 educational institutions and health care providers to expand 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 educational 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 shall be expended to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth to partner 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 6, 2026, 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-term 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; 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; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Labouré College of Healthcare in the town of Milton for an advanced Vocational Nursing English for Speakers of Other Languages program to increase the nursing workforce recruitment pipeline in the commonwealth through increased access to nursing careers; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Curry College School of Nursing and Health Sciences to promote increased access to quality, equitable healthcare services in the commonwealth through its healthcare workforce development and nursing simulation programs in partnership with hospitals and medical facilities across the commonwealth .....\$1,125,000
- 4000-0050 For the operation of the PCA quality home care workforce council established in section 71 of chapter 118E of the General Laws .....\$3,359,766
- 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 executive office of health and human services shall maintain the fiscal year 2025 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, 2026, 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, which shall include but not be limited to: (a) the number of children and families served at each center; (b) the types of programs; (c) program outcomes; (d) client feedback; and (e) 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 of 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, 42 U.S.C 1315, 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 funds may be expended for the operation of the office of health equity under the department of public health and the executive office; 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, 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 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 not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for Health Care For All, Inc. to work with community-based organizations in high need areas to conduct health coverage enrollment assistance and to coordinate and support health outreach and education efforts; provided further, that the executive office may continue to recover provider overpayments made in the current and prior fiscal years through the Medicaid Management Information System and any such 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 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 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 the report shall not identify the specific drugs, manufacturer identities or wholesale acquisition costs of individual drugs identified by the department; provided further, that not later than December 19, 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 detailing utilization in fiscal year 2025 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 6, 2026, 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 2025; (2) estimated spending related to pharmaceutical utilization for fiscal year 2026; (3) the actual and estimated revenue amounts, both in the form of supplemental rebates and federal financial participation, received in fiscal year 2025 and in fiscal year 2026 as a result of total pharmaceutical spending; (4) total or projected savings amounts delivered from supplemental rebate negotiations in fiscal year 2026; and (5) the relative impact of price and utilization of pharmaceutical drugs added to the MassHealth drug list within fiscal year 2025 and fiscal year 2026; provided further,

that not later than March 6, 2026, the executive office, 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 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 those 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 the wage rates as applied to the acuity level of patients receiving continuous skilled nursing care; (D) an aggregated breakdown of the 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 2021 to 2025, 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 2021 to 2025, inclusive, delineated 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 to compile the required report; provided further, that not less than \$1,500,000 shall be transferred to the Criminal Justice and Community Support Trust Fund established in section 2QQQQ 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 restoration center commission in the former Middlesex county established in section 225 of chapter 69 of the acts of 2018 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, which shall be administered by the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership, 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 a total of \$40,000,000 may be expended from items 4000-0700 and 4000-1426 during the fiscal year 2026 accounts payable period to pay for services delivered during fiscal year 2026; provided further, that the secretary of health and human services, with the written approval of the secretary of administration and finance, may authorize transfers of surplus among items 4000-0320, 4000-0430, 4000-0500, 4000-0601, 4000-0641, 4000-0700, 4000-0875, 4000-0880, 4000-0885, 4000-0940, 4000-0950, 4000-0990, 4000-1400, 4000-1420 and 4000-1426 for the purpose of reducing any deficiency in these items; provided further, that any such transfer shall be made not later than September 30, 2026; provided further, that any projected aggregate deficiency among these items shall be reported to the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than

90 days before the projected exhaustion of funding; provided further, that any unexpended balance in these accounts shall revert to the General Fund on June 30, 2026; provided further, that funds shall be expended to the Nantucket Cottage Hospital and Martha's Vineyard Hospital, Inc. for off-island medical transportation, including the transportation of patients with behavioral health conditions; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Brookline Community Mental Health Center, Inc. to expand the healthy lives program; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Plymouth to support health and human services; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Housing Families, Inc. in the city of Malden for technological infrastructure improvements to support community based health services; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Marie's Mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts to support the free diaper program for the children and families in the greater Worcester area; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to The Boston Home, Inc. for its wheelchair enhancement center to support the costs of on-site repairs, modifications and programming for power wheelchairs; provided further, that there shall be a special commission which shall consist of: the secretary of health and human services, or a designee from the office of the secretary, who shall serve as chair; the assistant secretary of MassHealth or a designee; the commissioner of mental health or a designee; the commissioner of children and families or a designee; the commissioner of insurance or a designee; the commissioner of early education and care or a designee; the commissioner of elementary and secondary education or a designee; the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery or their designees; a representative of Association for Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.; a representative of Children's League of Massachusetts, Inc.; a representative of Massachusetts Association for Mental Health, Inc.'s Children's Mental Health Campaign; a representative of Massachusetts Association of Behavioral Health Systems, Inc.; a representative of Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association, Inc.; a representative of Massachusetts Association for Mental Health, Inc.; and a representative of the Parent/Professional Advocacy League, Inc.; provided further, that not later than June 30, 2026, the commission shall submit a special report to the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery, the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities, the joint committee on health care financing and the senate and house committees on ways and means detailing recommendations for improving access to behavioral health services for children and families; provided further, that the special report shall include, but not be limited to: (aa) a list of the behavioral health services, including services and treatment for substance use disorder and for autism spectrum disorder, available to children and adolescents under 22 years of age; (bb) a list of common challenges that children, adolescents and families face in seeking behavioral health services including, but not limited to, challenges associated with program eligibility criteria, affordability and cost-sharing, insurance or state program denials, application processes and service authorization processes, staffing, wait times and geography; (cc) recommended policies to address challenges identified under clause (bb) and for streamlining access to behavioral health services for children, adolescents and families including, but not limited to, adolescent continuing care inpatient and residential treatment services; (dd) a review of state funding dedicated to behavioral health services for children across state agencies and MassHealth and an examination of the impact of how such funding is used to maximize the delivery of services and available federal resources; (ee) analysis of the feasibility and effects

of creating a single integrated children's behavioral health agency; (ff) a 3-year strategic plan for the delivery of behavioral health services for children and families that considers all providers and payers; and (gg) any matters deemed relevant by the commission; provided further, that the secretary of health and human services shall make the report publicly available online; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Worcester Community Midwifery, Inc. to provide midwifery care and birth center services to families across the commonwealth; and 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 .....\$158,690,882

- 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 unless such contracts received 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 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 such 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 executive office 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 the 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 executive office, in consultation with the comptroller, determines to be within the scope of the proper administration of said Title XIX of the Social Security Act and other federal funding provisions to support the programs and activities of the

executive office; provided further, that such 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 2026 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 19, 2025, 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: (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

4000-0322 For the executive office of health and human services, which may expend not more than \$10,000,000 for contingency fee contracts related to revenue maximization projects pursuing additional federal reimbursement or avoiding state costs; 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 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 required under contingency contracts, the executive office of health and human services shall incur expenses and 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; and 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.....\$10,000,000

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 children shall be determined eligible for medical care and assistance if they meet the disability standards as defined by the executive office of health and human services; provided further, that such standards shall be no more restrictive than those in effect on July 1, 1996; 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; 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; and provided further, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to the recipients in prior fiscal years .....\$340,074,133

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 in fiscal year 2026, the executive office shall expend not less than \$13,750,000 more for primary than in fiscal year 2025; provided further, that in fiscal year 2026, the executive office shall expend not less than \$5,273,500 more for outpatient behavioral health and addiction services rates than in fiscal year 2025; 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 funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to recipients in prior fiscal years; provided further, that not later than February 6, 2026, 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 the summary shall include, to the maximum extent practicable, aggregated data on the results of preventative health care services, including 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 the summary shall include outcome measures for at-risk populations with chronic health conditions; and provided further, that not later than March 6, 2026, 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 .....\$6,013,317,263

- 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 notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purposes of determining an individual's eligibility for the senior care options program, an individual shall be 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, 2025 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 per month individual personal needs allowance at a level that shall be not less than the level established in fiscal year 2025 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 16, 2026, MassHealth shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing, for fiscal year 2025, 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 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 not later than February 6, 2026, the executive office 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: (a) 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; (b) total enrollment in the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary program, Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary Program and Qualifying Individual Program; (c) total annual spending on Medicare premiums and cost-sharing for such members; and (d) total annual transfers from the prescription advantage program in item 9110-1455 and the Health Safety Net Trust Fund to fund the Medicare Savings Program expansion.....\$5,109,838,566

4000-0641 For nursing facility Medicaid rates; provided, that in fiscal year 2026, the executive office of health and human services, in consultation with the center for health information and analysis, shall establish rates that cumulatively total not less than \$342,100,000 more than the annual payment rates established under the rates in effect as of June 30, 2002; provided further, that the executive office shall expend not less than \$102,000,000 more for nursing facility rates than in fiscal year 2025; provided further, that an amount for expenses related to the collection and administration of assessments under 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 .....\$625,073,456

4000-0700 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 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 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 2026, 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, 2025; provided further, that in fiscal year 2026, 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 funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to recipients in prior fiscal years; 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 not later than December 5, 2025, \$1,000,000 shall be equally distributed to the teaching community health centers with family medicine residency programs in the cities of Worcester and Lawrence and in the South Boston section of the city of Boston and to the family medicine residency program operated at Baystate Franklin Medical Center in the city of Greenfield; and provided further, that the executive office shall designate the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, Inc. to administer the funds and shall retain 5 per cent of the total funds; and provided further, that the executive office 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 the centers in order to confirm the use of the funds by each center for training purposes.....\$4,247,184,088

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, 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 subsidies provided to eligible individuals under the last paragraph of section 9 of said chapter 118E and section 16D of said chapter 118E; and provided further, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to those children and adolescents in prior fiscal years .....\$576,309,407

- 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 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; 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; and provided further, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to those persons in prior fiscal years.....\$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 provided 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 2026, MassHealth shall maintain the same level of vision services that were in effect in fiscal year 2025 for members enrolled in the CarePlus program .....\$3,587,499,744
- 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 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 the reports shall include, but not be limited to: (i) up-to-date results of the scheduled plan, including a schedule detailing commencement of services and associated costs by service type; (ii) an up-to-date 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 the executive office shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than 30 days before any transfer of funds shall be made from this item; provided further, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to these persons in prior fiscal years; and provided further, that any unexpended balance in this item shall revert to the General Fund on June 30, 2026 .....\$331,019,154
- 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 to 18 years of age, inclusive; provided, 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; 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; provided further, that the executive office shall maximize federal reimbursements for state expenditures made on behalf of the children; and provided further, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to those persons in prior fiscal years.....\$42,600,000
4000-1400	For the provision of MassHealth benefits to persons diagnosed with human immunodeficiency virus who have 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 those 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, 42 U.S.C. chapter 7, subchapter XIX.....\$704,207,262
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 those waivers; and provided further, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to members participating in the waivers in prior fiscal years .....\$540,321,946
4000-1700	For the provision of information technology services within the executive office of health and human services .....\$180,854,361

#### **Office for Refugees and Immigrants.**

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4003-0111	For the operation of the office for refugees and immigrants .....\$1,014,573
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; and provided further, that not less than \$140,000 shall be expended to Friendly House, Inc. for the operation of the Office for New Americans in the city of Worcester \$1,445,256

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### **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 section 2 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.....  | \$35,004,437 |
| 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; and provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to implement the roadmap to health care safety for the commonwealth, including a pilot program of automated adverse event monitoring in hospitals in the commonwealth..... | \$3,674,027  |
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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.....   | \$1,862,462 |
| 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; 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 provided further, that not less than \$300,000 of said \$1,100,000 shall be made available for the MAB Community Services, Inc..... | \$9,164,721 |
| 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.....	\$18,287,034
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	\$2,547,485
<b><u>MassAbility.</u></b>		
4120-0200	For independent living centers; provided, that not later than April 1, 2026, MassAbility shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the services provided by independent living centers; and provided further, that the report 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 .....	\$8,500,000
4120-1000	For the operation of MassAbility; 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 .....	\$468,687
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 MassAbility, in making referrals to service providers, shall take into account a client's place of residence and the proximity of the nearest provider to the client's residence.....	\$28,804,358
4120-3000	For employment assistance services; provided, that vocational evaluation and employment services shall be provided for severely disabled adults .....	\$2,553,259
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 2025 under item 4120-4010 of section 2 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024; 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 to REquipment Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Assistive Technology (AT)	

Reuse Program, Inc. to improve the independence of individuals with disabilities through the refurbishment and repair of home medical equipment and assistive technology.....	\$14,827,398
4120-4001 For the accessible housing registry for persons with disabilities.....	\$150,000
4120-4010 For the turning 22 program of MassAbility .....	\$306,915
4120-5000 For homemaking services .....	\$5,921,788
4120-6000 For services for individuals with head injuries .....	\$33,127,243

#### **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.....	\$10,616,666
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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 2026 .....	\$4,879,364
4200-0100 For supervision, counseling and other community-based services provided to committed youths in nonresidential care programs of the department of youth services; provided, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the New North Citizens Council, Inc. for the Connecticut River Valley YouthBuild program	\$22,189,732
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 Robert F. Kennedy Community Alliance, Inc. for the detention diversion advocacy program to prevent high-risk juveniles presenting before the court from penetrating further into the juvenile justice system .....	\$31,541,775
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 .....	\$112,805,693
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.....	\$2,676,388
4200-0700	For evidence-based delinquency prevention through diversion programming that serves as an alternative to arresting or prosecuting youth through the juvenile court .....	\$1,873,906

### **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, 2026, 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 its 3-year pilot program to mitigate cliff effects for low-income families in the commonwealth.....	\$107,562,031
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- 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 provide funds from this item for a system to image and catalog eligibility documents electronically; provided further, that funds may be expended for supplemental nutrition assistance program outreach; and provided further, that not later than January 29, 2026, the department shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the status of these programs.....\$5,294,419
- 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, 2026, 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, delineated 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, prior appropriation continued .....\$25,400,000
- 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 organizations 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, 2026, the department of transitional assistance shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means, which shall include, by type of service or program provided, 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 .....\$2,329,398
- 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...\$142,913,665
- 4400-1979 For the department of transitional assistance to administer, in consultation with the Commonwealth Corporation, an employment counseling and job training program established in section 3B of chapter 118 of the General Laws, the pathways to self-sufficiency program established in section 3C of said chapter 118 and the full employment program established in section 110 of chapter 5 of the acts of 1995.....\$990,072
- 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 2025 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 2025 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, 2026, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and

means, which shall include, 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; and provided further, that the department shall consider other programs to meet transitional employment needs of clients.....\$20,557,862

4403-2000 For a program of transitional aid to families with dependent children; provided, that the payment standard and need standard in fiscal year 2026 shall be not less than the standards in effect in fiscal year 2025; provided further, that the need standard shall be equal to the payment standard established under this item; provided further, that the payment standard and need standard for fiscal year 2027 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 2025; provided further, that the children's clothing allowance shall be included in the standard of need for the month of September 2025; 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 pursuant to 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 the pregnancy has been medically verified 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 those 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 such 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 the proposed changes and the basis and reasons for the proposed changes, prior appropriation continued...\$466,729,423

4403-2007	For a nutritional benefit program for low-income workers; provided, that benefits shall be provided only to those for whom receiving such benefits will improve the work participation rate under the federal program of temporary assistance for needy families.....	\$8,359,783
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...	\$356,537

4403-2119	For the provision of structured settings pursuant to 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.....\$13,862,439
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 in 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, 2025, established in section 13D of chapter 118E of the General Laws, shall cumulatively total not less than rates effective January 1, 2025; 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.....\$195,347,995
4408-1000	For a program of cash assistance to certain residents of commonwealth, entitled emergency aid to the elderly, disabled and children to certain 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 a recipient shall not be subject to sponsor income-deeming or related restrictions; provided further, that in implementing the program for fiscal year 2026, the department shall include all eligibility categories authorized in this item and the need standard and payment standard shall be not less than the standard that was in effect in fiscal year 2025; 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, amend, 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, 2025, established in section 13D of chapter 118E of the General Laws, shall cumulatively total not less than rates effective January 1, 2025; 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 certain period of time as determined by department regulations and that substantially reduces or eliminates such individuals' capacity to support themselves and that has been verified by an appropriate authority, to certain persons caring for a disabled person, to otherwise eligible participants in the vocational

rehabilitation program of MassAbility, 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 the separate program under said section 210 of said chapter 43; 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 a 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 United States 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 the proposed changes 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 by the changes 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 2027 shall be not less than the standards set forth in this item, prior appropriation continued .....\$208,990,924

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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; provided, that the department of public health shall prepare written recommendations for the continuity of abortion and abortion-related care in the commonwealth in the event of a loss of federal funding for any health care facility in which abortion services are provided; provided further, that the commissioner of the department or a designee shall form a task force to inform the recommendations and create a strategic plan; provided further, that the task force shall include: a physician who provides abortion care later in pregnancy; a provider of abortion care who serves rural communities; a nurse who provides abortion care; the chief executive officer of a hospital that provides abortion care later in pregnancy or a designee; the executive director of a licensed clinic that provides abortion care or a designee; the executive director of Reproductive Equity Now Foundation, Inc. or a designee; and any other individuals at the discretion of the commissioner; provided further, that the task force's written recommendations shall include any recommended legislative changes to ensure continuity of abortion care and services in the commonwealth including, but not limited to, previously filed legislation; provided further, that the written recommendations shall be submitted to the joint committee on health care financing, the joint committee on public health, the joint committee on judiciary, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the clerks of the house of representatives and senate not later than December 31, 2025; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Baystate Brightwood Health Center in the city of Springfield for outreach to the neighborhoods served by the center, including in the North End section of the city of Springfield, to increase access to quality healthcare .....\$38,263,168
4510-0110	For community health center services; provided, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for a statewide program of technical assistance to community health centers to be provided by a state primary care association qualified under section 42 U.S.C. 254b(l); provided further, that funds shall be expended for the Massachusetts State Loan Repayment Program in an amount not less than the amount expended in fiscal year 2025 contingent on the receipt of matching federal funds; provided further, that not less than \$600,000 shall be expended for the 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 \$165,000 shall be expended for Manet Community Health Center, Incorporated for purposes including, but not limited to, behavioral health treatment support; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be provided for a nurse practitioner education and training program at the South Boston Community Health Center, Inc. as part of their status as a federally approved teaching health center.....\$5,650,599
- 4510-0112 For the department of public health to fund postpartum depression programs 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, any 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, 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 United States 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.....\$8,748,880
- 4510-0615 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$2,259,189 from fees collected from licensing and inspecting users of radioactive material under licenses presently issued by the United States 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 \$125,000 may be expended for 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\$2,259,189
- 4510-0616 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$1,436,264 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 .....	\$1,436,264
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 .....	\$17,000,545
4510-0712	For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$5,900,000 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	\$5,900,000
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.....	\$3,822,993
4510-0723	For the operation and administration of the board of registration in medicine and the committee on acupuncture .....	\$170,743
4510-0724	For the board of registration in medicine, including the physician profiles program; provided, that the board 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 CMR 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 2025 shall be expended in fiscal year 2026; provided further, that the department shall allocate available funding above the amounts required to maintain not less than the prior fiscal year's 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; 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 29, 2026, 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 provided 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 HIV/AIDS community testing and screening shall seek third-party reimbursement for such services; provided further, that the department shall ensure that at least the same level of services shall be made available as was available in the previous fiscal year; and provided further, that no funds from this item shall be expended for disease research in fiscal year 2026.....\$31,848,485
- 4512-0106 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$15,162,386 for the HIV Drug Assistance Program, or HDAP, from revenues received from pharmaceutical manufacturers participating in the section 340B rebate program of the Public Health Service Act, 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 amount 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.....\$15,162,386

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 shall seek third-party reimbursement for such services; provided further, that 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 funds shall be expended to preserve and expand the programs currently funded by the Massachusetts Access to Recovery program; provided further, that funds shall be expended for opening 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 half of the new centers serve gateway municipalities as defined under section 3A of chapter 23A of the General Laws; provided further, that funds shall be expended 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 funds shall be expended for supportive case management services; provided further, that not less than funds 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 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 funds shall be expended to procure additional family supportive housing programs across the commonwealth; provided further, that funds 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 not less than \$1,500,000 shall be expended to expand and develop the state's licensed alcohol and drug counselor and recovery coach workforce; provided further, that not less

than \$50,000 shall be expended for The Serenity House, Inc.; and provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to increase and expand transportation programs for individuals accessing substance use treatment services, prior appropriation continued .....\$179,942,798

Marijuana Regulation Fund .....68.74%  
General Fund .....31.26%

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 prior to 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 October 1, 2025, 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.....\$1,298,718

4512-0205 For grants and contracts with substance use programs to provide comprehensive prevention, intervention and recovery services; provided, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to Abington C.O.P.E.S. Inc. for substance use prevention and programming; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to Holbrook Cares, Corp. for substance use prevention and recovery outreach programming; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Rockland Cares Incorporated for recovery support and awareness programming; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to Walker, Inc. for continuation of behavioral health and positive parenting and caregiving services and resources to service and support incarcerated and post-release individuals with children, in conjunction with the sheriffs' offices in the counties of Suffolk and Norfolk, to appropriately promote necessary family bonding and child development that correlates with successful community reintegration and reduced recidivism; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended and divided equally to Grit & Grace Sober Living For Women in the city of Attleboro, Jeffrey's House in the town of Fitchburg, Evergreen House, Inc. in the town of East Wareham and Gilly's House Inc. in the town of Wrentham for sober housing facility improvements and operational costs; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to Community Against Substance Abuse, Inc. (CASA) in the city known as the town of Winthrop to support substance abuse programs; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to A Healthy Lynnfield for substance use programming including, but not limited to, prevention education; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 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

\$50,000 shall be expended to Power Forward, Inc. in the town of Marshfield for substance use recovery services; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for Office-Based Addiction/Opioid Treatment, a program of the Greater New Bedford Community Health Center, Inc. to include treatment of patients with co-occurring mental health disorders by a nurse practitioner; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended as a grant to the Southcoast Health New Beginnings Moms Do Care Program in the city of New Bedford to support mothers and infants impacted by perinatal substance exposure; provided further, that not less than \$475,000 shall be expended for the RecoveryWorks program at Massachusetts General Hospital for building a community of people in addiction recovery, including those who are court involved or returning citizens, families, organizations and local resources, to enhance participants' long-term recovery and achieve meaningful employment by: (i) providing participants mentorship, career coaching, recovery and career oriented skills training groups and assistance with removing barriers to reenter the workforce throughout the 5-year duration of the program; and (ii) partnering with employers and organizations on education and anti-stigma efforts; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended to the city of Lynn for mental health and substance use disorder services; and provided further, that not less than \$45,000 shall be expended in equal amounts to the Canton Alliance Against Substance Abuse in the town of Canton, the Sharon Substance Prevention and Resource Coalition in the town of Sharon and the Norton Opioid Prevention and Education Collaborative in the town of Norton .....\$1,505,000

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 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 in 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; and provided further, that not later than March 2, 2026, 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.....\$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 .....\$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; provided further, that not later than March 2, 2026, 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; and provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for a competitive grant program for the development of specialized trauma trainings, each tailored to a specific form of hate or bias, to be provided to mental health clinicians and counselors and others to treat victims of hate and bias .....\$1,250,000

- 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 2, 2026, 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, their locations and amount per recipient; and (ii) dates that funds were released to such recipients .....\$9,232,014
- 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; 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 .....\$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 2, 2026, 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 grant applicants; and (c) a list of successful grants applicants, including the amounts awarded and the projects being supported by the grants.....\$1,980,000
- 4513-1002 For women, infants and children, or WIC, nutrition services in addition to funds received under the federal nutrition program administered by the United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service; 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.....\$15,495,096
- 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 \$13,812,418 shall be expended for family health services; provided further, that not less than \$11,207,164 of said funds shall be expended for comprehensive family planning services, including HIV 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 currently funded or previously funded by Title X Family Planning funding; provided further, that funds shall be expended for teenage pregnancy prevention services; and provided further, that not

	less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Reproductive Equity Now Foundation, Inc. to operate a free and confidential abortion legal hotline for health care providers and helpers based in the commonwealth, as well as patients obtaining care in the commonwealth.....	\$26,469,065
4513-1012	For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$28,600,000 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.....	\$28,600,000
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 2, 2026, 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 prior to 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, 2026; 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...\$39,250,384	

- 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 executive office of aging and independence; 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 they 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 .....\$14,304,687
- 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, and for youth mental health community education, outreach and communications .....\$1,800,000
- 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 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 \$6,734,753 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 that shall not be less than the amount expended in fiscal year 2025, 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; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the Duchenne Program at the University of Massachusetts medical school to advance clinical care, research and innovation for patients with complex disorders affecting the human nervous system; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Dental Society for the operation of a Mission of Mercy Free Dental Clinic; and provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association, Massachusetts Chapter, Inc. to provide care services for individuals suffering with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis .....\$13,564,310

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 funds shall be expended to provide educational programming as part of the Act 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; provided further, that no funds awarded to the Act F.A.S.T campaign 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 that shall be not less secure than a nationally-recognized data set platform, including the stroke registry data platform; provided further, funds shall be expended 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; provided further, funds shall be expended to oversee the operation and administration of designated primary stroke service hospital programs as defined in 105 CMR 130.1401; 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; provided further, that not later than March 2, 2026, the department shall submit a report to the senate committee on post audit and oversight and the senate and house committees on ways and means detailing: (i) expenditures from this item; (ii) the number of persons reached by the campaign under this item; (iii) the methods and strategies implemented to reach said persons; and (iv) activities carried out by the department pursuant to this item; provided further, that not later than September 1, 2025, the department shall update the Statewide Stroke Point-of-Entry Plan pursuant to section 90 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023; and provided further, that not later than October 1, 2025, the department shall implement regulations under 105 CMR 130 as promulgated on February 28, 2025, prior appropriation continued .....\$500,000

4513-1136 For sexual assault and domestic violence services; provided, that not less than \$8,287,997 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 information; 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 assault and domestic violence 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 2026; 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 the 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 and other community-based or school-based organizations to develop evidence-based and outcome-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 funds shall be expended for a public awareness campaign to be 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: (a) chapter 140 of the General Laws and other laws and regulations relative to extreme risk protection orders; (b) who may file a petition for an extreme risk protection order; and (c) the process to apply for an extreme risk protection order; provided further, that the public awareness campaign shall be updated to reflect any prospective changes to laws or regulations relative to extreme risk protection orders; and provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to RIA, Inc. for support to survivors of commercial sex trafficking and exploitation to promote emotional and economic empowerment...\$79,861,840

- 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, 2026, 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 the 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: (a) the partners in the pilot program; (b) a demographic and geographic profile of the students served in the program; (c) a summary of post-program employment or continuing education of participating students; and (d) 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 item, 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 the 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 ..... 36.70%  
Behavioral Health Outreach, Access  
and Support Trust Fund ..... 63.30%

4516-0263 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$1,296,253 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.....\$1,296,253

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 by this item; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the operation of the universal immunization program; 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; provided further, that the department of public health shall implement an infectious disease elevated risk community outreach pilot project; provided further, that a school or early education program that has not achieved

herd immunity against at least 1 vaccine-preventable infectious disease, as determined by the department of public health, or has failed to provide the department of public health with vaccination and exemption rate data for the 2023-2024 academic year shall be designated as an elevated risk program; provided further, that the department shall create a notice to parents and caregivers of children in an elevated risk program stating that the program's community members are at an elevated risk for the spread of at least 1 vaccine-preventable infectious disease; provided further, that an elevated risk program shall issue the notice to parents and caregivers in the community not later than 10 days after receipt of the notice from the department; provided further, that the department may require an elevated risk program to organize and invite all parents and caregivers in the community to a presentation to be delivered by the department about immunization safety, immunization efficacy and herd immunity; provided further, that the department shall develop and make available online an informational pamphlet containing medically accurate information about immunization safety and immunization efficacy and information about vaccination cost coverage through the Vaccine Purchase Trust Fund established in section 24N of chapter 111 of the General Laws; and provided further, that each elevated risk program shall distribute the informational pamphlet, either electronically or in hard copy, to all parents and caregivers of children in the elevated risk program.....\$29,278,694

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| 4516-1005 | For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$1,086,835 from the 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.....\$1,086,835 |
| 4516-1010 | For state matching funds required by the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act, Public Law 109-417 .....\$1,534,190  |
| 4516-1022 | For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$364,592 from the 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 ..\$364,592                           |
| 4516-1037 | For the department of public health, which may expend for the implementation of chapter 111O of the General Laws 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, to support the operations of the Bureau of Health Care Safety and Quality and the Bureau of Health Professions Licensure within the department of public health, not more than \$5,500,000 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 .....\$5,500,000

4518-0200 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$2,362,876 from 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 any person requesting a verification of birth to establish eligibility for Medicaid from the payment of a fee; 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.....\$2,362,876

4590-0250 For school health services and school-based health centers in public and nonpublic schools; provided, that not less than \$3,000,000 shall be expended for mental health services in public and nonpublic schools; provided further, 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 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; and provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be

expended to enhance the commonwealth's capacity to support the development of school-based bridge programs for youth who have had prolonged absence due to hospitalization for physical or mental health care .....\$22,623,088

- 4590-0912 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$29,555,584 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 .....\$29,555,584
- 4590-0913 For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$1,548,538 for payments received for 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....\$1,548,538
- 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 Tewksbury hospital shall maintain the same number of beds in fiscal year 2026 as it maintained in fiscal year 2025; 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; provided further, that not later than August 18, 2025 and monthly thereafter, the department shall submit a report to the joint committee on public health and the house and senate committees on ways and detailing the status of the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children; provided further, that the report shall include, but not be limited to: (i) a summary of the types of services and programs available through the hospital including, but not limited to, medical, recreational and educational services; (ii) a summary of any reductions or terminations of services for patients and rationales for each change; (iii) the census at the hospital on January 1, 2025; (iv) the number of admittances per month since January 1, 2025; (v) the number of discharges per month since January 1, 2025; and (vi) the total number of staff employed at the

	facility, delineated by profession including, but not be limited to, teachers, nurses, administrative staff and other professionals; and provided further, that not less than \$31,000,000 shall be expended for the continued operation of Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children .....	\$237,675,840
4590-0917	For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$5,180,049 from payments received from the vendor managing health services for state correctional facilities for incarcerated persons receiving medical services 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.....	\$5,180,049
4590-0918	For the state office of pharmacy services, which may expend not more than \$39,995,927 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.....	\$39,995,927
4590-0924	For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$2,226,357 from reimbursements collected by Tewksbury hospital based on a revenue enhancement project to obtain Medicaid coverage for patients whose services are not 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.....	\$2,226,357
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 the program; and provided further, that the department shall grant not less than 85 per cent of the 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 .....	\$625,000

4590-0930	For price reductions for municipalities purchasing naloxone through the municipal naloxone bulk purchase program .....	\$1,404,000
4590-1503	For 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 to promote racially equitable, evidence-based, data-informed and family-engaged services and programs; provided, that not less than \$10,840,965 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 2, 2026, 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 than \$100,000 shall be expended to Pernet Family Health Services in the city of Worcester for its fourth trimester screening program; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to It Takes A Village in the town of Huntington for postpartum and early parenting support for families in the western region of the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$220,000 shall be expended for grants to community-based organizations to address mental health conditions and substance use disorders for perinatal individuals consistent with section 16GG of chapter 6A of the General Laws; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the 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.....\$14,698,103

4590-1504 For a neighborhood-based gun and violent crime prevention pilot program for targeted work with out-of-school youth and young adults aged 17 to 24, inclusive, to prevent gun violence and other violent crimes in neighborhoods and municipalities with the highest rates of violent crime; 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 2, 2026, 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: (a) any measurable data-driven results; (b) which strategies and collaborations have most effectively reduced gun and other violence in the grantee neighborhoods; (c) 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 (d) 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.....\$10,257,648

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; provided further, that

	funds shall be considered one-time; and provided further, that grants shall not annualize in fiscal year 2027.....	\$4,021,326
4590-1507	For matching grants to the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc., the Alliance of Massachusetts YMCA, Inc., the YWCA organizations, nonprofit community centers and teen empowerment and youth development programs; provided, that the department shall award not less than \$3,050,000 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 of public health shall award not less than \$2,500,000 to the Alliance of Massachusetts YMCA, Inc., which shall be distributed among the alliance's member organizations; 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 \$1,000,000 to the YWCA, which shall be distributed equally between the Alliance of YMCA's organizations in the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the North Shore Alliance of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Youth, Inc. for the continuum of social, emotional and mental health support for LGBTQ+ youth in the North Shore region; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended to the Team Hoyt Community YMCA; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Randolph to support its enhanced social services program; and provided further, that not less than \$70,000 shall be expended for the Greater Holyoke YMCA in the city of Holyoke for improvements to its facilities, including, but not limited to, its locker rooms, to support its youth physical fitness programming.....	\$10,035,000
4590-2001	For the department of public health, which may expend not more than \$4,334,319 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.....	\$4,334,319

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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
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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 28, 2025, and February 27, 2026, 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 which shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the fair hearing requests filed in fiscal year 2026, 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 2026 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 decision of the agency; 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 by the commissioner of children and families after 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 27, 2026, 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: (1) number of medical and psychiatric personnel and their level of training currently employed by or under contract with the department of children and families; (2) 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; (3) the number of social workers and supervisors who have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in social work; (4) the total number of social workers and the total number of social workers holding licensure, by level; (5) number of the department of children and families' contracts reviewed by the state auditor and number of corrective action plans issued; and (6) 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: (A) 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; (B) the number of approved foster care placements; (C) 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; (D) the number of children in the department of children and families' care and custody who are receiving medical or psychiatric care through other publicly-funded sources; (E) the number of children served by supervised visitation centers and the number of those children who are reunified with their families; (F) 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; (G) 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; (H) for each area office, the total spending amount 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, detailing spending by the type of service provided 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; (I) 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; (J) for each area office, the number of requests for voluntary services, delineated 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; (K) 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; (L) the number of children and families served by the family resource centers, delineated by area; and (M) 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 29, 2026, 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 authorized 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 to this item 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 the funds from said item 4800-1100 shall be transferred in fiscal year 2026; 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 2026; 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, 2026, 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: (aa) 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 said subsection (f) of said section 23 of said chapter 119, by each area office of the department of children and families; and (bb) total cost of such services .....\$157,866,916

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 .....	\$5,533,263
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 .....	\$11,089,960
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; and provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to Jewish Family and Children's Service, Inc. for the Bet Tzedek legal services program to the local community.....\$347,727,804

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 .....\$125,486,736

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 .....\$463,750,089

4800-0058 For the support of a foster care campaign to recruit new foster parents; provided, that not later than April 1, 2026, 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 \$5,035,427 in federal reimbursements received under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 670 et. seq. during fiscal year 2026 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 \$5,035,427 shall be credited to the General Fund.....\$5,035,427

- 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; 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 .....\$35,000,000
- 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 .....\$327,075,076

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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 Mass 211 and Call 2 Talk programs; provided further, that not later than the fifteenth day of each month, the department of mental health shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery and the joint committee on health care financing that shall include, but not be limited to, the following information from the previous month on department of mental health case management positions and caseloads for child and adult client cases: (i) the definitions of active and inactive client cases for department case management services; (ii) the number of active and inactive client cases for department case management services; (iii) the active and inactive caseload for each filled case manager position; (iv) the active and inactive caseload for each filled case manager supervisor position; (v) the number of full-time equivalent case manager positions; (vi) the number of case manager positions filled, vacant or on extended leave status; (vii) the number of full-time equivalent case manager supervisor positions; (viii) the number of case manager supervisor positions filled, vacant or on extended leave status; (ix) the definitions of encounters and collateral activities for department case management services; (x) the number of in-person encounters, telephonic encounters and virtual encounters with each client or legally authorized representative for each filled case manager position and each filled case manager supervisor position; (xi) the number of collateral activities for each filled case manager position and each case manager supervisor position; (xii) the target caseloads and encounters as defined by the

department to meet the needs of its clients for department case management services; (xiii) the number of clients on a waitlist for department case management services; and (xiv) the number of applications accepted and denied for department case management services; and provided further, that not less than 90 days prior to a change in the case management delivery service model, the department of mental health shall submit a report and a catalogue of best practices for publicly-operated case management services to 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 .....\$37,476,384

- 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 those services, the commissioner of mental health may allocate funds from 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 shall maintain the same number of intensive residential treatment programs and clinically intensive residential treatment programs as were maintained in fiscal year 2025; provided further, the department shall expend not less than the amount expended in fiscal year 2025 for flexible support services; provided further, that the department shall expend not less than \$4,375,000 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 not less than \$500,000 of that amount shall be expended to the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Program to develop and implement behavioral health consultation services that are accessible to school personnel and students in kindergarten to grade 12, inclusive; 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 13, 2026, 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 2025 and fiscal year 2026; 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, 2026, 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 2026 and fiscal year 2027; 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 activities 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 federal 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, 2026, 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 those 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; and 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 .....\$132,063,724

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, 2026, 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 2026; provided further, that in fiscal year 2026, the department shall expend on clubhouses not less than the amount expended on clubhouses in fiscal year 2025; 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 \$19,000,000 shall be expended for 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 March 2, 2026 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 \$19,000,000 may be expended for the department's emergency room diversion initiative to stabilize adults in crisis; 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; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the training of mobile crisis intervention teams to better prepare them to respond to the needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and provided further, that the department shall issue updated regulations to improve protocols for the discharge of patients being served by programs and facilities overseen by the department.....\$693,855,438

General Fund .....	98.55%
Behavioral Health Outreach, Access and Support Trust Fund .....	1.45%

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| 5046-2000 | For homelessness services; provided, that funds shall be expended for safe haven housing in a manner that ensures geographically equitable access .....  | \$29,709,879 |
| 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 the CHOICE program shall be expended for the routine maintenance and repair of its facilities..... | \$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 .....   | \$22,231,296 |
| 5055-0000 | For forensic services provided by the department of mental health .....  | \$17,462,959 |
| 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., 527 U.S. 581 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 the following criteria has been met: (i) the client has been 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 2026; provided further, that of those 671 beds, not less than 65 beds shall be continuing care inpatient beds on the campus of Taunton state hospital; and provided further, that not less than \$4,800,000 shall be expended to Cape Cod and Islands Community Mental Health Center, also known as Pocasset Mental Health Center, for mental health services and operations .....\$386,445,036

#### **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.; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to Raising Harts Corporation in the town of Cohasset to support children with autism and families through inclusive programs and mentorship; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Supported Access to Independent Living (S.A.I.L. Home) Inc. in the city known as the town of Weymouth to support inclusive programming for individuals with intellectual developmental disabilities...\$106,075,417
- 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 .....\$47,172,062
- 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 2024 under item 5920-5000 of section 2 of chapter 38 of the acts of 2013; provided further, that not

	later than March 2, 2026, 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 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 2026.....	\$2,018,989,676
5920-2003	For supportive technology and remote services for individuals served by the department of developmental services.....	\$5,280,717
5920-2010	For state-operated, community-based residential services for adults, including community-based health services .....	\$362,028,812
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, 2026, 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 2025 and the number estimated for fiscal year 2026; (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.....	\$287,388,656
5920-3000	For respite services and intensive family supports .....	\$123,925,257
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 the waiver; provided further, that the department shall immediately file any waiver amendment that may be 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, 2026, 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 to be 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.....\$7,928,034

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.....\$77,926,360

5920-3025 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, 2026, 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, which shall include, but not be 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 2027 and 2028; and (e) recommendations for enhancing the care of individuals with developmental disabilities who are aging .....	\$99,000
5920-5000	For services to clients of the department who turn 22 years of age during fiscal years 2025 and 2026 .....	\$110,653,565
5930-1000	For the operation of facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities; 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 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 further, that not later than March 2, 2026, 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; (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 .....	\$132,086,287

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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 pursuant to 815 CMR 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.....	
	.....\$19,500,000	
7000-9402	For the talking book library at the Worcester public library .....	\$711,942
7000-9406	For the Perkins Braille and Talking Book Library in the city of Watertown, including the operation of the machine lending agency .....	\$4,053,441
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 in which 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 in the second paragraph of section 19A of chapter 78 of the General Laws for fiscal year 2026 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 in 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.....	\$6,172,690
7000-9508	For the Massachusetts Center for the Book, Inc., chartered as the commonwealth affiliate of the National 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; 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 \$1,500,000 shall be expended to the Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority for downtown housing and economic development; provided further, that not less than \$175,000 shall be expended for FORGE to operate a statewide program that promotes manufacturing and innovation by supporting manufacturing readiness for startups and connecting them
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to commonwealth-based manufacturers to promote local supply chains and future resiliency; and provided further, that not less than \$170,000 shall be expended to the city of Taunton for the demolition of outdated structures at a remediated site in the city to support new housing and commercial redevelopment opportunities...\$7,453,084

7002-0017 For the provision of information technology services within the executive office of economic development .....\$2,093,580

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 growth capital division at the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency established in section 2 of chapter 23G of the General Laws for the small business technical assistance grant program; provided, that grants shall be disbursed 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; provided further, that not later than January 30, 2026, the growth capital division at the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency 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 2025; (ii) community development corporations that received or are expected to receive grants in fiscal year 2026; and (iii) criteria considered in the distribution of these grants; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation to assist with planning, programming and operations.... .....\$5,050,000

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 15, 2026, 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, 2027 .....\$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 vibrant 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
7002-2021	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 item 7002-2021 of 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 the board shall consist of individuals from and with experience advocating on behalf of such communities; provided further, that the 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, 2026, 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 .....\$7,500,000

Marijuana Regulation Fund .....100%

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#### **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.....   | \$1,770,468 |
| 7006-0043 | For the office of consumer affairs and business regulation, which may expend not more than \$995,452 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..... | \$995,452   |

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#### **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 ..... | \$26,543,261 |
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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 \$1,500,000 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 the division may expend from the revenue received under said chapter 255F an amount to be determined 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...\$1,500,000

#### **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.....\$16,990,405
- 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 under section 7A of chapter 26 of the General Laws .....\$1,085,781
- 7006-0030 For the operation of pharmacy benefit manager regulation, oversight and licensure under the division of insurance pursuant to section 2 of chapter 176Y of the General Laws .....\$1,250,000

#### **Division of Occupational Licensure.**

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- 7006-0040 For the operation and administration of the division of occupational licensure....\$12,286,344
- 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 \$19,916,561 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; and provided further, that not less than \$330,000 shall be expended to modernize and increase state building inspection capacity at the board of building regulations and standards .....\$20,246,561

#### **Division of Standards.**

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7006-0060	For the operation of the division of standards .....	\$1,804,487
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 \$875,432 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 .....	\$875,432
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 2026 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 .....\$3,477,895

## **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 .....\$1,000,000

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 \$100,000 shall be expended for South Eastern Economic Development Corporation to support its lending and technical assistance programs for small businesses; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for training or programming at the Center for Women & Enterprise; and provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Center for Employee Ownership for the purpose of contracting for services and other operational costs that further the mission of the center.....\$1,950,071

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

7007-0952 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 30, 2026, 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 \$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 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 .....\$5,025,000

#### **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, 2026, 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 including, but not limited to, the feasibility of initiatives to promote the commonwealth as a destination to residents of countries showing declines in travel to the commonwealth since January 1, 2025; provided further, that not less than \$45,000 shall be expended to Historic Newton, Inc. to upgrade and develop exhibits that educate the public on local history; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the Museum of Science for improvements to the Theater of Electricity and the development of more interactive exhibit demonstrations; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Springfield Museums Corporation for planned and ongoing improvements in Dinosaur Hall and for expanded interactive and bilingual learning opportunities;; and provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended to the town of Easton for its tricentennial celebration .....\$613,203
- 7008-1116 For the commonwealth's local economic development projects; provided, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Women's History Center, Inc. to amplify the history of women of all backgrounds in the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Hudson Cultural Alliance, Inc. for the planning, construction, renovation, property management and maintenance work at the Hudson Armory located at the intersection of Park and Washington streets in the town of Hudson; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for Brookline Chamber of

Commerce, Inc. to promote local business districts and attractions through its Discover Brookline campaign; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the purpose of a design and engineering study for the revitalization of Eagle Lake recreation area in the town of Holden; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Quaboag Historical Society, Inc. in the town of West Brookfield for a new roof at the Quaboag Historical Society Museum; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended for Equitable Opportunities Now to provide programs, services and technical assistance to support equitable economic opportunities in the cannabis industry for people from communities harmed by the war on drugs; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for The Salvation Army of Massachusetts, Incorporated for supporting people in need in the towns of Plymouth and Kingston; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc. to support the promotion of tourism; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the town of Plympton for infrastructure improvements at the town center complex; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to OpenCape Corporation to support the availability of high-speed internet access in the towns of Plymouth and Falmouth; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Plymouth downtown waterfront district to support the promotion of tourism; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for See Plymouth to support radio promotion of tourism; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for the Sandwich Glass Museum to support renovations; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Sagamore Visitor Center to promote tourism; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for the Local Seen in the town of Plymouth for equipment and to expand community outreach; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for the town of Pembroke to support water treatment; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the town of Plymouth to complete the restoration of historic Spooner's alley; provided further, that not less than \$57,000 shall be expended to the town of Millbury for repairs and improvements to the Millbury senior center; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Essex County Community Foundation Incorporated for the provision of financial support to community development and improvement projects in Essex county; 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 \$15,000 shall be expended for Young Craftsman Foundation, Inc. for equipment procurement to support emerging workers in the trades in the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to Cape Cod Blue Economy Foundation, Inc. to develop regionally agreed-upon blue economy curriculum, course options and implementation and evaluation standards for K-12 students; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Women of Color Coalition, Inc. to support its continued operation and expand program delivery ; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Latin American Business Organization Inc. to provide technical assistance to historically disadvantaged businesses in Worcester county focused on

financial management, access to capital, legal compliance, startup fundamentals and supplier diversity certification; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 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 \$75,000 shall be expended to the city of Malden for the installation of public art in the city; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended to the 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; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended to Greater Lowell Community Foundation, Inc. in the city of Lowell for community programs; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to Waters Farm Preservation, Inc. in the town of Sutton for infrastructure improvements to its historic site and costs associated with the town of Sutton's 250th anniversary celebration; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the Worcester Caribbean American Carnival Association, Incorporated for cultural events in the city of Worcester; 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 \$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 \$10,000 shall be expended to AIDS Project - Worcester Inc. for the Pride Worcester festival to be celebrated by the Greater Worcester community; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to The Modern Mentor Inc. for youth mentorship and personal development; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to AccessMA, Inc. to expand access to health and human resources to those who have been incarcerated, their families and impacted communities; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to St. Stephen's Youth Program at the Mattahunt elementary school in the city of Boston for the continued operation of its Parent Mentoring program; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to Daddy & Me, Incorporated for its literacy program to promote a love of reading in young people; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Stoneham for transportation infrastructure and pedestrian accessibility improvements; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Worcester Community Action Council, Inc. for the implementation of equity strategies in the Greater Worcester Community Health Improvement Plan; 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 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 for Global Arts Live in the city of Cambridge to support their youth engagement programs; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Sponsor Inc., doing business as Mission. Earth, for the services and community programs of Cambridge Nonprofit Coalition in the city of Cambridge; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for

Just-A-Start Corporation's biomedical careers program in the city of Cambridge; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the John F. Kennedy Family Service Center, Inc. in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston to provide community 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 \$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 Latinos Unidos en Massachusetts in the city of Everett to provide community resources, programming and support; 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 \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Stoneham to support the operation of the Stoneham public library; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Worcester Refugee and Immigrant Support and Empowerment (RISE) for Health, Inc to support community healthcare workers; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition for the purpose of promoting health, wellness, and an active lifestyle for the Mattapan community; provided further, that not less than \$65,000 shall be expended to the town of Northborough for downtown public sidewalk improvements; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the South Worcester Neighborhood Improvement Corporation to provide housing, employment, health services, food security and education programming; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended as a grant to Urban Impact Initiative Massachusetts Nonprofit Corporation to support organizations and programs in the cities of Springfield and Chicopee; provided further, that not less than \$85,000 shall be expended for Saheli, Inc. in the city of Woburn for legal and housing assistance work for immigrant survivors of domestic abuse; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 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; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Norman Rockwell Museum, Inc. to showcase illustration art to reflect and shape society and advance the enduring Rockwell values of kindness, respect and social equity; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Blackshires Community Empowerment Foundation Corp in the city of Pittsfield to empower and uplift the community through comprehensive initiatives in education, leadership development, housing, economic growth and health; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Nonprofit Center of the Berkshires Inc. to provide resources and technical assistance for local nonprofit organizations in Berkshire county; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Berkshire Theatre Group for repairs and the replacement of the roof at the historical playhouse in the town of Stockbridge; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 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 \$45,000 shall be expended to the Friends of the Public Garden, Inc. to expand infrastructure to increase accessibility of public bathrooms at the Boston Common and Public Garden in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to F.A.M.I.L.Y. Movement, Inc. to assist families transition out of homeless shelters and into stable and permanent living arrangements and by teaching and mentoring homeless youth and families on how to become financially independent with a goal of ending generational poverty and homelessness; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Boston chapter of Youth Guidance for programming for at-risk youth; provided further, that not less than \$120,000 shall be expended to the Center for Teen Empowerment, Inc. for programming and support for at-risk youth; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to Mattapan/ Greater Boston Technology Learning Center, Inc. to empower individuals and foster self-sufficiency through job training, career development and leadership initiatives; provided further, that \$40,000 shall be expended to Blue Bridge LLC to serve historically underserved groups by making healthcare research more inclusive and putting diverse populations within reach of care; provided further that \$20,000 shall be expended to The Boston Showstoppers for the purpose of developing elite female student-athletes through competitive basketball and academic excellence and a culture rooted in sisterhood, service and personal growth; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to Boston Lions Track Team to empower youth though track and field; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to One Love Sports Academy Inc. for violence prevention programming, extracurricular activities and leadership development for at-risk and proven-risk youth in the sections of the city of Boston with the highest rates of community violence and gun violence; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for the American Legion Auxiliary Fairview Unit 438, Inc. in the city of Chicopee for kitchen renovations and other building improvements; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Irish Cultural Center, Inc. of Western New England in the city known as the town of West Springfield for improvements to promote cultural events and tourism in the western region of the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$70,000 shall be expended for the Saint Patrick's Parade Committee of Holyoke, Inc. in the city of Holyoke for an economic development study and continued operations to advance tourism, cultural events and economic development initiatives in the city of Holyoke; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for Operation Veteran Vacation Inc. in the town of Ludlow for programming; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Amelia Park Children's Museum, Inc. in the city of Westfield for capital improvements and community programming for local children; provided further, that not less than \$5,000 shall be expended to Friends of the Public Garden, Inc. for the lighting of the Boston Women's Memorial on Commonwealth avenue in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Veronica Robles Cultural Center Corp to provide cultural education and programming to youth and the community; provided further, that not less than \$70,000 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 2025; provided further, that not

less than \$40,000 shall be expended to BAMS Fest, Inc. for cultural programming centered on equity, creative freedom and economic empowerment for creative entrepreneurs; provided further, that \$45,000 shall be expended for Philanthropy Massachusetts, Inc. to partner with local programs that establish economic engine initiatives to increase access to economic opportunities and support community programming in the greater Boston area; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Downtown Brockton Association, Inc. for the cleanup and beautification of the downtown area in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the town of Pepperell for equipment necessary for the regional food hub located at 20 Mill street in the town; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Team Haverhill Inc to support climate resilience programs and for overall community improvement in the city of Haverhill; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 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 \$100,000 shall be expended to the Animal Rescue League of New Bedford to establish, in collaboration with Lighthouse Animal Shelter, Inc., CARE Southcoast, Inc. and Hearts 4 Paws, Inc., the Eleanor Mackler-Kruczek Compassionate Care Fund for discounted and no-cost veterinary services for low-income residents in the greater New Bedford area; provided further, that no funds for said program shall be used for salary or administrative costs; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the city of Amesbury for a study of current city-wide parking space availability and for planning costs related to the development of a new parking garage; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Wilmington for traffic signals and pedestrian safety improvements; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Bridgewater state university, in collaboration with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, for a reduced fare pilot program for student semester commuter rail passes along the South Coast rail corridor, also known as the Fall River/New Bedford line; provided further, that the pilot program shall be implemented for the 2025-2026 academic year and provide a reduced fare equal to 50 per cent of the standard fare for students enrolled at the university who reside within a municipality that abuts the South Coast rail corridor, including, but not limited to, the cities of New Bedford, Fall River and Taunton and the towns of Acushnet, Berkley, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Freetown, Lakeville, Mattapoisett, Middleborough, Rochester, Somerset and Westport; provided further, that the university shall prioritize student financial need in its distribution of reduced fare passes; provided further, that not later than June 30, 2026, the university shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the total number of reduced fare student passes distributed for the program, delineated by city or town of residence and the total costs incurred to implement the program; provided further, that not less than \$5,000 shall be expended to the Winthrop Congregational Church in the town of Holbrook for purposes, including, but not limited to, recreational equipment and programming at the youth community center publicly available to the youth of the local community; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Hanover for a summer internship program; provided further, that not

less than \$8,000 shall be expended to the Abington public library for purposes including, but not limited to, equipment, materials and programming; provided further, that not less than \$8,000 shall be expended to the Thayer public library in the city known as the town of Braintree for purposes including, but not limited to, equipment, materials and programming; provided further, that not less than \$8,000 shall be expended to the John Curtis free library in the town of Hanover for purposes including, but not limited to, equipment, materials and programming; provided further, that not less than \$8,000 shall be expended to the Holbrook public library for purposes including, but not limited to, equipment, materials and programming; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the Thomas Crane public library in the city of Quincy for purposes including, but not limited to, equipment, materials and programming; provided further, that not less than \$8,000 shall be expended to the Rockland memorial library for purposes including, but not limited to, equipment, materials and programming; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the 250th anniversary celebration in the city known as the town of Franklin; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Bellforge Arts Center in the town of Medfield for a summer sounds concert series; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for renovations and improvements to the town park in the town of Milford; provided further, that not less than \$70,000 shall be expended for an electric vehicle for the assessing department in the town of Needham; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for furniture, layout and technology upgrades at the Fiske public library in the town of Wrentham; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for repairs and renovations to the roof of Tewksbury public library; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Friends of Sholan Farms, Inc. in the city of Leominster for on-farm infrastructure, land management and maintenance costs; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended to Groundwork Somerville, Inc. to support continued programming to promote environmental, economic and social wellbeing; provided further, that not less than \$170,000 shall be expended for the Visiting Nurse Association of Eastern Massachusetts, Inc. to provide quality care and services to low-income and housing unstable individuals at its VNA Senior Living at Highland location; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended towards municipal improvements in the town of Dunstable; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended towards municipal improvements in the town of Pepperell; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended towards municipal improvements in the town of Dracut; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended towards the municipal improvements in the town of Tyngsborough; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to 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 Ella J. Baker House Inc. for youth programming; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Caribbean American Carnival Association of Boston, Inc. for cultural events in the community; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Julie's Family Learning Program, Inc. for family support, wellness and education initiatives; provided further, not less than \$25,000

shall be expended to Redefining Our Community Inc. for their Morton Street community room programming; 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; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the Handel and Haydn Society to support their youth choirs; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Joyce and James Reed Charitable Trust for technological training and education programs administered by the South End Technology Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation for the South Boston Street Festival to be enjoyed by local residents; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Save the Harbor, Save the Bay, Inc. to support staffing at Carson beach within Old Harbor reservation and provide assistance at special permitted events; provided further that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to Boston City Lights Foundation, Inc. for its performing arts and cultural programming; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to South Boston Special Kids & Young Adults Corp for their group activities and programming; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Boston Women's Heritage Trail for the Cedar Grove project, honoring 133 women from the Home for Aged Colored Women buried in two unmarked graves, supporting historical preservation and public engagement in Dorchester; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Boston Irish Heritage Trail to expand the trail as a historical and cultural attraction for residents, visitors and educators; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Dorchester Food Co-op for food security programming; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for The People's Academy to support its pre-apprenticeship program training inner-city residents in the copper trade; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 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 We Are ALX Inc. to promote equity and economic mobility; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill to serve the public through exhibitions and educational programs; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Civic Action Project, Inc. to provide programming and training to civic leaders for new strategic, public-private partnerships for innovative policies; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Brazilian Worker Center, Inc. in the city of Boston for the implementation and operation of its community education programs; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city of Peabody for fully accessible play equipment at the Adventures for Angels playground at Lt. Ross park; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of Salem for Salem 400+ to support quadricentennial planning and programming for the 400th anniversary of the city of Salem; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city of Peabody for a new surface at the Corbeil park pickleball courts; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the city of Beverly to support improvements to vehicular, pedestrian and bike safety navigation through the high-traffic corridor at the intersection of Essex street, Spring street and Corning street in the city; provided further, that not less than

\$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Danvers for streetscape enhancements, green spaces and pocket parks in Danvers square; 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 \$100,000 shall be expended to the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council for the planning and operational costs associated with the 250th anniversary celebration of Evacuation Day in the city of Boston and the Evacuation Day and St. Patrick's Day Parade; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for economic development in the town of Wenham; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for building demolition and site remediation by the town of Groveland at the property formerly occupied by the Valley Screw Company; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for capital costs associated with preserving, operating and maintaining the Salisbury beach carousel operated by the Salisbury Beach Carousel Charitable Holding Trust; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the James P. Harrington Organization, Inc. in the town of Marshfield to support health and wellness programming at Ferry Hill; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Camp Fire North Shore, Inc. for youth programming; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the town of Nahant for capital improvements to parks; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to Type One, Inc. in the town of Hingham to combat type 1 diabetes; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Tiny Transplant Titans Inc in the city known as the town of Weymouth to provide support to children who have received life-saving transplants; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Magical Moon Foundation, Inc. in the town of Marshfield to nurture and empower children with cancer and other life threatening conditions by teaching healthy ways to deal with challenges and stress; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to Norwell Grange Corporation based in the town of Norwell to encourage agricultural and environmental sustainability; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to The Cook Family Charitable Fund, Inc. in the town of Marshfield to enhance the well-being of individuals facing challenges associated with addiction, cancer and intellectual disabilities; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to Hull Lifesaving Museum Inc. in the town of Hull to promote tourism in the south shore region; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to Norwell Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. in the town of Norwell to deliver quality in-home care to those in need; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be provided to The Friends of the Marshfield Dog Park, Inc. in the town of Marshfield to maintain the dog park and foster community growth; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to Hull Pride Incorporated in the town of Hull to strengthen local community connections; provided further, that not less than \$5,000 shall be expended to St. John the Evangelist Church in the town of Hingham to support the program known as Laundry Love to provide laundry assistance to low-income individuals throughout the South Shore; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to 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 the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce to support regional businesses and nonprofits relating to the Cape Cod

bridges replacement project and the implementation of a transportation management agency; 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 operational support and upgrades to the historic African Meeting House, including, but not limited to, preparations for the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Belchertown for the Mass central rail trail; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Cultural Center of Cape Cod, Inc., for facility upgrades and improvements that promote Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for accessibility and seating improvements at the Lillian Gregerman Bandshell in the town of Wareham; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended for Springfield Performing Arts Ventures Inc. to promote increased access to the arts in the community and support continued programming at 52Sumner; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended to the town of Bridgewater for building a pavilion and other improvements associated with a pavilion at the Town river landing; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Cape Verdean Association of Boston Inc. for community programming including English as a second language, citizenship training, and workforce development and job pathway programs; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the town of Rochester for updates and improvements to the town website; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Swansea for recreational upgrades at Medeiros farm; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Resilience Center Of Franklin County, Inc. for the Rural Network to End Domestic Violence's 3-member task forces that serve Franklin county; provided further, that not less than \$95,000 shall be expended to the town of Orange for economic and community development; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, Inc. to support local businesses and non-profit organizations; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the Greater Northampton Chamber Of Commerce Inc. to support local businesses and non-profit organizations; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce to support local businesses and non-profit organizations; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Marilyn Rodman Performing Arts Center, Inc. in the town of Foxborough for audio and visual upgrades and Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility renovations to support it arts programming; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Mass Arts Center in the town of Mansfield to support its performing arts programming; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the Newell-Blais VFW Post 443 in the city known as the town of North Attleborough for capital improvements to the building and parking lot to support programs and activities open to the public; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Mansfield for planning and implementation of Mansfield's 250th anniversary celebration; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Illuminate Creative and Theatrical Arts Company, Inc. for capital improvements and operations relative to the revitalization of the Union Theatre in the city of Attleboro; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended

to the Hockomock area YMCA for the construction of an inclusive Americans with Disabilities Act compliant splash park and additional recreation opportunities at the YMCA in the city known as the town of North Attleborough; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the town of Foxborough for establishing a storefront facade and signage improvement grant program; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended to the town of Hopkinton for safety and accessibility improvements at the public library; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the MetroWest Nonprofit Network, Inc. for a nonprofit management certificate program; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the South Attleboro Lions Club, Inc. for wheelchair ramp parts to assist veterans and others in need .....\$10,472,000

7008-1300 For the operation of the Massachusetts international trade office ..... \$152,565

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

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##### **Office of the Secretary.**

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 the technical and trade fields to retrain and expand 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 15, 2025, 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; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Marine Trades Association for workforce development training opportunities and technical education in secondary and post-secondary schools for careers in the marine trades; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Massachusetts Fallen Heroes, Inc. for their Veteran Computer Lab and Tech Training Program .....\$9,235,600

Gaming Economic Development Fund .....65.95%  
General Fund .....34.05%

7003-0100	For the operation of the executive office of labor and workforce development; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Community Action Inc.'s MakeIT Haverhill program .....	\$2,384,936
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; and provided further, that not later than January 29, 2026, 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.....	\$20,871,771
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, 2026, 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 .....	\$2,475,000
	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 .....	\$3,315,140

#### **Department of Economic Research.**

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7003-0105 For the operation of the department of economic research.....\$891,496

#### **Department of Labor Standards.**

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7003-0152 For the operation of the division of apprenticeship standards .....

7003-0200 For the operation of the department of labor standards .....

\$350,000

\$4,737,806

7003-0201 For the department of labor standards, which may expend not more than \$451,076 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 .....\$451,076

### **Department of Labor Relations.**

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7003-0900 For the operation of the department of labor relations .....\$3,699,131

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 September 1, 2026, prior appropriation continued.....\$15,240,000

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 to improve 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
7003-0800	For the operation of the MassHire department of career services; provided, that funds may be expended for the MassHire Workforce System .....	\$2,135,327
7003-0803	For the operation of the one-stop career centers.....	\$8,253,620
	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	\$2,000,000
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 29, 2026, 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.....	\$23,555,618
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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 .....	\$157,339
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 7004-9009, 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 if an applicant or tenant fails 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'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 12, 2025, 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 homelessness 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 has maintained office locations as of January 1, 2025 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 local 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 1, 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, for each local office: (i) the municipality in which each office is located; (ii) the ways in which applicants may 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; and 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 \$200,000 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 \$100,000 shall be expended for the operation of the stakeholder working group established in section 121 .....\$15,873,388

Local Capital Projects Fund .....99.21%  
General Fund .....0.79%

7004-0100 For the operations of the homeless shelter and services unit, including the compensation of caseworkers and support personnel.....\$27,657,884

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 2025 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 120 days while the family is receiving assistance funded by this item shall become ineligible for assistance; 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 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 that housing situation; provided further, that benefits under this item shall only be provided to families consisting entirely of residents of the commonwealth who are citizens of the United States or persons lawfully admitted for permanent residence or otherwise permanently residing under the color of law in the United States, except in cases where a child in the family is a citizen of the United States, a person lawfully admitted for permanent residence or a person permanently residing under color of law in the United States; 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 in 760 CMR 67.06(1)(b), whether in the commonwealth or elsewhere, 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 in 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 in 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), whether in the commonwealth or elsewhere, and that such alternative feasible 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 the 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 may be set forth in executive office regulations in effect in fiscal year 2026; 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 executive office shall, to the extent practicable, make best efforts to transfer the household 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 the executive office shall verify, through third-party verification or otherwise, prior to placement in an emergency shelter, for each emergency housing assistance applicant, the applicant's: (A) identity; (B) Massachusetts residency; (C) relationship status; (D) pregnancy status; and (E) other eligibility requirements in this item and pursuant to 760 CMR 67.00 or any successor regulations; provided further, that the executive office shall not be required to provide shelter to families who are unable to provide required verifications pursuant to the previous proviso prior to placement; provided further, that the executive office may offer a case-specific waiver for exigent circumstances and at the discretion of the executive office pursuant to regulations promulgated by the executive office including case-specific waivers for: (I) an imminent threat of domestic violence; (II) families with a family member who has a documented disability; (III) a qualified veteran under clause Forty-third of section 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws who is not enrolled in services specifically tailored to veterans including, but not limited to, those administered by the executive office of veterans services; and (IV) families with a family member who has a high-risk pregnancy or who has recently given birth; provided further, that the executive office shall require each applicant for emergency housing assistance program benefits to establish residency in the commonwealth; provided further,

that an applicant shall be required to show an intent to remain in the commonwealth, which may be shown through sources of verification accepted by the executive office pursuant to regulations, including documentation showing a person receives MassHealth, documentation showing a person receives public benefits in the commonwealth, a bill or other insurance documentation with an address, email, letter or statement from a licensed health care worker on office letterhead or office email stating that the person lives in the commonwealth or a photo identification issued by the commonwealth; 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 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 and expressed as a percentage of the total, on: (A) applications for services provided for in this item and in item 7004-0108 and 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 notwithstanding whether a formal application has been completed or whether the contact was 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 said item 7004-0108 during each of the preceding 1, 2 and 3 years; (M) the number of children served under this item delineated by age; (N) the number of applications and requests from households that became homeless within 12 months of depleting their HomeBASE assistance under said 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 the 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 preceding 6-month period; and (IV) the standards used to determine a substantial health and safety risk; provided further, that the 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 a 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 the 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; provided further, that the executive office may expend funds for the administration and implementation of the Home Works program; provided further, that not later than September 15, 2025, the secretary of housing and livable communities shall submit a report to the joint committee on housing, 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 on the status of the applicability of paragraph (G) of said section 30 of said chapter 23B and the justification for such status including, but not limited to, the number of families in emergency assistance shelter, the current and projected caseload of eligible families applying for or residing in emergency assistance shelter for the fiscal year, the current and estimated capacity of the shelter system for the fiscal year, the average shelter exits in the past 7 and 14 days and the average shelter intakes in the past 7 and 14 days; and provided further, that the secretary of housing and livable communities shall provide notice to the joint committee on housing, the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities and the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than 15 days prior to any change to the applicability of said paragraph (G) of said section 30 of said chapter 23B .....\$276,071,903

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 Homelessness 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, with the approval of the executive office and the host municipality, renegotiate how to use the program's shelter fund 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 to reduce 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 shall be solely responsible

for the administration of this program; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance for promotion, resource development and technical assistance related to the creation of permanent supportive housing for persons with disabilities who are experiencing homelessness and other solutions to homelessness; provided further, that not later than February 27, 2026, the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance 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 shall be solely responsible for the administration of this program; and provided further, that not later than February 27, 2026, 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 .....\$8,890,000

7004-0105 For permanent supportive housing units to house individuals experiencing homelessness and mitigate overcrowding in homeless shelters; provided, that funds shall 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 in 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 item 7004-9024 of section 2 of chapter 24 of the acts of 2021; and provided further, that not later than February 27, 2026, 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 .....\$10,072,875

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

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For the administration of local housing programs; provided, that not less than \$90,000 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 \$45,000 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 \$55,000 shall be expended for Welcome Home, Inc. in the city of Newton for its home goods pantry; 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 \$150,000 shall be expended to Compass Working Capital, Inc. to support the expansion of the Family Self-Sufficiency program to eligible households in the greater Boston area; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Volunteers of America of Massachusetts, Inc. for its Plymouth Area Veterans Center to support a planning study on veteran housing; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Belonging to Each Other, Inc. in the town of Falmouth to support those experiencing homelessness in their transition to stable housing by providing temporary cold-weather housing and year-round compassionate, supportive services; 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 \$80,000 shall be expended to W.A.T.C.H., Inc. to support staffing and its programs to prevent evictions; provided further, that not less than \$450,000 shall be expended to Father Bill's & MainSpring, Inc., the Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness and Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance, Inc. for ongoing coordination and collaboration to prevent and end homelessness and a pilot program to identify and create regional solutions to reduce the number of families needing shelter; provided further, that said entities shall meet quarterly with the secretary of housing and livable communities, the chair of the senate committee on ways and means, the chair of the house committee on ways and means and the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on housing to report on ongoing efforts, including, but not limited to: (i) identifying root causes of homelessness; (ii) identifying gaps in services and barriers to housing stability; (iii) identifying early intervention opportunities; and (iv) collating and analyzing data that informs proposed recommendations for reform; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Community Teamwork Inc. to administer a program for emergency needs for families in crisis; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the Boston Housing Authority for improvements to exterior space at the Gallivan Boulevard apartment community and to support community gardening and resident-driven food sustainability initiatives; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Boston Housing Authority to support housing and relocation services associated with the Bunker Hill housing redevelopment in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston; 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 \$50,000 shall be expended to North End Housing

Initiative, Inc. to promote equitable access to safe, affordable housing; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended as a grant 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 state 2019 novel coronavirus eviction diversion initiative; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Brockton Housing Authority for the redevelopment of the Campello High Rise located in the city of Brockton; 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 \$200,000 shall be expended to the city of Somerville to continue the short-term housing bridge pilot program established under item 7004-0107 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024 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 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 the executive office of housing and livable communities shall conduct a study to examine the feasibility and benefits of expanding the short-term housing bridge pilot program statewide; provided further, that not later than June 30, 2026, the executive office of housing and livable communities, in consultation with the executive office of aging and independence, the city of Somerville, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless, Inc., and the Aging Services Access Points, shall submit a report on the outcomes of the study to the joint committee on aging and independence, the joint committee on housing and the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (a) the number of people served by the program, including available demographic information; (b) the average cost per participant; (c) whether participants have previously received services from the executive office; (d) the length of time participants utilize services before being able to access permanent housing solutions; (e) any projected cost-savings to the commonwealth associated with this program; (f) any policy or legislative recommendations to implement the program statewide or support housing stability for those eligible for the program; (g) the projected costs of implementing the program statewide; (h) any projected cost-savings of implementing the program statewide; and (i) testimony and recommendations from at least 3 older adults who have experienced housing instability or homelessness who shall be chosen by Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless, Inc.; 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; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Community Action Agency of Somerville, Inc. for tenant rights education and advocacy; provided further, that not

less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the Saving Towards Affordable and Sustainable Homeownership program administered by Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance, Inc. to provide a matched-savings program, financial literacy and homebuyer education for long-term home ownership stability and to assist first-generation homebuyers in a regionally equitable manner to benefit communities throughout the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to The Builder Coalition, Inc. to advance efforts to meet the commonwealth's housing production and affordable housing goals by providing support and training to enable emerging local developers to meet construction and community standards and needs; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 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 \$304,000 shall be expended to the city of Fitchburg for downtown housing development; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be provided to We Reach, Inc. to expand its workforce development and apprenticeship training programs; provided further, that not later than 90 days following the effective date of this act, the executive office of housing and livable communities, in consultation with family homelessness service providers, advocates, the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities and the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on housing, shall create a plan to divert families from emergency assistance shelter including, but not limited to, reducing barriers to the residential assistance for families in transition program and the HomeBASE household assistance and other shelter diversion programs; provided further, that the plan shall include, but not be limited to: (i) programmatic and fiscal information on the most effective and cost-effective state programs and investments for the prevention of family homelessness; (ii) various benefit levels and eligibility criteria for the commonwealth's shelter diversion and prevention programs and how said criteria impact housing stability; (iii) an evaluation of changes to the benefit levels and eligibility criteria for the commonwealth's shelter diversion and prevention programs including, but not limited to: (a) establishing alternative criteria for the residential assistance for families in transition program that shall be in lieu of requiring the notice to quit or summary process summons and complaint; and (b) removing the requirement of emergency assistance eligibility established in section 30 of chapter 23B of the General Laws for the HomeBASE household assistance program; (iv) a detailed cost analysis of the changes evaluated in clause (iii), including the projected savings to the emergency assistance shelter program from providing increased access to homelessness prevention and diversion programs, which shall include data on the rate at which families are denied residential assistance for families in transition and within 6 months enter the emergency shelter system and shall consider regional differences in the costs of housing; and (v) proposed legislative or regulatory recommendations on new or existing programs to prevent or divert homelessness and the projected cost or savings of such recommendations; provided further, that the plan shall be submitted to the clerks of the house of representatives and senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on housing and the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities; provided further, that not less than \$50,000

shall be expended to the Martha's Vineyard commission to conduct a feasibility study to determine a permanent location for Martha's Vineyard shelter services; and provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Center for Human Development, Incorporated for a grant to the Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness to support housing stability and homelessness prevention programs .....\$3,464,000

- 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 that may be established pursuant to this item, 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 as 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 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 as a condition of continued eligibility for assistance under this program; 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.; Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership, Inc., d/b/a 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, 2025, 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 29, 2026, 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 .....	\$5,700,000
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 2026 and 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; 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.....	\$116,000,000

- 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 such 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 for 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 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 as a condition of continued eligibility for vouchers and voucher payments; 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 a household receiving assistance with a project-based voucher shall pay 30 per cent of its monthly net income towards gross rent, with gross rent defined as the contract rent plus an amount allowed by the executive office for tenant-paid utilities, except that the 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 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 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 as 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 a mobile voucher shall be equal to the gross rent less the required household payment; provided further, that for a household receiving a mobile voucher under this item, 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 a mobile voucher chooses a unit with gross rent exceeding the payment standard, at the time the household initially leases that unit with a mobile voucher, the total amount that the household may be required to pay toward 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 leases a unit with their mobile voucher; provided further, that households receiving mobile vouchers 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 in this item; 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 1, 2025, 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 are required to 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, 2025; (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 .....\$253,311,840

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 15, 2025, 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 .....\$19,461,214

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 .....	\$17,048,125
7004-9034	For a housing assistance for re-entry 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; provided further, that the executive office of housing and livable communities shall establish the amount of such subsidies so that executive office spending does not exceed the amount appropriated; provided further, that not less than \$120,000 shall be expended for a kinship reentry pilot program to be administered in coordination with the department of correction; and provided further, that not later than June 30, 2026, the executive office of housing and livable communities, in consultation with the department of correction, shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means, which shall include but not be limited to: (i) the number of participants in the pilot program; (ii) the counties of participants served; and (iii) the purposes for which funds have been distributed to support family members in welcoming and assisting individuals reentering society, prior appropriation continued.....\$3,120,000	
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 \$3,571,512 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 .....	\$3,571,512
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 2025 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 such 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.....\$225,000,000

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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 .....\$25,916,703
- 7009-6379 For the operation of the office of the secretary of education; provided, that not later than December 16, 2025, 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 .....\$3,206,848
- 7009-6600 For the development and initial implementation of high-quality early college programs, including the growth of current programs and the strategic expansion of new 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\$14,205,894

### **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 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 such 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 2, 2026, 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; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the department to conduct a study on school transportation for school districts across the commonwealth and propose changes to improve efficiency and contain costs; provided further, that the study shall include, but not be limited to: (a) an evaluation of the school transportation procurement process and national best practices; (b) opportunities for regional procurement of school transportation services; (c) the long term costs and benefits of school districts operating their own transportation services; (d) methods to reduce the cost of special education out-of-district transportation; (e) methods to create efficiencies for homeless student transportation costs; and (f) other methods to improve efficiencies and reduce the cost of student transportation; provided further, that not later than February 15, 2026, the department shall submit recommendations to the executive office of education, the executive office for administration and finance, the joint committee on education and house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall collect data on guiding principles and standards of the most current comprehensive health and physical education framework; provided further, that each city, town, regional school district, vocational school district and charter school, in consultation with the department of elementary and secondary education, shall file a biennial report regarding sexual health education, which shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the name and a description of any sexual health education curriculum offered; (ii) the approximate number of hours spent on sexual health education; (iii) the number of students enrolled in sexual health education; (iv) the number of students who withdrew from sexual health education pursuant to section 32A of chapter 71 of the General Laws; and (v) other information as requested by the department of elementary and secondary education pertaining to the guiding principles and standards of the most current comprehensive health and physical education framework; provided further, that said report shall be filed with the board of elementary and secondary education, starting in calendar year 2026 by a date determined by the board; provided further, that data collected under this section be

made available to the public on the department's website; provided further, that data shall be shared with the department of public health within 30 days of the date established by the board for the filing of biennial reports under chapter 69 of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to expand advanced placement course offerings through innovative delivery models for high school students in the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the department to study and make recommendations to improve the adequacy and equitability of the formula to determine a municipality's target local contribution and required local contribution, as those terms are defined in section 2 of chapter 70 of the General Laws; provided further, that said study and recommendations shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the adequacy and equity of the methodology used to determine a municipality's target local contribution and required local contribution as a measure of a municipality's ability to contribute to its foundation budget; (ii) the impact of local contributions to pre-kindergarten to grade 12, inclusive, education on municipalities' ability to maintain and fund adequate levels of municipal services, including aggregate trends in municipal spending on education and non-educational services and the primary drivers of such trends; (iii) the impact of the fixed 59 per cent local share of the statewide foundation budget on the calculation of combined effort yield for each municipality; (iv) the extent to which the wealth and income measures in the formula accurately and fairly determine a municipality's ability to contribute to its foundation budget costs; (v) the impact of the growing number of municipalities that are subject to the 82.5 per cent maximum local required contribution cap; (vi) the number of municipalities receiving minimum per pupil aid and the impact of such aid on those municipalities; (vii) the impact of section 21C of chapter 59 of the General Laws on municipalities and their ability to make their required local contributions; and (viii) potential additional methods of measuring a municipality's ability to contribute to its share of education funding; provided further, that the department shall identify the implications of changes to the existing mechanisms that determine municipal contributions and the total state target local contribution including, but not limited to: (a) changes to maximum local required contribution caps, including the establishment of different maximum local required contribution tiers based on a municipality's fiscal capacity relative to their foundation budget; (b) changes to the total statewide target local contribution; (c) impacts of declining enrollments on state and municipal contribution targets since the adoption of the aggregate wealth model; (d) changes that would address challenges that are unique to rural and regional districts; and (e) to the extent feasible, what the potential impacts of such changes would be if phased in over multiple years; provided further, that the department shall work in collaboration with the division of local services to inform its analysis of existing and potential modifications to local contribution requirements; provided further, that the department shall solicit public input and hold not less than 4 public hearings in different geographic areas of the commonwealth; provided further, that the department shall post a draft report and hold a public hearing and solicit public comment on said draft report; and provided further, that not later than June 30, 2026, the department shall submit its final report to the joint committee on education and the house and senate committees on ways and means, which shall include any recommendations for regulatory and legislative changes ....13,721,738

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 30, 2026, 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 2026 shall not revert to the General Fund but shall be available until December 31, 2026.....	\$29,908,285
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 such 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.....	\$5,276,684
7010-1192	For grants to cities, towns, school districts and nonprofit entities for educational improvement projects; provided, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Mosaic Public Media, Inc. to assist immigrants, refugees and asylees in their resettlement by providing social assistance, immigrant services and promoting civic engagement and community integration in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Henricus Training Center LLC for free and income-based training to increase access to the workforce for individuals who face barriers to employment, including English language skills, cultural gaps and life skills in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Choices4Teens Mentoring Group Inc. for a mentoring program to improve outcomes for at-risk youth, to address social and behavioral issues and to support violence prevention in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Zamir Chorale of Boston, Inc. to support its musical and educational programming for the public; 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 \$75,000 shall be expended to the Dedham Youth Commission for the purchase of a van; provided further, that not less than \$90,000 shall be expended to the	

Worcester Natural History Society, doing business as the EcoTarium Museum of Science and Nature, for science, technology, engineering and math education programs, including transportation to and from such programs as necessary, to be delivered in community centers, libraries, schools and youth-serving organizations during out-of-school hours; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Reading school district to provide accessible school transportation for students with special needs; provided further, that not less \$25,000 shall be expended for the Together for Kids Coalition in the city of Worcester to promote the health, wellbeing and success of young children and their families; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the Worcester Education Collaborative and the United Way of Central Massachusetts, Inc. for the Worcester Literacy Partnership to increase literacy achievement among children; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Melrose public schools for capital improvements; 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 be expended to La Vida, Inc. in the city of Chelsea to support its college preparation program; 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 \$25,000 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 to The Loop Lab, Inc. to empower youth to access careers in media arts through job training and paid internships; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to 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 to Girls on the Run Greater Boston, Inc to provide social and emotional learning and a physical activity curriculum to elementary and middle school-aged girls in the cities of Chelsea, Everett and Cambridge and in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the city of Worcester for drop-in English for speakers of other languages, or ESOL, classes at the Worcester public library; 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 \$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 \$115,000 shall be expended for English at Large, Inc. in the city of Woburn for English language tutoring and small group instruction; provided, that not less than \$115,000 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 \$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 \$50,000 shall be expended for Greenagers, Inc. to provide teen and young adult environmental programming; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Mary Lyon Foundation for services and financial support to students and families in Franklin county; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Berkshire Educational Resources K-12

to perform regionalization and efficiency work with public school districts in Berkshire county and with the Mohawk Trail regional school district in Franklin county; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Railroad Street Youth Project, Inc. in the town of Great Barrington to support youth-inspired projects; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Hillcrest Educational Centers, Inc. to provide programs for students with complex psychiatric, behavioral or developmental disorders, including autism and a variety of high risk behaviors; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for LightHouse Personalized Education for Teens Inc. in the city of Holyoke for culturally responsive, workforce development programming for youth in the community between 14 and 24 years of age; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Starfires Baseball, LLC in the city of Westfield to establish an educational and workforce development program with Westfield public schools and youth organizations throughout Hampden county; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for LEAP for Education, Inc. to provide middle and high school students in the city of Lynn with academic enrichment opportunities and post-secondary and career readiness; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Weymouth to support a cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification program in the Weymouth public schools; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Weymouth to support the Weymouth high school rugby program; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to Grad Nite Live, Inc. in the town of Marshfield to support student safety and drug and alcohol free entertainment to local high school seniors; 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 \$500,000 shall be expended to the SouthCoast Community Foundation, Inc. to administer a 1-time grant program to provide access to resources for underserved residents in the Greater New Bedford area; provided further, that funds appropriated for the grant program in fiscal year 2023, fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025 shall not revert and shall be made available for the purposes of the program in fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Si, Se Puede, Inc. for operational and programming costs, to improve youth outcomes in the city of Lawrence; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Dover-Sherborn public school district to create a collaborative makerspace lab for students and provide related professional development for educators; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended to Medford public schools for the purchase and installation of a theater sound system at Medford high school ; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended to Medford public schools for the purchase of a school van for the Curtis-Tufts high school; provided further, that not less than \$80,000 shall be provided to the Worcester Regional Strategic Opportunities Foundation, Inc., doing business as the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce, to host and provide necessary travel to and from events and workshops for students on high-priority industries and career paths; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to the Behavioral Health Integrated Resources for Children

(BIRCh) project to continue the operations of the school-based behavioral health technical assistance center; provided further, that not less than \$1,500,000 shall be expended for The United States of Readers program, administered by Scholastic Book Clubs, to bridge the literacy gap through increased book access in Title 1 elementary schools; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 be expended for The Bottom Line, Inc. to provide college transition and college retention services for low-income or aspiring first-generation college students; provided further, that not less than \$90,000 shall be expended for a feasibility study for a new elementary school on the site of the current Doyon elementary school in the town of Ipswich; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for vaping detection equipment and vaping prevention at the North Andover public schools; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Girls on the Run Greater Boston, Inc to provide social and emotional learning and a 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 \$70,000 shall be expended to the Barnstable public school district for costs associated with transporting students, including the purchase of an accessible van for the transportation of students with disabilities; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Girls on the Run of Western MA, Inc. to provide social and emotional learning and a physical activity curriculum to elementary and middle school-aged girls; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for behavioral health and mental health supports for nonpublic schools including, but not limited to, mental health counselors; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to Medway public schools for mental health programs; and provided further, that not less than \$700,000 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.....\$7,255,000

7027-0019 For school-to-career connecting activities; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department 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 awarding 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; and provided further, that the program shall partner with the YouthWorks program at the Commonwealth Corporation to develop appropriate connections between the 2 programs .....\$6,531,266

- 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 .....\$4,808,927
- 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.....\$3,696,330
- 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.....\$8,760,943
- 7035-0001 For a program to be operated by the department of elementary and secondary education for planning grants and implementation grants for regional and local partnerships to develop and expand existing and 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....\$3,118,500
- 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; and provided further, that the department shall fund a professional development system to provide training and support for adult basic education programs and services .....\$58,923,559

- 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 27, 2026, 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...\$53,717,772
- 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 federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 119; provided, that not later than February 13, 2026, the department of elementary and secondary education shall submit to the house and senate committees on ways and means a preliminary estimate of the costs eligible for reimbursement under this item in fiscal year 2027; 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 2025-2026 school year to cover costs expended between August 1, 2025 and July 31, 2026; and provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months.....\$2,000,320
- 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 2 of chapter 548 of the acts of 1948 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 2026; 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, 2026, 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, 2025, 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.....\$4,767,639

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.....\$7,096,864,553

General Fund .....	96.55%
Student Opportunity Act Investment Fund.....	2.82%
Education Fund.....	0.63%

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 2026 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 2026; 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 2025 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 20 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, 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 2026 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 2025 to costs reimbursable under said section 5A of said chapter 71B and incurred during fiscal year 2026 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 2025 claims; provided further, that if the fiscal year 2025 claims are found to be inaccurate, the department shall recalculate the fiscal year 2026 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 30, 2026, 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 27, 2026, 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 2027, prior appropriation continued.....\$491,991,844

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 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, 2026, 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 1, 2026, 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.....\$5,962,647

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

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| 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 .....	\$1,455,500
7061-9010	For fiscal year 2026 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 2026 shall be \$1,288; 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 2026; 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 .....	\$183,828,858
7061-9200	For the department's education data analysis and support for local districts	\$1,254,297
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 2025-2026 school year.....	\$41,141,279
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 submit an annual report that includes recommendations to the	

commissioner of elementary and secondary education, the senate and house committees on ways and means, 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, 2026, 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 .....\$16,454,430

7061-9601	For the department of elementary and secondary education, which shall expend not more than \$2,724,542 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.....	\$2,724,542
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; and provided further, that not later than April 1, 2026, 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.....	\$2,900,289
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, 2025, 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, 2026, 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; 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; and provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for Boston Athletic Academy, Incorporated located in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston for after school programming and youth supports .....\$7,557,449

General Fund .....69.36%  
Youth Development & Achievement Fund...30.64%

- 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 3, 2025, 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, 2027 .....\$670,087
- 7061-9619 For the Benjamin Franklin Cummings 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
- 7061-9626 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, but not limited to, 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, 2026, 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.....\$1,500,000

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, 2025, the department of elementary and secondary education 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 2027 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 2, 2026, 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, 2026, 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 2027.....\$16,000,000

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; and provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months .....\$2,970,000

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 .....\$1,025,000

### **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 2026; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any grant administered by the department, including but not limited to those established in this item, item 7100-4002 and item 1596-2439 for fiscal year 2026 shall be distributed no later than September 30, 2025 pursuant to a transfer schedule determined by the executive office of administration and finance; provided further, that not more than

\$200,000 shall be expended for the department of higher education, in consultation with the office of employee relations and the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges, to execute a classification study of all positions within the collective bargaining unit for full-time faculty and professional staff positions whose exclusive bargaining representative is the Massachusetts Community College Council at the 15 community colleges, as defined in section 5 of chapter 15A of the General Laws; provided further, that the study shall examine the duties and responsibilities of each such position within the Massachusetts Community College Council collective bargaining unit and the salaries associated with each such position as compared to salary ranges at peer institutions and within the education market as whole; provided further, that not later than July 1, 2026, the department shall submit a report to the joint committee on higher education and the house and senate committees on ways and means outlining the findings and recommendations for updated job descriptions and salaries across the Massachusetts Community College Council collective bargaining unit; and provided further, that not less than \$450,000 shall be expended for Journey into Education & Teaching, Inc. to strengthen the educator workforce pipeline.....

.....\$5,300,964

7066-0009 For the New England Board of Higher Education.....\$374,740

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.....\$1,344,842

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 .....\$1,470,150

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 .....\$7,221,962

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; and provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be distributed amongst the state universities, prior appropriation continued .....\$4,185,720

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

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, 2025, the department shall select grant recipients and shall distribute a request for grant proposals subject to future appropriation not later than May 29, 2026; provided further, that not later than January 30, 2026, 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 student outcomes in programs funded under this item; 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

7100-4003 For the department of higher education to support a hunger-free campus initiative to address food insecurity at 2- and 4-year public institutions of higher learning and higher education institutions that have been shown to primarily enroll historically underrepresented groups as determined by the department of higher education; provided, that the department shall award grants to campuses that: (i) maximize student enrollment in federal nutrition benefit programs; (ii) promote on-campus grocers that accept nutrition program benefits; (iii) increase access to available meal cards and meal swipe options, where feasible; (iv) maximize student access to on-campus or area food pantries in collaboration with regional food banks; and (v) support other campus-designed projects to address college student food insecurity; provided further, that prior to awarding grants under this item, the department shall issue a request for proposal through which colleges may apply and make grant awards based on the demonstrated need and a proposed implementation plan submitted by each applicant; provided further, that not later than 45 days after the passage of this item, the department shall issue a request for proposals to eligible public institutions; and provided further, that not later than 90 days after the passage of this act, the department 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 the senate a report detailing a list of grantees and the grant amount distributed to each grantee ..... \$500,000

- 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, 2025; provided further, that that not less than \$22,000,000 shall be made available for the Gilbert Grants; 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 2025; provided further, that not less than \$480,000 shall be made available for One Family, Inc.; 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 twice in the previous 4 years and whose majority of students are eligible for Pell grants; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended toward academic and financial support services for students of the Urban College of Boston: A Two-Year College, Inc .....\$175,788,311
- 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 .....\$6,500,000
- 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, 2026, 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.....\$16,000,000

Marijuana Regulation Fund .....100.00%

7520-0424 For a health and welfare reserve for eligible personnel employed at community colleges and state universities .....\$7,131,153

### **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 such centers or 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 of such reductions on students and university staff, 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; and 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 .....\$844,702,186

General Fund .....99.57%  
Education Fund.....0.43%

- 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 pursuant to 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 ...\$2,813,465
- 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, prior appropriation continued.....\$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 educational achievement gaps in higher education .....\$75,109,161
- 7110-0100 For Fitchburg State University.....\$45,907,530
- 7112-0100 For Framingham State University.....\$44,986,239
- 7113-0100 For the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.....\$24,894,530
- 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 .....\$68,496,794
- 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.....\$43,146,704

7116-0100	For Worcester State University; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Latino Education Institute and pre-collegiate programs at Worcester State University .....	\$42,715,420
7117-0100	For the Massachusetts College of Art and Design.....	\$28,214,979
7118-0100	For the Massachusetts Maritime Academy.....	\$26,482,888

### **Community Colleges.**

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7502-0100	For Berkshire Community College.....	\$15,919,983
7503-0100	For Bristol Community College; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Joseph A. Marshall Veterans Center at Bristol community college .....	\$33,244,786
7504-0100	For Cape Cod Community College.....	\$17,996,269
7505-0100	For Greenfield Community College .....	\$15,540,125
7506-0100	For Holyoke Community College.....	\$29,214,087
7507-0100	For Massachusetts Bay Community College; provided, that not less than \$85,000 shall be expended for the MassBay Center for Cybersecurity Education	
	\$23,474,560	
7508-0100	For Massasoit Community College .....	\$31,032,267
7509-0100	For Mount Wachusett Community College .....	\$21,911,706
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.....	\$28,627,124
7511-0100	For North Shore Community College.....	\$31,572,008
7512-0100	For Quinsigamond Community College .....	\$32,136,026
7514-0100	For Springfield Technical Community College.....	\$35,495,876
7515-0100	For Roxbury Community College .....	\$15,434,691

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 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 such 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.....	\$34,184,034
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 in their efforts to become licensed to practice nursing in the commonwealth .....	\$40,247,434

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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 .....	\$247,500
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 Massachusetts sentencing commission .....	\$140,447
8000-0202	For the purchase and distribution of sexual assault evidence collection kits...	\$92,695
8000-0313	For local public safety projects and grant programs; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Southern Berkshire Volunteer Ambulance Squad, Inc. to provide out-of-hospital advanced life support care to communities in the western Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to North Suffolk Community Services, Inc. to coordinate and implement eviction sealing outreach and coordination; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force in the town of Ware; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the purpose of project management, site planning and design work for a new police and fire station as part of a municipal complex in the town of Westminster; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for	

upgrades to the police station in the town of West Brookfield; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to make repairs to the fire hydrant system in the town of Hardwick; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to BlueForce Strategies Inc. to provide law enforcement organizations with no-cost training in areas such as de-escalation and stress mitigation and management through its Community First Project; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended to the town of Shrewsbury for the purchase of a search and rescue vehicle; provided further, that not less than \$12,000 shall be expended to the town of Shrewsbury for electronic voting equipment; provided further, that not less than \$21,000 shall be expended for the operations of the Worcester court-appointed special advocates program; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the purchase of, or reimbursement for the purchase of, soft shell helmet covers or other related safety equipment for youth football teams, including high schools in the cities of Amesbury and Haverhill and the towns of Andover, Merrimac, North Andover, Tewksbury and Wilmington; provided further, that not less than \$16,000 shall be expended for the police department in the town of Shirley for the purchase of a drone and supportive equipment; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for the police department in the town of Sutton for costs associated with the unmanned aircraft system program; provided further, that not less than \$80,000 shall be expended to the town of Wales for the purchase of a rubber track excavator; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Compete with Purpose, Inc. for 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 \$30,000 shall be expended for the police department of the city of Holyoke for the purchase of gym equipment; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for the Holyoke auxiliary traffic division of the Holyoke police department to purchase safety and police equipment; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended to the town of Marblehead for upgrades to the Marblehead police department's duty firearms, including replacement sidearms and red-dot sighting systems; provided further, that not less than \$175,000 shall be expended to the Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council, Incorporated to provide law enforcement officers with access to critical incident stress management and peer support programs; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of East Bridgewater for its police drone program; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for the police department of the town of Seekonk for the purchase of body-worn cameras; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the creation of a community action response team in the town of Wareham to support proactive crime prevention and community engagement; provided further, that not less than \$65,000 shall be expended for a critical incident response and community outreach truck for the police department in the town of Millis; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for radios in the police department in the town of Plainville; 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 \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Abington for its police department for such purposes including, but not

limited to, training, embedded clinicians and an enclosed transport trailer for critical incident response; provided further, that not less than \$80,000 shall be expended to the city of Worcester for software improvements and equipment at the Worcester police department; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for the acquisition of an ambulance for the town of Hamilton; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for the purchase of an all-terrain vehicle for the police department in the town of Boxford; provided further, that not less than \$130,000 shall be expended for the purchase body-worn cameras for the police department in the town of Freetown; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to conduct a feasibility study for a public safety building in the town of Somerset; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the Attleboro Vincentian Immersion Reentry Project administered by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul District Council of Attleboro in the city of Attleboro to serve incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals throughout Bristol county; and provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to Sisters@Heart, Inc. for the purchase, installation and maintenance of publicly accessible automatic external defibrillators in the towns of Mansfield and Foxborough and for the purchase of training materials to support the education of the proper use of automatic external defibrillators .....\$1,714,000

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. 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; 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; and provided further, that not later than December 31, 2025, the executive office, in consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and executive office for administration and finance, shall submit a report to the house and senate committee on ways and means which shall include, but not be limited to: (i) public safety mitigation plans associated with the 2026 World Cup matches hosted in Massachusetts; (ii) transportation and traffic mitigation planning associated with the impacts of the 2026 World Cup matches hosted in Massachusetts; (iii) the estimated cost of implementation of the plans in clauses (i) and (ii); and (iv) estimated federal or private funds available to fund the mitigation plans in clauses (i) and (ii).....\$7,091,405

8000-0601 For the operation of the Project Safe Neighborhood grant program; provided, that not later than March 2, 2026, 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 .....	\$1,000,000
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 2, 2026, 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.....	\$100,000
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 6 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; provided further, that not later than March 2, 2026, 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; and provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the development of an emerging adult community supervision framework in coordination with the executive office of public safety and security and justice system partners...	\$7,025,000
	Marijuana Regulation Fund .....	100%

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 2, 2026, 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: (i) the number of grant applicants; (ii) successful grant applicants; (iii) the criteria used to evaluate grant applications; and (iv) the 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 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 .....\$1,385,656
8000-1225	For the operation of the office of grants and research .....\$290,261
8000-1700	For the provision of information technology services within the executive office of public safety and security.....\$22,756,953
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 2027 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, 2025, 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 15, 2025, grant funds shall be made available to applicants; and 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 .....\$13,400,000

### **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, 2026, 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 2025; (ii) the number of procedures performed in fiscal year 2025; (iii) the current turnaround time and backlogs; (iv) the current response time to scenes; (v) the number of cases completed in fiscal year 2025; (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 .....\$20,064,719
- 8000-0122 For the office of the chief medical examiner, which may expend for its operations not more than \$8,646,884 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 .....\$8,646,884

### **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.. .....\$3,431,849

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 \$6,323,674 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, 2027 .....\$6,323,674

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### **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 15, 2025, the sex offender registry board 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 .....\$7,544,337

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### **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 \$52,000,000 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...\$52,000,000

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 2026, 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 under the control of 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 \$52,000,000 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.....\$52,000,000
- 8100-0515 For the costs associated with 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 .....\$10,539,485
- 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 state police 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 \$400,000 shall be expended to the department of state police Troop H for capital expenditures and to conduct dedicated patrols along the Southwest Corridor park in the Back Bay section of the city of Boston and the Old Harbor reservation areas in the South Boston and Dorchester sections of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 of the \$400,000 shall be expended for dedicated patrols by the department of state police marine unit; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 of said \$400,000 shall be expended for dedicated patrols by the department of state police mounted unit; and provided further, that a seasonal office trailer and satellite barn shall be acquired and maintained by the department from Memorial Day to Labor Day, inclusive, at Castle island in the South Boston section of the city of Boston .....\$404,096,893

#### **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 department of 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 .....\$32,785,951

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 .....\$686,677

### **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 .....\$21,628,286

General Fund .....96.22%  
Public Safety Training Fund.....3.78%

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, 2025; provided further, that fee revenues 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, radio and dispatch center improvements and 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 expended by the department for critical incident stress management; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 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; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the hazardous materials emergency response program under chapter 21K of the General Laws; and provided further, that funds shall be expended for costs associated with additional operational capacity and hazardous materials emergency response teams coverage for special events.....\$44,297,611

- 8324-0050 For the commonwealth's local fire departments; provided, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the design and feasibility analysis of a new fire substation in the town of Walpole; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for the purchase of emergency medical services equipment and supplies for the fire department in the town of Westborough; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the purchase of digital radio pagers for the fire department of the town of East Bridgewater; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for radio and communications upgrades and improvements to the South Hadley fire department district 1; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to support firefighter equipment upgrades in the town of Berkley; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the purchase of utility task vehicles for the Seekonk fire department; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to South Shore regional vocational technical high school in the town of Hanover for its firefighter cadet program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for communications infrastructure for the Quincy fire department; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the Sandwich fire department peer support team for its operations and training for its team members; provided further, that not less than \$130,000 shall be expended to the for the purchase of new cardiac monitors for the fire department in the town of Westport; provided further, than not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for supplies and for the operation of the Canton Blood Transfusion program in the fire department in the town of Canton; 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 \$40,000 shall be expended to the towns of Plymouth, Pembroke, Kingston, Plympton, Falmouth, Mashpee, Bourne and Sandwich to purchase PFAS-free test gear for their fire departments; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for a municipal grant program to be administered by the state fire marshal for firefighter cancer screenings including advanced blood testing and imaging; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Boston fire department to conduct dedicated emergency services through its delta units, consisting of 3 delta unit vehicles assigned to Castle island, Pleasure bay and Carson beach respectively, within the Old Harbor Reservation in the South Boston section of the city of Boston, seasonally from Memorial Day to Labor Day, inclusive; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Newbury for a new cardiac monitor and defibrillator for the Newbury fire department; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Stoughton for equipment upgrades and the continuation of essential services at the Stoughton fire department; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the

city known as the town of Randolph for the purchase of a new emergency backup generator for the Randolph fire department's central station; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the Milton fire department; provided further, that not less than \$130,000 shall be expended to the Westport fire department for the purchase of new cardiac monitors; provided further, than not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the Canton fire department for supplies and operation of the Canton Blood Transfusion program; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Barnstable county for fire training programs and equipment.....\$1,150,000

- 8324-0304 For the department of fire services, which may expend for enforcement and training not more than \$8,500 from revenue generated pursuant to 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 \$2,325,060 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...\$2,325,060

#### **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; 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; and provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for suicide prevention services for military personnel.....\$14,716,796
- 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, 2027..	\$8,028,077
8700-1160	For life insurance premiums under section 88B of chapter 33 of the General Laws.....	\$1,165,204

### **Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.**

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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.....	\$7,131,092
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### **Department of Correction.**

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8900-0001	For the operation of the department of correction; provided, that not later than January 16, 2026, the commissioner of correction and the 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 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	
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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, 2025 to December 31, 2025, inclusive, and 1 of the reports shall cover the period from January 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026, 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; and provided further, that not later than February 2, 2026, 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 .....\$815,508,325

8900-0002	For the operation of the Massachusetts alcohol and substance abuse center.....	\$24,521,860
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.....	\$5,030,034
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 .....	\$6,796,500
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 re-entry programs at the department of correction that are intended to reduce recidivism rates; provided, that said programs shall be in addition to those provided in fiscal year 2025; and 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 .....\$1,533,580

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#### **Parole Board.**

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- 8950-0001 For the operation of the parole board.....\$25,787,435
- 8950-0002 For the victim and witness assistance program under chapter 258B of the General Laws.....\$263,037
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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 15, 2025, 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, 2025 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 Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 .....	\$89,761,136
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.....	\$2,781,294
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 16, 2026, 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 16, 2026, 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 2026 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 .....\$1,413,224

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| 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 ..... | \$667,691   |
| 8910-1030 | For the operation of the western Massachusetts regional women's correctional center.....  | \$5,041,957 |

### **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 15, 2025, 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, 2025 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 Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 ..... | \$60,011,321 |
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### **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 15, 2025, 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, 2025 and such data shall be due not later than 30 days after the last |
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	day of each quarter; and provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 .....	\$78,200,889
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 16, 2026, 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 16, 2026, 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 2026 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 15, 2025, 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, 2025 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 Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 .....\$17,932,866

### **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 15, 2025, 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, 2025 and such data shall be due not later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter; provided further, that the office shall provide relevant data to Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110; and provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Berkshire county opioid education and awareness task force .....\$21,259,340

8910-0155 For the operation of the Berkshire aquaponics program at the Berkshire County house of correction.....\$150,001

8910-0445 For the Berkshire sheriff's office, which may expend not more than \$100,000 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 .....\$100,000

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 such 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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8910-0108 For the operation of the Franklin sheriff's office; provided, that not later than December 15, 2025, 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, 2025 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 Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 .....\$20,982,907

#### **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 15, 2025, 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, 2025 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 .....	\$88,984,867
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
<b>Massachusetts Sheriffs Association.</b>		
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 less than \$150,000 shall be expended for training and certifications to support sheriffs' correctional officers and deputy sheriffs in the commonwealth; provided further, that not later than January 30, 2026, 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 2025; 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, 2025, 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, 2025 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, 2026, 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 for 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 2025, revenue projections for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 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 .....	\$908,899

## **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 15, 2025, 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, 2025 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 Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 .....\$33,416,711
- 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
- 8910-8227 For the Barnstable sheriff's office, which may expend for the operation of a prison industries program not more than \$50,000 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 16, 2026, 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 .....\$50,000

## **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 15, 2025, 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, 2025 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 Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 .....\$62,061,753

## **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 15, 2025, 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, 2025 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 Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 .....\$3,936,521

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 15, 2025, 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, 2025 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 Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 .....\$872,958

#### **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 15, 2025, 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, 2025 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 Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 .....\$40,680,875
- 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
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## **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 15, 2025, 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, 2025 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 Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 .....\$72,924,436
- 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 15, 2025, 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, 2025 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 Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Inc. to allow for the reporting of all requirements under item 8910-7110 .....\$129,997,203
- 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

### **Executive Office of Aging and Independence.**

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- 9110-0100 For the operation of the executive office of aging and independence and the regulation of assisted living facilities; provided, that not less than \$120,000 shall be expended to the LGBTQIA+ Aging Project of Fenway Health for staffing and operations to support the permanent commission on older lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender, queer and questioning, or LGBT, adults and their caregivers established in section 71 of chapter 3 of the General Laws; and provided further, that the secretary of aging and independence may transfer funds between items 9110-1630 and 9110-0600; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation, Inc. for costs associated with transportation for older adults on Martha's Vineyard .....\$6,036,575
- 9110-0600 For health care services provided to MassHealth members who are older adults eligible for community-based waiver services; provided, 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 2025; provided further, that the eligibility requirements for this program shall not be more restrictive than those established in fiscal year 2025; 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; 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; and provided further, that funds may be expended from this item for health care services provided to recipients in prior fiscal years .....\$435,327,334
- 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 funds shall be expended for the operation of the pharmacy outreach program under section 4C of said chapter 19A; provided further, that the executive office of aging and independence 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 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 notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary or 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 amounts received by the executive office's vendor as premium revenue for this program may be retained and expended by the vendor for the program; 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 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.....\$20,635,433

- 9110-1604 For the operation of the supportive senior housing program at state or federally-assisted housing sites; provided, that the executive office of aging and independence shall maintain at least the same number of sites that were provided for in section 2 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023; and provided further, that the secretary of aging and independence may transfer funds from 9110-1660 to this item; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to North Shore Community Health, Inc. for costs associated with El Centro project including, but not limited to, costs associated with connecting public health and affordable housing .....\$11,792,961L
- 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 aging and independence 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 aging and independence and shall be expended for the home care program, consistent with guidelines to be issued by the executive office; provided further, that no rate increase shall be awarded in fiscal year 2026 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 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 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 for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Massachusetts Chapter, Inc. to expand access to and administer Dementia Care Coordination, an evidence-based program, to reduce hospitalizations, emergency department visits and the delay of long-term care placements.....	\$278,955,704
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 aging and independence; and provided further, that the secretary of aging and independence may transfer an amount not more than 3 per cent of the funds appropriated in this item to item 9110-1630.....	\$110,705,880
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.....	\$49,625,111
9110-1637	For a grant program administered by the secretary of aging and independence that focuses on advanced skill training for the home care aide workforce that serves consumers of the elder home care program administered by the executive office of aging and independence.....	\$1,195,525
9110-1640	For the geriatric mental health program, including outreach, counseling, resource management and system navigation for community-dwelling older adults with mental health needs.....	\$2,473,357
9110-1660	For congregate and shared housing services and the long-term care ombudsman program to include assisted living residences.....	\$2,464,695
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	\$12,757,217
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 the formula grant portion of this item shall be \$16 per elder; provided further, that notwithstanding the prior proviso, all funds appropriated in this item shall be expended under the distribution schedules for formula and incentive grants established by the secretary of aging and independence; provided further, that not later than February 6, 2026, the distribution schedules shall be submitted to the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the town of Shirley for infrastructure upgrades for the Shirley council on aging; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for improvements for the council on aging in the town of Whitman; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the council on	

aging in the town of Abington for programming and services; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 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 \$15,000 shall be expended to the council on aging in the town of Hanover for programming and services; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the council on aging in the town of Holbrook for programming and services; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the department of elder affairs in the city of Quincy for programming and services; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the council on aging in the town of Rockland for programming and services; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Swampscott council on aging for facilities upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$110,000 shall be expended to LifePath, Inc. for grants to support member-led non-profit organizations that provide support services for residents aged 60 and older; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the department of elder affairs in the city known as the town of Braintree; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the council on aging in the town of Southampton for capital improvements and programming; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for town of Dighton for the expansion of the parking lot at the Dighton council on aging; and provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the council on aging in the town of West Bridgewater.....\$29,982,592

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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\$30,730,074

##### **House of Representatives.**

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9600-0000     For the operation of the house of representatives .....\$49,880,444

##### **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 2026. 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 2026 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 .....	\$35,234,951
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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, 2026; provided, that the comptroller may charge other appropriations and federal grants for the cost of the audit .....	\$1,817,632
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1000-0008	For the costs of operating and managing the state management accounting and reporting system accounting system for fiscal year 2026; provided, that any unspent balance at the close of fiscal year 2026 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 2027	\$4,556,136
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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 .....	\$2,442,905
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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

### **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 .....\$15,856,741

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, mail and related services for agencies occupying state buildings or for services rendered to approved entities using state facilities .....\$14,255,568

### **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 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 or 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 2026 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 2026 shall be re-authorized for expenditure in fiscal year 2027; and provided further, that prior year costs for hospital, physician, benefit and other costs may be funded from this item .....\$66,007,132

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| 1750-0106 | For the workers' compensation litigation unit, including the costs of personnel   | \$1,038,788 |
| 1750-0600 | For the cost of core human resources administrative processing functions for all executive departments, including, but not limited to, time and attendance and benefits ..... | \$3,476,920 |

#### **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 ..... | \$8,161,573  |
| 1775-1000 | For the provision of printing, photocopying, mailing and related graphic art or design work, including all necessary incidental expenses and liabilities                                | \$11,162,432 |

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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 2026 shall remain in the Intragovernmental Service Fund and may be expended for the item in fiscal year 2027 ..... | \$179,363,290 |
| 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 2026 shall remain in the Intragovernmental Service Fund and may be expended for the item in fiscal year 2027.....\$30,000,000

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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.....\$6,557,316

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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 .....\$20,334,806

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 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; 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; and provided further, that the executive office shall charge the agencies, departments, offices, divisions and commissions for the services under this item.....\$45,876,390

4000-1701 For the cost of information technology services provided to agencies of the executive office of health and human services .....\$73,868,753

## **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; 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 ..\$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 2026 shall remain in the Intragovernmental Service Fund and may be expended for the item in fiscal year 2027 .....\$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, 2025; 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 2026; 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, 2026, 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.....\$71,052,404
- 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 .....	\$3,160,038
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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 .....	\$6,864,065
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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
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##### **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.....	\$45,000,000
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8100-0003	For the costs associated with the use and maintenance of the statewide telecommunications system .....	\$156,375
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**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, 2025 and not included as part of an appropriation item in this section is hereby made available for expenditure during fiscal year 2026 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.....\$643,450

**Committee for Public Counsel Services.**

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0320-1808 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, BJA FY22 Preventing Wrongful Convictions Program.....\$101,613

0320-1809 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY24 BJA Postconviction Testing of DNA Evidence.....\$504,166

0320-1810 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY24 BJA Preventing Wrongful Convictions Program Expansion.....\$254,121

**Trial Court.**

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0332-3201 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Chicopee and Holyoke Access to Treatment and Services.....\$333,333

0332-3501 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Maintain Independence and Sobriety Through Systems Integration .....\$392,241

0333-0123	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Guardianship: Helping Vulnerable Adults Explore Alternatives to Traditional Guardianship .....	\$71,477
0337-0005	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, OJJDP FY 2021 Family Drug Program.....	\$392,937
0339-0612	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Project North.....	\$427,566
0339-1014	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, BJA FY21 Second Chance Act Pay for Success Initiative .....	\$225,000
0339-1015	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Improving entry High-Tech Career Reentry Path Project.....	\$300,000

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#### **DISTRICT ATTORNEYS.**

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##### **Worcester District Attorney.**

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0340-0471	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Worcester County Division and Drug Endangered Children .....	\$366,173
0340-0472	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Peer Recovery Support Center .....	\$530,000

##### **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) .....	\$561,956
0340-0841	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, BJA FY21 Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program .....	\$113,015
0340-0842	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Plymouth County First Response to Substance Use & Recovery .....	\$431,003
0340-0843	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Human Trafficking 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round .....	\$224,666
0340-0844	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, BJA FY24 National Community Courts Initiative .....	\$232,638

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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
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0640-9717	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Basic State Grant ....	\$829,100
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 .....	\$1,647,070
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.....	\$74,929

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#### **VICTIM AND WITNESS ASSISTANCE BOARD.**

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0840-0111	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, 2020 VOCA Grant Award)	\$21,521,285
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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.....	\$2,820,883
2000-0143	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, CZM IIJA Capacity	\$1,600,353

2000-9702	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, National Parks Service Land and Water Conservation Fund .....	\$8,609,063
2000-9735	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Buzzards Bay Estuary Program.....	\$3,500,000
2030-0013	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Joint Enforcement Agreement Between NOAA-OLE-Fisheries .....	\$333,022
2030-0015	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Port Security Grant 0115\$	316,291
2030-9701	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Recreational Boating Safety Program.....	\$2,522,202

#### **Department of Environmental Protection.**

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2200-9706	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Water Quality Management Planning .....	\$415,000
2200-9712	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Leaking Underground Storage Tank Cooperative Agreement.....	\$780,000
2200-9717	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Department of Defense State Memorandum of Agreement.....	\$776,493
2200-9724	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Superfund Block Grant\$	875,490
2200-9728	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Brownfields Assessment Program.....	\$260,000
2230-9734	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, CERCLA 128(a)Response Program Cooperative Agreement for MADE .....	\$700,000
2230-9735	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Brownfield Multipurpose Cercla .....	\$400,000
2230-9702	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Performance Partnership Grant .....	\$16,000,000
2240-9790	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MassDEP Disadvantaged Communities Drinking Water.....	\$30,140
2240-9791	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Long Island Sound Project (LIJA).....	\$3,000,000
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\$	178,000

2240-9793	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MASSDEP Emerging Contaminants SDC Grant .....	\$7,605,000
2240-9794	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Lead Testing in School and Child Care Drinking Water.....	\$250,451
2240-9795	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Small/Disadvantaged Comm Drinking Water Grant .....	\$164,249
2240-9796	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, 319 PPG NPS/PPG	\$786,159
2240-9797	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, ENV Inf Exchange Network	\$85,910
2240-9798	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MassDEP EC-SDC Grant Program #2.....	\$3,208,167
2250-9712	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Clean Air Act Section 103	\$115,587
2250-9716	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Massachusetts National Air Toxics Trend Station Program.....	\$19,857
2250-9726	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Homeland Security Co-Op Agreement.....	\$796,359
2250-9732	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Underground Storage Program .....	\$178,879
2250-9744	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Massachusetts Clean Diesel Program.....	\$567,814
2250-9746	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, NAAQS Environmental Justice Communities .....	\$47,603
2250-9747	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Enhanced Protection of EJ Populations in MA .....	\$263,463
2250-9748	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Recycle Smart MA Initiative	\$40,206
2250-9750	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Clean Air Act (IRA)	\$234,095

#### **Department of Fish and Game.**

2310-0123	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Chronic Wasting Disease Management.....	\$6,000
2330-9222	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Clean Vessel .....	\$1,175,000
2330-9712	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Commercial Fisheries Statistics .....	\$238,542

2330-9725	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Boating Infrastructure	\$500,000
2330-9730	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Interstate Fisheries Management Support.....	\$400,000
2330-9733	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Program to Test Cod Avoidance of Trawl Nets .....	\$250,000
2330-9739	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Turtle Disengagement	\$940,000
2330-9742	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Age and Growth Project Segment One .....	\$450,000
2330-9743	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Sport Fish Restoration Coordination .....	\$125,000

#### **Department of Agricultural Resources.**

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2511-0004	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Food Safety Program	\$575,000
2511-0310	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 .....	\$500,000
2511-0972	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program .....	\$3,500,000
2511-1025	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Country of Origin Labeling - Retail Surveillance .....	\$10,000
2515-1006	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, National Animal Identification System.....	\$45,000
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.....	\$600,000
2516-9004	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program .....	\$535,000
2516-9005	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program .....	\$200,000

2516-9007	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Organic Certification Cost-Share Program.....	\$12,000
2516-9008	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure.....	\$1,500,000

**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.....	\$395,000
2820-9770	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FEMA National Dam Safety Program.....	\$2,757,419
2820-9705	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Identifying and Eradicating the Asian Longhorned Beetle.....	\$2,800,000
2820-9708	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, NRCS Dam Rehabilitation Funding for Watershed Restoration .....	\$3,850,573
2820-9903	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Volunteer Fire Assistance Program Grant cfda 16.698.....	\$307,998
2820-9919	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, National Park Service's Historic Preservation Fund, (Semiquincentennial Grant Funding).....	\$500,000
2821-9110	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Inflation Reduction Act Funding for Urban and Community Forestry Programs .....	\$350,000
2821-9905	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Urban and Community Forestry Grant .....	\$482,532
2821-9909	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Forest Stewardship Conservation and Education Grant .....	\$244,563
2821-9911	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State Fire Assistance Grant\$405,949	
2821-9912	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Community Wildfire Defense Grant.....	\$30,367
2821-9913	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Hazard Fuels Management and Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant .....	\$273,044
2821-9917	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Forest Legacy Administration Grant .....	\$1,097,101

2821-9918	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, 2024 IRA Forest Legacy Admin Grant .....	\$3,366,666
2821-9918	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, 2024 USFSM-Underserved Forest Landowner Capacity IRA Grant .....	\$100,000
2821-9926	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Forest Health Program Grant	\$193,983
2821-9927	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Suppression Grant.....	\$55,717
2821-9928	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, 2021 Community Wood Energy Grant – Warming Our Parks.....	\$60,045
2830-9729	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, 2023 IIJA Temporary Bridge Funding .....	\$75,000
2830-9733	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, USFWS Aquatic Invasive Species Management Grant .....	\$178,160
2840-9708	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Iija Noaa Capacity Building Habitat Coop Agreement .....	\$350,000
2840-9709	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research.....	\$1,030,271
2850-9701	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Recreational Trails Grant Program.....	\$1,486,955

#### **Department of Energy Resources.**

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7006-9309	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Clean Cities Program	\$38,895
7006-9311	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State Energy Security Plan - SEP.....	\$1,874,760
7006-9312	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, BIL - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law .....	\$2,000,000
7006-9313	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, BIL - EECBG Program (IIJA) .....	\$1,000,000
7006-9314	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Ira-50121 HER ..	\$21,925,837
7006-9315	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Ira-50122 Hear..	\$21,842,739
7006-9701	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State Heating Oil Propane Program.....	\$21,931

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

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**Office for Refugees and Immigrants.**

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4003-0808	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Youth Mentoring ...	\$235,200
4003-0818	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Elderly Refugee Services	\$151,903
4003-0821	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Refugee School Impact	\$2,136,406
4003-0826	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Refugee Cash and Medical Assistance Program.....	\$70,989,708
4003-0830	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Refugee Support Services Ukraine Base.....	\$634,556
4003-0845	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Wilson Fish TANF Coordination Program.....	\$1,080,000
4003-0854	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Refugee Health Promotion	\$2,338,000
4003-0855	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Refugee Social Services Program.....	\$21,896,726
4003-0860	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Afghan Refugee Social Service.....	\$5,277,893
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	\$7,476,708
4110-3026	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Independent Living –Services to Older Blind Americans .....	\$700,000
4110-3028	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Supported Employment	\$58,000
4110-3029	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Fort Devens Vending Stand Award.....	\$2,755,000

## **MassAbility.**

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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	\$53,521,717
4120-0187	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Supported Employment Services Grant.....	\$303,448
4120-0191	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Informed Members Planning and Assessing Choices Together .....	\$235,088
4120-0421	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Road to Independence, Self-Sufficiency, and Employment.....	\$3,491,962
4120-0511	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Social Security Disability Insurance .....	\$55,731,678
4120-0751	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Assistive Technology Grant\$	610,602
4120-0752	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Independent Living Federal Grant (Part C).....	\$1,731,410
4120-0753	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Independent Living State Grants (Part B) .....	\$372,126
4120-0758	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Beyond Bridges: The Intersection of Behavioral Health & Traumatic Brain Injury.....	\$278,799

## **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.....	\$10,000,000
4400-3067	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training .....	\$3,235,000
4400-3073	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program for Children.....	\$2,262,172
4400-3074	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Summer EBT Benefit Funding .....	\$77,397,000
4400-3076	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, TANF Data Equity.\$	110,000

**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 .....	\$4,845,171
4500-1056	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MA Rape Prevention and Education Program.....	\$942,383
4500-1057	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Massachusetts Sexual Assault Service Program.....	\$985,383
4500-1064	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State Loan Repayment Program.....	\$839,800
4500-2000	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Maternal and Child Health Services .....	\$13,125,116
4502-1012	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Cooperative Health Statistics System.....	\$285,000
4510-0114	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State Primary Care Offices	\$349,580
4510-0117	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State Office of Rural Health	\$227,791
4510-0120	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Rural Hospital Flexibility Program.....	\$538,305
4510-0223	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Oral Health Workforce Activities .....	\$533,027
4510-0224	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Small Rural Hospital Improvement Grant Program .....	\$82,992
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 .....	\$4,100,000
4510-0501	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment .....	\$806,680
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 .....	\$100,000

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.....	\$499,000
4510-9041	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, ATSDR's Partnership to Promote Local Efforts to Reduce Environmental Exposure.....	\$489,000
4510-9048	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Indoor Radon Development Program.....	\$170,000
4510-9053	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Beach Monitoring ..	\$254,000
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 .....	\$615,000
4510-9071	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MA Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program .....	\$519,000
4512-0100	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Sexually Transmitted Disease Control .....	\$2,091,000
4512-0101	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Strengthening STD Prevention & Control for Health Departments COVID.....	\$1,200,000
4512-0108	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Mass Applications for STD Surveillance Parts A and B .....	\$441,480
4512-0150	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Immunization and Vaccines for Children .....	\$11,911,392
4512-0151	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Immunization and Vaccines for Children .....	\$14,000,000
4512-0152	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Immunization and Vaccines for Children ARPA Supplemental .....	\$90,000
4512-0193	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Building and Enhancing Epidemiology, Laboratory and Health Information Systems Capacity .	\$14,070,616
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.....	\$7,587,440
4512-0197	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, New England Pathogen Genomics Center of Excellence.....	\$2,732,951
4512-0198	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, New England Pathogen Genomics Center of Excellence.....	\$1,680,881
4512-9055	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Promoting Integration of Primary and Behavioral Health Care .....	\$2,000,000
4512-9058	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant - ARPA.....	\$1,000,000
4512-9069	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant.....	\$51,943,718
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.....	\$9,636,319
4512-9092	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Amy Sorensen-Alawad MPA .....	\$1,643,070
4512-9093	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Massachusetts State Opioid Response SOR .....	\$72,621,523
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 .....	\$700,758
4513-9007	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Women Infants and Children	\$134,836,712
4513-9009	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, ARPA Technology for a Better WIC Experience .....	\$565,000
4513-9014	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Enhancing Reviews & Surveillance to Elim Maternal Mort ERASE.....	\$495,000
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
4513-9037	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 .....	\$9,285,775
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 .....	\$850,998
4513-9070	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Emergency Medical Services for Children.....	\$200,000
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.....	\$773,240
4513-9109	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Massachusetts Perinatal Quality Collaborative.....	\$335,700
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..	\$165,000
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 .....	\$850,000
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 .....	\$1,294,513
4513-9131	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Transforming Massachusetts Pediatrics for Early Childhood.....	\$1,161,221

4513-9132	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Expansion .....	\$81,758
4513-9133	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Childhood Essentials Preventing Adverse Experiences .....	\$516,624
4513-9134	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MA Population-Based Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Surveillance.....	\$555,780
4514-1013	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY2015 WIC Special Project Grants .....	\$150,000
4514-1014	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, WIC Regional Infrastructure\$165,329	
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
4515-0215	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, New England Pathogen Genomics Center of Excellence.....	\$500,000
4515-1125	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Viral Hepatitis Prevention and Surveillance.....	\$700,696
4516-1013	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Biomonitoring Program to Assess Environment Chemical Exposure .....	\$750,000
4516-1021	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Hospital Preparedness and Public Health Emergency Preparedness .....	\$15,500,000
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 .....	\$182,000
4518-0520	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MA Violent Death Reporting System.....	\$284,015
4518-0535	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Expanded Occupational Health Surveillance in MA .....	\$753,033
4518-1000	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Procurement of Information for the National Death Index.....	\$45,000

4518-1002	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Massachusetts Death File – Social Security Administration .....	\$95,000
4518-1003	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Birth Records for the Social Security Administration .....	\$192,000
4518-9023	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Census of Fatal Occupational Inquiries .....	\$70,637
4518-9052	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System.....	\$600,000
4570-1010	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Strengthening PH Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems.....	\$2,187,994
4570-1011	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, PH Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data System ARPA.....	\$3,752,916
4570-1527	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Personal Responsibility Education Program 2010.....	\$1,048,026
4570-1534	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Federal Drug Administration Tobacco 2011 .....	\$1,810,770
4570-1548	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Paul Coverdell National Acute Stroke Prevention.....	\$672,920
4570-1549	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Massachusetts Health and Disability Program.....	\$650,000
4570-1554	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY14 Family Planning Services FOA .....	\$7,348,447
4570-1557	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MA Organized Approaches to Increase Colorectal Cancer Screen .....	\$652,871
4570-1561	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Massachusetts Core Violence Injury Prevention Program.....	\$275,000
4570-1562	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, The Family Violence Service State Grants .....	\$2,796,558
4570-1564	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MA Diabetes and Heart Disease Stroke Prevention Program.....	\$2,354,008
4570-1568	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, National and State Tobacco Control Program.....	\$286,014

4570-1571	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, MA Cancer Prevention and Control Program.....	\$2,822,325
4570-1573	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State and Community Based Injury Prevention and Control .....	\$1,102,512
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 .....	\$9,257,424
4570-1578	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, CHWS for COVID Response & Resilient Communities.....	\$3,650,718
4570-1579	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, ARP/SEJC Massachusetts Comprehensive Asthma Control Project .....	\$200,000
4570-1580	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Family Violence Prevention and Services/Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis and Supports ARPA .....	\$3,288,788
4570-1581	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Health Equity for Priority Population with Risk for Diabetes .....	\$1,007,115

#### **Department of Children and Families.**

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4800-0006	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Children's Justice Act	\$310,073
4800-0009	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title IV-E Independent Living Program.....	\$2,999,866
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 .....	\$7,523,198
4800-0084	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Education & Training Voucher Program .....	\$1,043,671
4800-0089	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Adoption Incentives Payments .....	\$1,394,000
4899-0001	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title IV-B Child Welfare Services .....	\$3,507,302
4899-0021	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, National Center for Child Abuse and Neglect .....	\$1,893,122

**Department of Mental Health.**

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5012-9179	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, ARPA for Block Grants for Community Mental Health Services .....	\$3,260,869
5012-9182	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, BSCA Center for Mental Health Block Grants.....	\$1,457,889
5012-9401	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Block Grants for Community Mental Health Services .....	\$21,459,534
5012-9406	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, System of Care Expansion and Sustainability Grants .....	\$929,366
5012-9407	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Massachusetts Psychosis Prevention Project.....	\$100,000
5046-9100	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Shelter Plus Care ...	\$337,017

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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.....	\$3,642,371
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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.****Office of the Secretary.**

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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
7002-1007	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment .....	\$50,000,000
7002-2025	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Capital Projects Fund	\$86,737,472

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**Division of Insurance.**

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7006-6007	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Expanding Access to Women's Health Grant.....	\$327,854
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**Massachusetts Marketing Partnership.**

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7008-9028	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, STEP11 .....	\$57,477
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## **EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.**

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### **Office of the Secretary.**

7002-6629	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Local Veterans Employment Program.....	\$12,298
7003-1632	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Workforce Investment Act Dislocated Workers.....	\$541,372
7003-4206	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Lead License Enforcement	\$48,931
7003-6628	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, OSHA 23G Operational Program.....	\$1,423,484

### **Department of Career Services.**

7002-6623	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, the Work Opportunity Tax Credit.....	\$556,292
7002-6625	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Labor Certification	\$646,929
7002-6626	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Employment Services State Allotment .....	\$14,000,000
7002-6628	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Disabled Veterans Outreach Program.....	\$3,054,648
7003-1010	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Trade Adjustment Assistance .....	\$100,000
7003-1630	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Workforce Investment Act Adult Activities .....	\$31,498,150
7003-1631	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Workforce Investment Act Youth Formula Grants .....	\$18,200,757
7003-1777	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Workforce Investment Act National Emergency Grants.....	\$261,180
7003-1778	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Workforce Investment Act Dislocated Worker Formula Grant.....	\$16,532,677
7003-1785	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Apprenticeships USA State Accelerator Grant.....	\$2,120,530

### **Department of Unemployment Assistance.**

7002-6624	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Unemployment Insurance Administration .....	\$67,000,000
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7002-9701 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics .....\$468,921

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#### **Department of Labor Standards.**

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7002-2013 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Mine Safety and Health Training.....\$110,027

7003-4203 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Bureau of Labor Statistics Statistical Survey .....\$75,000

7003-4212 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Asbestos Licensing and Monitoring .....\$79,000

7003-4213 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Lead Licensing and Monitoring .....\$102,500

7003-6627 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Occupational Safety and Health Administration On-site Consultation Program.....\$74,250

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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 .....\$5,500,000

4400-0707 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Continuum of Care Supplemental Housing.....\$33,000,000

7004-1718 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (COC YHDP) .....\$1,500,000

7004-2021 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Federal COVID Rental Assistance .....\$1,500,000

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.....\$220,000,000

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) .....\$11,000,000

7004-2043 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, BIL Weatherization Assistance Program (IIJA).....\$50,000,000

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 .....	\$3,000,000
7004-9010	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Youth Homelessness System Improvement.....	\$1,000,000
7004-9010	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Stability Voucher\$1,200,000	
7004-9012	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Recovery Housing Program\$3,000,000	
7004-9013	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Foster Youth to Independence .....	\$1,200,000
7004-9014	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Federal Housing Voucher Program.....	\$10,000,000
7004-9015	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Housing Choice Voucher and Moving to Work Program.....	\$535,000,000
7004-9016	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Family Unification Program\$3,700,000	
7004-9017	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities.....	\$5,000,000
7004-9018	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Section 811 Project Based Rental Assistance Demonstration Program .....	\$3,200,000
7004-9019	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Program .....	\$7,400,000
7004-9021	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, the Family Self-Sufficiency Program.....	\$1,200,000
7004-9022	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Emergency Housing Vouchers (ARPA) .....	\$19500,000
7004-9028	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Home Investment Partnerships .....	\$23,000,000
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) .....	\$1,081,322
3000-9004	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention - ARPA .....	\$945,000

### **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	\$174,861
7038-0107	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Adult Education Distribution	\$13,700,847
7043-1001	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title I Basic Program	\$285,434,127
7043-1004	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title I Migrant Children	\$1,295,888
7043-1005	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title I Neglected and Orphans .....	\$1,051,085
7043-2001	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title II Teacher Quality State Grants .....	\$30,121,542
7043-3001	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title III Language Instruction and LEP Grants .....	\$20,499,380
7043-4002	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title IV 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers.....	\$20,598,667
7043-4004	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants .....	\$21,478,609
7043-4005	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Stronger Connections Grant (SCG) Program .....	\$7,333,970
7043-6001	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title IV State Assessment Grants .....	\$6,818,554
7043-6501	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title X Homeless Children and Youth.....	\$1,978,769
7043-7001	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Special Education Grants	\$340,056,295
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	\$23,420,190

7048-2000	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, STEM Advanced Placement Access Expansion Opportunity .....	\$742,040
7048-2002	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Shaping Teacher Quality and Student of Color Experience in MA .....	\$178,000
7048-2004	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, CLSD Equitable Literacy Experience .....	\$10,152,081
7048-2005	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Academic Assessment for Science Grants .....	\$3,155,500
7048-2321	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, CDC Funding to Promote Adolescent Health.....	\$107,500
7048-7323	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy State Formula.....	\$900,000
7048-9144	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Migrant Education Program Consortium Incentive Grants .....	\$61,126
7053-2008	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Nutrition.....	\$4,661,973
7053-2112	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Special Assistance Funds	\$478,793,178
7053-2117	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Child Care Program	\$6,496,010
7053-2119	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Child Nutrition School Food Equipment Grant.....	\$186,251
7053-2125	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Commodity Supplemental Food Program.....	\$265,534
7053-2126	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Temporary Emergency Food Assistance .....	\$2,618,257
7053-2266	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Team Nutrition Competitive Training Grant.....	\$533,333
7053-3272	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Direct Certification Performance Award .....	\$458,506
7057-2127	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FARM TO SCHOOL GRANTS ARPA.....	\$453,778
7060-1000	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund COVID-19 .....	\$160,000,000
7060-2000	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools .....	\$2,333,904

7062-0008	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Office of School Lunch Programs – Child Care Program Admin .....	\$8,712
7062-0017	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Charter School Assistance and Distributions.....	\$2,283,814

#### **Department of Higher Education.**

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7066-6033	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Gear Up .....	\$3,200,000
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#### **Community Colleges.**

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7503-6557	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Bristol CC – TRIO – Talent Search .....	\$161,636
7503-9714	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Bristol CC – Upward Bound Program .....	\$199,879
7518-6127	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Bunker Hill CC – College Work Study Program .....	\$408,000

#### **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 .....	\$6,000,000
8000-0405	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funds II .....	\$5,000,000
8000-4692	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State Homeland Security Program.....	\$5,868,016
8000-4707	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Nonprofit Security Grant Program.....	\$5,587,881
8000-4727	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program.....	\$7,122,187
8000-4794	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Urban Areas Initiative Grant\$	15,509,028
8000-4807	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, 405 Highway Safety Plan\$	132,107
8000-4808	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, 402 Highway Safety Plan\$	126,252
8100-4600	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention .....	\$96,987

8100-4610	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY2022 State Justice Statistics Program .....	\$18,750
8100-4611	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Byrne Justice Assistance Programs .....	\$3,976,596
8100-4622	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Residential Substance Abuse Treatment – Admin Grant.....	\$280,739
8100-4627	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Sex Offender Registration - Grants .....	\$249,233
8100-4628	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, NCHP – Admin Grants	\$2,600,000
8100-4639	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, John R. Justice Grant	\$163,679
8100-4645	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program .....	\$45,000
8100-4646	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY2020 Violence Against Women Act .....	\$3,451,619
8100-4669	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program SCIP .....	\$2,483,728
8100-4670	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Opioid, Stimulant, and Other Substance Use Grant Program .....	\$2,250,724
8100-4671	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Second Chance Act Reentry Initiative Grant .....	\$350,000
8100-4693	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Project Safe Neighborhood – Admin Grant .....	\$484,833

#### **Department of State Police.**

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8100-1426	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY2024 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act .....	\$120,000
8100-2013	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration FFY2024 .....	\$153,060
8100-2408	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY2024 Prosecuting Cold Cases Using DNA .....	\$200,000
8100-2541	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY2024 Cops Microgrant to Prevent Hate Crimes .....	\$75,000

8100-3003	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY23 COPS Anti Heroin Task Force Grant.....	\$2,000,000
8100-3004	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY24 COPS AHTF\$	2,480,000
8100-3011	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY21 COPS Anti Meth Program.....	\$184,000
8100-4568	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY2022 COPS Law Enforcement Accreditation Grant .....	\$13,694
8100-9716	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY2024 Port Security Grant Program.....	\$78,816
8100-9772	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY21 Paul Coverdell - Competitive.....	\$14,146
8100-9776	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY23 Coverdell Formula\$	41,633
8100-9782	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY23 DNA CEBR\$	295,588

### **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.....	\$140,000
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 .....	\$420,000
8700-2301	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Camp Edwards Readiness Center .....	\$47,937,258

#### **Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.**

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8800-0005	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY24 Emergency Management Performance Grant .....	\$5,220,700
8800-0040	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY23 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant .....	\$1,100,000
8800-0042	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Hazardous Materials Transportation Act .....	\$500,000
8800-0050	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY23 Emergency Operations Center Grant.....	\$2,000,000
8800-0051	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY2022 1/30 Snowstorm HAZ Mitigation Program Project Cost .....	\$100,000
8800-0096	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, COVID-19 Presidential Declaration Mitigation Grant Program .....	\$2,000,000
8800-0099	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, High Hazard Potential Dams Rehabilitation Grant.....	\$50,000
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.....	\$250,000

8800-1644	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY 2011 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Competitive Projects .....	\$500,000
8800-1744	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities 2020 Grant Program Management Cost .	\$500,000
8800-1844	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities 2021 Grant Program Management Cost .	\$100,000
8800-2012	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY12 Emergency Management Performance Grant .....	\$2,000,000
8800-4110	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, February 8-9 2013 Severe Winter Storm.....	\$150,000
8800-4214	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, January 26-28 Severe Winter Storm.....	\$80,000
8800-4372	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, March 2-3 2018 Severe Winter Storm and Flooding .....	\$300,000
8800-4379	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, March 13-14 2018 Severe Winter Storm and Flooding .....	\$500,000
8800-4496	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, COVID-19 Pandemic	\$30,000,000
8810-0051	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, January 30 2022 Snowstorm Haz Mitigation Program Project Cost.....	\$500,000
8810-0065	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, January – 26-28 Severe Winter Storm.....	\$40,000
8810-0072	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, March 2-3 2018 Severe Winter Storm and Flooding .....	\$1,000,000
8810-0079	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, March 13-14 2018 Severe Winter Storm and Flooding .....	\$860,000
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
8810-1545	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY2023 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program Project Cost .....	\$2,000,000

8810-1744	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities BRIC20 Project .....	\$3,000,000
8810-1844	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities Project Cost .....	\$600,000
8810-1944	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY2022 Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities Project Cost .....	\$2,000,000
8810-3599	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, September 13 2023 Emergency Grant Leominster Region .....	\$200,000
8810-4214	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, January 26-28 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.....	\$1,000,000,000
8810-4651	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, January 28-29 2022 Snowstorm Mitigation Assistance Project Cost.....	\$100,000

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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
8324-9723	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FFY2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant .....	\$434,782

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#### **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 .....	\$40,345
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#### **SHERIFFS.**

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#### **Middlesex Sheriff's Office.**

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8910-0138	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, BJA Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant & Substance Abuse Site Based Program.....	\$556,302
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8910-0174 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, BJA FY22 Comprehensive Opioid Stimulant & Substance Abuse Site Based .....\$541,916

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**Essex Sheriff's Office.**

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8910-0625 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Essex MAT Recovery Project .....\$420,425

8910-0630 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Essex County Mental Health Diversion.....\$225,000

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**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).....\$500,000

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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.....\$775,999

6440-0090 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Commercial Driver License Information System Enhancement.....\$834,449

6440-0091 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Fatality Analysis Reporting 22-23 .....\$118,406

6640-0011 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, smart drones for the improvements of rail safety, efficiency, and climate resilience.....\$493,560

6642-0018 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program.....\$8,649,998

6642-0023 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Metropolitan Transportation Planning .....\$2,077,806

6642-0030 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Transit Grant Bus and Bus Facilities.....\$4,711,125

6642-0049 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Special Needs for Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities .....\$3,879,250

6642-0050 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Rural Formula Grant CARES61 Admin/Prog/Intercity Bus COVID19 .....\$689,800

6642-0051 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Elderly and Disabled – Various Programs COVID.....\$49,033

6643-0017 For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, RAISE Grant.....\$205,570

6643-0018	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Springfield Area Track Reconfiguration Project .....	\$3,500,000
6643-0019	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Deerfield Rail Yard access improvements.....	\$2,480,000
6644-0009	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, federal climate investments	\$81,620

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### **EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF AGING AND INDEPENDENCE.**

#### **Office of the Secretary.**

9110-1063	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title VI OAA MA to Support Family Caregivers 25 .....	\$490,000
9110-1064	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY2024-25 MIPPA: Priority 2 for AAAs.....	\$248,170
9110-1065	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY2024-25 MIPPA: Priority 3 for ADRCs .....	\$219,423
9110-1066	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY2024 MIPPA Priority 1 for SHIPS .....	\$238,235
9110-1067	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY2023 MIPPA: Priority 1 for SHIPS .....	\$572,406
9110-1068	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY2023 MIPPA: Priority 2 for AAAs.....	\$329,000
9110-1069	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, FY2023 MIPPA: Priority 3 for ADRCs .....	\$202,203
9110-1074	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Older Americans Act	\$1,028,904
9110-1075	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title VII Ombudsman	\$781,032
9110-1076	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Title IIIB Supportive Service .....	\$1,992,011
9110-1077	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, National Family Caregiver Support Program .....	\$5,692,746
9110-1079	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, IIID Preventative Health	\$930,000
9110-1089	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, APC6 ARP for APS	\$4,236,749

9110-1094	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, State Health Insurance Assistance Program.....	\$1,509,857
9110-1173	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Older Americans Act\$23,366,990	
9110-1174	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Nutrition Services Incentive Program.....	\$6,000,000
9110-1178	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Senior Community Service Employment Program .....	\$1,700,000
9110-1199	For the purposes of a federally funded grant entitled, Elder Justice Adult Protective 24.....	\$302,735

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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, 2026. 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, 2026. 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 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.....	\$450,000,000
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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 2, 2026, 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	
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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 \$493,900,000 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.....\$547,582,400
- 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, 2025, 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 2025 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
- 1595-1071 For an operating transfer to the Community Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention Trust Fund established in section 35GGG of chapter 10 of the General Laws .....\$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 \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Lexington for the Rev Shuttle commuter service; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Helping Our Women, Inc. for microtransit program support\$572,720,163  
  
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; and 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 funds included in this item may be used for: (a) an income eligible, reduced fares program under the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority for riders of all modes with low-incomes; (b) the operation of ferry services; and (c) the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority academy program to establish a pipeline for a skilled workforce; provided further, that ferry services operated by or under contract with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority including, but not limited to, services operated in fiscal year 2025 seasonally in the East Boston section of the city of Boston, the cities of Lynn and Quincy and the city known as the town of Winthrop, shall run year-round by the end of fiscal year 2026; 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 along the orange line and the red line and along the commuter rail within the First Suffolk senatorial district; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for a public awareness campaign to be administered by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, in consultation with municipalities and community-based organizations, to promote awareness of and increase participation in the income-eligible reduced fare program; provided further, that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall submit a report by September 1, 2025, to the house and senate committee on ways and means, the senate committee on post audit and oversight, the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery and the joint committee on transportation that shall include an accounting for the funds provided in item 4512-0206 in chapter 28 of the acts of 2023 including: (i) how much the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority has expended to place accessible naloxone at all red line stations; (ii) what the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority has done to create a record of naloxone used each day at red line stations; (iii) which red line stations have accessible naloxone on site; (iv) the dates when each red line station received naloxone; and (v) what plans the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority has to place accessible naloxone at each red line station .....\$500,200,000

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; provided, that not less than \$66,000,000 shall be expended for regional transit authorities to support operational enhancements and improvements, which shall include, but not be limited to, expanded service hours, weekend services, and route expansions; provided further, that funds provided under this item in fiscal year 2025 to provide 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 2026; 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 3 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 for the regional transit authorities to implement year-round fare-free service pursuant to section 6A of chapter 161B of the General Laws; provided further, that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall oversee the distribution of said funds; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2026, 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) a list of transit routes and services that regional transit authorities are operating without charging passenger fares; (2) summaries of such routes and services; (3) ridership data for such routes and services; (4) details on the mechanisms being utilized to track ridership; (5) the reimbursements, broken down by month and regional transit authority, that the department has provided or anticipates providing to regional transit authorities in fiscal year 2026 pursuant to section 6A of chapter 161B of the General Laws; and (6) the methodology used to determine the distribution of such reimbursements; 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; (B) Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority routes; and (C) local economic hubs; 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; 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\$214,000,000

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.**

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 .....	\$3,000,000
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, 2026. All appropriations in this section shall not be subject to section 5D of chapter 29 of the General Laws.

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#### **EDUCATION.**

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#### **Department of Early Education and Care.**

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1596-2410	For operational grants to child care providers; provided, that for fiscal year 2026 funds shall be distributed in accordance with the formula established in section 20 of chapter 15D of the General Laws; provided further, that funds from this item shall be expended in coordination with funds from line item 3000-1045; provided further, that the department shall collect data from participating programs, including, but not limited to: (i) the number of enrolled children; (ii) the number of educators employed; (iii) efforts to recruit and retain employees; (iv) any available demographic data of the families served by participating providers; (v) to the extent feasible, the income level of the families served by participating providers; (vi) the amount awarded to each provider; and (vii) the amount of operational grants spent by provider, delineated by category of spending including, but not limited to: (a) salaries; (b) other compensation; (c) workforce training; and (d) facilities improvements; provided further, that programs shall respond to all data collection requests and surveys from the department to be eligible for said grants; provided further, that funds may be expended for departmental technical assistance related to the administration and distribution of said grants; 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.....	\$325,000,000
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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 funds from this line item shall be expended in coordination with item 3000-6025; 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; provided further, that funds may be expended for programs or activities during summer months; 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 .....\$10,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund .....100%

1596-2452 For efforts to maintain capacity and the fiscal year 2025 rate structure for child care financial assistance programs administered by the department of early education and care; provided, that the commissioner of early education and care may transfer funds between this item and items 3000-1000, 3000-3060 and 3000-4060; and provided further, that funds may be expended as grants to early education and care providers for costs associated with personal childcare .....\$98,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund .....100%

#### **Executive Office of Education.**

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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 the 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 pre-kindergarten through grade 3, inclusive; 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, inclusive, 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: (a) public schools and districts and licensed early education and care programs providing pre-kindergarten instructional services; (b) the University of Massachusetts; (c) state universities and community colleges; and (d) other educator preparation programs; provided further, that not later than November 30, 2026, 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: (1) a list of grant recipients; (2) grants awarded delineated by recipient; (3) any matching funds or services contributed by grant recipients or program participants; (4) the purposes of the grants; and (5) 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, 2027 .....\$20,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund .....100%

1596-2510 For the development and expansion of initiatives to reimagine the high school experience and prioritize college and career readiness including, but not limited to, early college, workforce, technical and innovation pathway programs; provided, that such programs shall incorporate the guiding principles of designated pathways; and provided further, that not later than August 15, 2026, the executive office of education shall submit a report to the joint committee on education and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the amount of funds expended and the number of students served by each initiative in the prior school year \$8,000,000

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, 2026, 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 29, 2026, 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 .....\$5,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund .....100%

1596-2450 For school aid to cities, towns, regional school districts, counties maintaining vocational and agricultural schools and independent vocational schools; provided, that funds in this item shall be in addition to funds appropriated in item 7061-0008 and may be distributed under chapters 70 and 76 of the General Laws and section 3 of this act; and provided further, that the commissioner of elementary and secondary education may transfer funds from this item to said item 7061-0008\$265,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund .....100%

1596-2451 For reimbursements to regional school districts for the transportation of pupils; provided further, that funds from this item for reimbursements to regional school districts for the transportation of pupils shall be in addition to funds appropriated in item 7035-0006; and provided further, that the commissioner of elementary and secondary education may transfer funds from this item to said item 7035-0006\$50,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund .....100%

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## **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; 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; provided further, that the department shall distribute funds to the public institutions of higher education for the purpose of this item for the academic year beginning in 2025 no later than August 31, 2025; provided further, that discrepancies between the initial distribution and actual award amounts shall be reconciled and be accounted for in a subsequent distribution of funds prior to January 31, 2026; and provided further, that the department shall provide notice of preliminary funding estimates to the public institutions of higher education for the academic year beginning in 2026 based on said actual award amounts and any changes to eligibility criteria or regulations proposed by the department no later than January 31, 2026 .....\$100,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund .....100%

1596-2439 For grants to state universities for cohort counseling to ensure student success and provide wraparound supports and services to improve outcomes for their most vulnerable populations including, but not 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 by the department of higher education; provided further, that eligible wraparound support activities shall include, but not be limited to, peer mentors, academic skills workshops and targeted academic, career and scholarship advising; provided further, that appropriated funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months; provided further, that all funds distributed may be spent solely on personnel costs at the discretion of the universities; and provided further, that not later than March 3, 2026, the department shall report to 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 .....\$14,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund .....100%

1596-2501 For a free community college program established in section 5B of chapter 15A of the General Laws; 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; or (2) 1.045; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, students enrolled in courses that meet the initial training requirements for emergency medical technician and paramedic certification shall be awarded sufficient financial assistance to cover any remaining tuition and fees due and an allowance for the cost of books, supplies and other expenses after all other sources of federal and state grant aid have been utilized, regardless of the number of credits the student is enrolled in or whether the student has previously earned a baccalaureate degree or equivalent certification; 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 2, 2026, 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: (i) enrollment; (ii) retention; (iii) barriers to student participation; and (iv) demographic data related to program participants; and provided further, that not later than May 29, 2026, 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.....\$120,000,000

Education and Transportation Fund .....100%

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 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 \$1,337,505,369 and shall be apportioned to cities and towns in accordance with this section.

For fiscal year 2026 the total amounts to be distributed and paid to each city, town and regional school district from item 7061-0008 of section 2 and item 1596-2450 of section 2F, shall be as set forth in the following lists. If there is conflict between the language of 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 and said item 1596-2450 of said section 2F shall be deemed in full satisfaction of the amounts due under chapter 70 of the General Laws.

For fiscal year 2026, a district's school aid shall be calculated according to the provisions of said chapter 70, as most recently amended by Chapter 132 of the Acts of 2019, also known as the Student Opportunity Act. 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 4.97 per cent and the assumed special education enrollment percentage for non-vocational school students shall be set at 3.97 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 five-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 2025; 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 \$150.

Chapter 70 aid for fiscal year 2026 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 provisions of 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	228.66	412.96	1,893.58	485.65	74.89	274.06	206.70	54.80	525.83	909.02	0.00	5,066.15
Kindergarten half-day	228.66	412.96	1,893.58	485.65	74.89	274.06	206.70	54.80	525.83	909.02	0.00	5,066.15
Kindergarten full-day	457.31	825.94	3,787.16	971.33	149.86	548.15	413.42	109.64	1,051.64	1,818.01	0.00	10,132.46
Elementary	457.31	825.94	3,787.11	971.33	149.88	548.15	413.42	164.43	1,051.64	1,818.02	0.00	10,187.23
Junior/Middle	457.31	825.94	3,332.67	699.22	162.46	548.15	428.63	268.61	1,140.11	1,952.67	0.00	9,815.77
High School	457.31	825.94	4,900.96	582.09	157.53	877.03	459.83	619.39	1,105.46	1,728.92	0.00	11,714.46
Vocational	457.31	825.94	8,331.69	582.09	260.44	1,534.79	459.83	619.39	2,068.92	2,213.89	0.00	17,354.29

## 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	3,156.17	0.00	10,414.58	9,723.94	502.39	438.50	0.00	0.00	3,525.59	4,353.17	0.00	32,114.34
Special Ed-tuitioned out	3,900.17	0.00	0.00	59.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	37,030.05	40,989.80
English learners PK-5	115.25	201.68	1,411.71	201.68	57.61	144.04	86.43	28.82	345.72	348.80	0.00	2,941.74
English learners 6-8	123.15	215.48	1,508.36	215.48	61.56	153.91	92.36	30.79	369.39	372.67	0.00	3,143.15
English learners high school/voc	140.07	245.13	1,715.83	245.13	70.03	175.08	105.05	35.02	420.21	423.94	0.00	3,575.49
Low-income group 1	56.36	267.04	2,606.95	0.00	126.48	19.39	105.56	548.54	0.00	464.11	0.00	4,194.43
Low-income group 2	59.38	281.33	2,746.29	0.00	133.24	20.43	111.20	577.86	0.00	488.93	0.00	4,418.66
Low-income group 3	62.39	295.61	2,885.64	0.00	140.00	21.47	116.85	607.18	0.00	513.73	0.00	4,642.87
Low-income group 4	65.40	309.87	3,024.98	0.00	146.76	22.49	122.49	636.50	0.00	538.55	0.00	4,867.04
Low-income group 5	68.41	324.15	3,164.32	0.00	153.53	23.53	128.14	665.81	0.00	563.35	0.00	5,091.24
Low-income group 6	76.09	360.53	3,519.46	0.00	170.74	26.18	142.51	740.54	0.00	626.58	0.00	5,662.63
Low-income group 7	83.32	394.78	3,853.90	0.00	186.97	28.66	156.06	810.92	0.00	686.11	0.00	6,200.72
Low-income group 8	90.56	429.05	4,188.34	0.00	203.20	31.16	169.60	881.28	0.00	745.65	0.00	6,738.84
Low-income group 9	97.79	463.31	4,522.79	0.00	219.42	33.63	183.14	951.66	0.00	805.19	0.00	7,276.93
Low-income group 10	105.01	497.57	4,857.23	0.00	235.65	36.12	196.68	1,022.02	0.00	864.75	0.00	7,815.03
Low-income group 11	116.63	552.58	5,394.34	0.00	261.70	40.12	218.44	1,135.04	0.00	960.36	0.00	8,679.21
Low-income group 12	128.24	607.61	5,931.45	0.00	287.76	44.11	240.18	1,248.06	0.00	1,055.97	0.00	9,543.38

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
ABINGTON	\$14,812,278	\$2,475,512
ACTON	\$0	\$1,760,302
ACUSHNET	\$7,461,972	\$1,908,025
ADAMS	\$0	\$2,946,113
AGAWAM	\$27,210,280	\$4,635,997
ALFORD	\$0	\$17,661
AMESBURY	\$9,957,529	\$2,448,143
AMHERST	\$6,538,659	\$10,594,409
ANDOVER	\$15,338,760	\$2,248,604
AQUINNAH	\$0	\$2,941
ARLINGTON	\$20,246,693	\$9,547,094
ASHBURNHAM	\$0	\$1,000,550
ASHBY	\$0	\$551,016
ASHFIELD	\$93,683	\$233,625
ASHLAND	\$11,996,178	\$1,701,759
ATHOL	\$0	\$3,331,601
ATTLEBORO	\$61,796,457	\$7,179,098
AUBURN	\$15,740,489	\$2,155,139
AVON	\$4,399,731	\$872,199
AYER	\$0	\$952,649
BARNSTABLE	\$26,088,377	\$2,646,999
BARRE	\$0	\$1,131,775
BECKET	\$76,923	\$114,281
BEDFORD	\$6,667,909	\$1,444,560
BELCHERTOWN	\$14,735,480	\$2,141,171
BELLINGHAM	\$10,531,532	\$2,135,305
BELMONT	\$12,935,419	\$2,841,389

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
BERKLEY	\$4,318,848	\$765,676
BERLIN	\$0	\$253,710
BERNARDSTON	\$0	\$366,006
BEVERLY	\$15,674,495	\$7,348,824
BILLERICA	\$21,331,984	\$7,327,824
BLACKSTONE	\$234,189	\$1,722,452
BLANDFORD	\$77,586	\$159,788
BOLTON	\$3,474	\$248,458
BOSTON	\$245,309,561	\$238,416,380
BOURNE	\$5,892,775	\$1,844,730
BOXBOROUGH	\$32,909	\$317,433
BOXFORD	\$2,044,923	\$611,741
BOYLSTON	\$113,472	\$431,046
BRAINTREE	\$21,959,550	\$7,201,005
BREWSTER	\$1,484,085	\$496,875
BRIDGEWATER	\$190,196	\$4,583,382
BRIMFIELD	\$1,791,067	\$490,629
BROCKTON	\$282,074,317	\$26,348,846
BROOKFIELD	\$1,968,286	\$621,334
BROOKLINE	\$17,784,893	\$7,989,546
BUCKLAND	\$0	\$385,322
BURLINGTON	\$10,503,556	\$3,295,578
CAMBRIDGE	\$22,664,367	\$27,034,406
CANTON	\$9,502,600	\$2,698,593
CARLISLE	\$1,533,774	\$276,055
CARVER	\$10,839,443	\$1,838,347
CHARLEMONT	\$106,868	\$219,968

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
CHARLTON	\$0	\$1,823,154
CHATHAM	\$0	\$189,388
CHELMSFORD	\$15,450,424	\$6,387,133
CHELSEA	\$130,754,505	\$10,335,286
CHEREHIRE	\$16,351	\$773,054
CHESTER	\$79,282	\$226,560
CHESTERFIELD	\$133,594	\$173,741
CHICOPEE	\$100,241,158	\$14,490,934
CHILMARK	\$0	\$4,721
CLARKSBURG	\$2,204,261	\$457,785
CLINTON	\$21,848,135	\$2,962,332
COHASSET	\$3,333,035	\$647,435
COLRAIN	\$0	\$363,188
CONCORD	\$4,524,105	\$1,459,889
CONWAY	\$656,966	\$224,901
CUMMINGTON	\$59,811	\$104,979
DALTON	\$261,687	\$1,431,754
DANVERS	\$10,137,350	\$3,584,145
DARTMOUTH	\$11,271,317	\$3,172,262
DEDHAM	\$10,145,563	\$4,115,175
DEERFIELD	\$1,225,219	\$604,416
DENNIS	\$0	\$685,339
DEVENS	\$308,558	\$0
DIGHTON	\$8,253	\$973,050
DOUGLAS	\$9,195,163	\$918,346
DOVER	\$1,154,911	\$242,071
DRACUT	\$28,136,689	\$4,409,105

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
DUDLEY	\$10,983	\$2,248,407
DUNSTABLE	\$0	\$309,515
DUXBURY	\$7,351,890	\$1,115,465
EAST BRIDGEWATER	\$13,370,869	\$1,883,645
EAST BROOKFIELD	\$221,080	\$364,961
EAST LONGMEADOW	\$15,669,936	\$1,821,524
EASTHAM	\$556,679	\$187,483
EASTHAMPTON	\$9,063,542	\$3,537,115
EASTON	\$11,511,787	\$2,755,757
EDGARTOWN	\$1,269,737	\$83,824
EGREMONT	\$0	\$79,399
ERVING	\$603,466	\$84,580
ESSEX	\$0	\$308,106
EVERETT	\$126,865,323	\$8,693,916
FAIRHAVEN	\$10,036,083	\$2,837,690
FALL RIVER	\$230,788,276	\$29,988,482
FALMOUTH	\$10,042,889	\$1,744,634
FITCHBURG	\$86,211,388	\$10,739,130
FLORIDA	\$572,487	\$62,635
FOXBOROUGH	\$10,082,632	\$1,874,410
FRAMINGHAM	\$92,499,182	\$12,519,919
FRANKLIN	\$30,460,643	\$3,109,467
FREETOWN	\$16,860	\$1,194,944
GARDNER	\$32,375,957	\$5,332,570
GEORGETOWN	\$6,011,432	\$901,483
GILL	\$0	\$306,092
GLOUCESTER	\$12,161,741	\$5,025,941

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
GOSHEN	\$96,381	\$100,673
GOSNOLD	\$0	\$2,639
GRAFTON	\$13,539,728	\$1,967,616
GRANBY	\$4,929,700	\$1,111,119
GRANVILLE	\$139,520	\$201,759
GREAT BARRINGTON	\$0	\$955,031
GREENFIELD	\$16,748,064	\$3,995,201
GROTON	\$0	\$974,799
GROVELAND	\$65,470	\$916,023
HADLEY	\$1,462,046	\$571,134
HALIFAX	\$3,649,183	\$1,142,332
HAMILTON	\$0	\$845,476
HAMPDEN	\$0	\$865,787
HANCOCK	\$463,156	\$71,049
HANOVER	\$8,088,931	\$2,665,766
HANSON	\$40,519	\$1,611,488
HARDWICK	\$0	\$585,846
HARVARD	\$2,418,691	\$1,863,623
HARWICH	\$0	\$542,054
HATFIELD	\$969,096	\$392,656
HAVERHILL	\$94,219,635	\$12,368,097
HAWLEY	\$13,300	\$54,458
HEATH	\$0	\$105,290
HINGHAM	\$9,439,417	\$1,986,032
HINSDALE	\$104,923	\$280,193
HOLBROOK	\$12,796,989	\$1,856,792
HOLDEN	\$14,521	\$2,405,977

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
HOLLAND	\$1,052,634	\$253,997
HOLLISTON	\$9,575,140	\$1,948,759
HOLYOKE	\$106,764,120	\$12,780,465
HOPEDALE	\$6,443,660	\$820,580
HOPKINTON	\$10,864,019	\$988,548
HUBBARDSTON	\$0	\$566,861
HUDSON	\$13,867,740	\$2,509,400
HULL	\$4,180,024	\$2,666,890
HUNTINGTON	\$436,448	\$433,702
IPSWICH	\$4,538,746	\$2,020,028
KINGSTON	\$6,045,617	\$1,207,873
LAKEVILLE	\$101,399	\$1,029,658
LANCASTER	\$11,693	\$1,202,895
LANESBOROUGH	\$0	\$434,089
LAWRENCE	\$317,611,710	\$24,708,513
LEE	\$2,307,885	\$783,710
LEICESTER	\$11,448,367	\$2,184,980
LENOX	\$1,461,523	\$670,758
LEOMINSTER	\$72,723,191	\$7,202,195
LEVERETT	\$422,288	\$224,621
LEXINGTON	\$19,344,035	\$1,928,604
LEYDEN	\$0	\$103,611
LINCOLN	\$1,446,538	\$856,704
LITTLETON	\$5,259,250	\$894,522
LONGMEADOW	\$7,791,911	\$1,758,154
LOWELL	\$261,489,114	\$31,696,850
LUDLOW	\$15,020,153	\$3,844,285

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
LUNENBURG	\$9,229,410	\$1,330,762
LYNN	\$317,126,307	\$28,175,185
LYNNFIELD	\$6,502,690	\$1,308,778
MALDEN	\$69,770,045	\$15,788,028
MANCHESTER	\$0	\$279,853
MANSFIELD	\$20,336,797	\$2,807,011
MARBLEHEAD	\$7,006,279	\$1,433,008
MARION	\$1,250,902	\$283,944
MARLBOROUGH	\$51,900,943	\$6,850,309
MARSHFIELD	\$16,133,973	\$2,726,132
MASHPEE	\$5,216,280	\$462,992
MATTAPOISETT	\$1,099,653	\$510,032
MAYNARD	\$5,983,800	\$1,977,017
MEDFIELD	\$7,255,778	\$1,824,174
MEDFORD	\$18,554,446	\$15,264,395
MEDWAY	\$11,364,627	\$1,535,285
MELROSE	\$13,285,756	\$6,453,730
MENDON	\$38,052	\$514,259
MERRIMAC	\$56,805	\$1,058,810
METHUEN	\$71,034,365	\$6,842,201
MIDDLEBOROUGH	\$23,101,805	\$3,102,603
MIDDLEFIELD	\$13,290	\$66,898
MIDDLETON	\$1,943,879	\$688,545
MILFORD	\$54,536,658	\$3,843,697
MILLBURY	\$9,261,393	\$2,228,390
MILLIS	\$5,267,116	\$1,317,525
MILLVILLE	\$73,662	\$512,588

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
MILTON	\$12,776,644	\$4,043,495
MONROE	\$141,132	\$23,138
MONSON	\$7,867,879	\$1,642,705
MONTAGUE	\$9,046	\$1,803,497
MONTEREY	\$0	\$58,183
MONTGOMERY	\$31,236	\$109,209
MOUNT WASHINGTON	\$13,818	\$37,722
NAHANT	\$622,905	\$475,480
NANTUCKET	\$4,838,877	\$99,707
NATICK	\$14,509,257	\$4,795,354
NEEDHAM	\$14,721,434	\$2,196,815
NEW ASHFORD	\$123,072	\$25,560
NEW BEDFORD	\$254,298,042	\$28,948,554
NEW BRAINTREE	\$0	\$166,124
NEW MARLBOROUGH	\$0	\$73,698
NEW SALEM	\$0	\$130,568
NEWBURY	\$16,934	\$651,721
NEWBURYPORT	\$6,192,935	\$3,209,495
NEWTON	\$30,401,034	\$7,395,314
NORFOLK	\$3,873,979	\$1,206,804
NORTH ADAMS	\$16,707,282	\$5,582,972
NORTH ANDOVER	\$13,071,489	\$2,578,962
NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH	\$22,282,527	\$3,620,464
NORTH BROOKFIELD	\$5,046,966	\$1,002,740
NORTH READING	\$8,066,587	\$2,234,412
NORTHAMPTON	\$8,619,389	\$5,531,092
NORTHBOROUGH	\$4,644,408	\$1,403,699

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
NORTHBRIDGE	\$16,390,353	\$2,656,333
NORTHFIELD	\$0	\$454,664
NORTON	\$13,707,982	\$2,615,499
NORWELL	\$5,549,338	\$1,349,015
NORWOOD	\$18,520,131	\$5,853,424
OAK BLUFFS	\$2,053,849	\$91,520
OAKHAM	\$0	\$241,436
ORANGE	\$7,047,875	\$2,033,726
ORLEANS	\$492,134	\$216,158
OTIS	\$0	\$45,772
OXFORD	\$12,453,663	\$2,587,633
PALMER	\$12,171,669	\$2,523,737
PAXTON	\$0	\$680,969
PEABODY	\$38,124,801	\$9,083,945
PELHAM	\$292,599	\$200,314
PEMBROKE	\$14,632,674	\$2,115,381
PEPPERELL	\$0	\$1,878,210
PERU	\$91,030	\$143,718
PETERSHAM	\$714,028	\$144,268
PHILLIPSTON	\$0	\$232,130
PITTSFIELD	\$68,450,361	\$10,865,141
PLAINFIELD	\$53,056	\$63,134
PLAINVILLE	\$3,190,373	\$954,703
PLYMOUTH	\$30,162,897	\$4,931,018
PLYMPTON	\$1,145,742	\$298,548
PRINCETON	\$0	\$372,594
PROVINCETOWN	\$328,599	\$174,066

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
QUINCY	\$47,604,553	\$24,029,202
RANDOLPH	\$30,617,365	\$6,541,082
RAYNHAM	\$0	\$1,430,980
READING	\$12,326,033	\$4,079,678
REHOBOTH	\$0	\$1,311,788
REVERE	\$107,214,598	\$12,945,076
RICHMOND	\$553,593	\$136,149
ROCHESTER	\$2,537,232	\$534,481
ROCKLAND	\$19,893,378	\$3,326,742
ROCKPORT	\$1,726,466	\$550,648
ROWE	\$156,995	\$4,958
ROWLEY	\$34,649	\$679,588
ROYALSTON	\$0	\$226,241
RUSSELL	\$255,579	\$310,802
RUTLAND	\$0	\$1,164,117
SALEM	\$31,038,303	\$8,680,970
SALISBURY	\$14,443	\$795,127
SANDISFIELD	\$0	\$43,608
SANDWICH	\$8,063,976	\$1,418,384
SAUGUS	\$16,170,602	\$4,616,824
SAVOY	\$531,339	\$145,811
SCITUATE	\$7,234,435	\$2,531,555
SEEKONK	\$8,276,778	\$1,548,556
SHARON	\$11,377,366	\$1,761,617
SHEFFIELD	\$15,185	\$306,580
SHELBURNE	\$0	\$329,095
SHERBORN	\$948,465	\$272,584

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
SHIRLEY	\$0	\$1,651,067
SHREWSBURY	\$22,487,010	\$3,505,524
SHUTESBURY	\$672,182	\$213,404
SOMERSET	\$11,039,877	\$1,930,129
SOMERVILLE	\$22,553,482	\$31,707,358
SOUTH HADLEY	\$11,136,899	\$3,286,650
SOUTHAMPTON	\$2,742,798	\$801,851
SOUTHBOROUGH	\$3,473,063	\$550,409
SOUTHBRIDGE	\$34,297,908	\$4,427,213
SOUTHWICK	\$220,059	\$1,587,389
SPENCER	\$34,709	\$2,846,329
SPRINGFIELD	\$545,839,651	\$47,640,039
STERLING	\$0	\$872,445
STOCKBRIDGE	\$0	\$125,440
STONEHAM	\$7,891,703	\$4,676,942
STOUGHTON	\$31,413,964	\$4,029,825
STOW	\$0	\$529,761
STURBRIDGE	\$5,304,154	\$974,962
SUDBURY	\$6,192,244	\$1,761,581
SUNDERLAND	\$931,556	\$636,059
SUTTON	\$5,997,981	\$982,348
SWAMPSCOTT	\$5,783,630	\$1,628,910
SWANSEA	\$11,323,738	\$2,363,571
TAUNTON	\$105,442,130	\$10,584,409
TEMPLETON	\$11,493	\$1,754,835
TEWKSBURY	\$14,642,447	\$3,502,511
TISBURY	\$1,736,199	\$123,397

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
TOLLAND	\$0	\$23,260
TOPSFIELD	\$1,635,187	\$771,878
TOWNSEND	\$0	\$1,653,876
TRURO	\$470,826	\$37,860
TYNGSBOROUGH	\$8,055,660	\$1,216,153
TYRINGHAM	\$72,676	\$15,978
UPTON	\$39,979	\$669,997
UXBRIDGE	\$10,102,020	\$1,731,554
WAKEFIELD	\$9,402,623	\$4,239,495
WALES	\$1,203,868	\$297,237
WALPOLE	\$10,801,800	\$3,207,241
WALTHAM	\$26,380,926	\$12,084,474
WARE	\$14,743,900	\$2,172,610
WAREHAM	\$16,793,832	\$2,489,831
WARREN	\$11,789	\$1,138,554
WARWICK	\$392,384	\$160,047
WASHINGTON	\$37,233	\$118,862
WATERTOWN	\$8,513,866	\$8,394,011
WAYLAND	\$7,949,860	\$1,137,532
WEBSTER	\$21,361,821	\$3,115,807
WELLESLEY	\$10,942,336	\$1,630,210
WELLFLEET	\$327,563	\$73,555
WENDELL	\$0	\$219,315
WENHAM	\$0	\$539,044
WEST BOYLSTON	\$3,370,195	\$1,002,661
WEST BRIDGEWATER	\$7,102,423	\$822,918
WEST BROOKFIELD	\$328,719	\$612,936

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
WEST NEWBURY	\$13,151	\$372,876
WEST SPRINGFIELD	\$47,140,802	\$4,510,162
WEST STOCKBRIDGE	\$0	\$122,358
WEST TISBURY	\$0	\$233,746
WESTBOROUGH	\$12,875,256	\$1,458,291
WESTFIELD	\$45,142,610	\$7,922,157
WESTFORD	\$18,982,269	\$2,674,390
WESTHAMPTON	\$514,848	\$182,355
WESTMINSTER	\$0	\$823,799
WESTON	\$4,962,659	\$470,728
WESTPORT	\$5,829,452	\$1,531,031
WESTWOOD	\$7,796,626	\$918,093
WEYMOUTH	\$30,801,983	\$10,972,997
WHATELY	\$351,983	\$168,883
WHITMAN	\$174,351	\$3,047,255
WILBRAHAM	\$0	\$1,841,763
WILLIAMSBURG	\$875,431	\$380,992
WILLIAMSTOWN	\$0	\$1,201,478
WILMINGTON	\$12,602,570	\$3,129,198
WINCHENDON	\$14,394,811	\$2,117,120
WINCHESTER	\$11,388,803	\$1,861,940
WINDSOR	\$28,984	\$130,684
WINTHROP	\$10,448,196	\$5,305,183
WOBURN	\$15,419,389	\$7,533,912
WORCESTER	\$411,779,259	\$52,296,306
WORTHINGTON	\$495,642	\$158,071
WRENTHAM	\$4,163,597	\$1,173,261

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
YARMOUTH	\$0	\$1,588,873
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL AID</b>	<b>\$6,428,152,376</b>	<b>\$1,337,505,360</b>

### **Regional School District**

ACTON BOXBOROUGH	\$17,200,971	\$0
AMHERST PELHAM	\$10,072,811	\$0
ASHBURNHAM WESTMINSTER	\$16,262,637	\$0
ASSABET VALLEY	\$11,083,668	\$0
ATHOL ROYALSTON	\$25,520,562	\$0
AYER SHIRLEY	\$8,993,333	\$0
BERKSHIRE HILLS	\$3,534,168	\$0
BERLIN BOYLSTON	\$3,149,921	\$0
BLACKSTONE MILLVILLE	\$12,080,008	\$0
BLACKSTONE VALLEY	\$9,595,822	\$0
BLUE HILLS	\$7,641,944	\$0
BRIDGEWATER RAYNHAM	\$34,209,990	\$0
BRISTOL COUNTY	\$5,240,855	\$0
BRISTOL PLYMOUTH	\$14,666,169	\$0
CAPE COD	\$3,579,390	\$0
CENTRAL BERKSHIRE	\$10,080,937	\$0
CHESTERFIELD GOSHEN	\$796,622	\$0
CONCORD CARLISLE	\$3,610,473	\$0
DENNIS YARMOUTH	\$13,956,285	\$0
DIGHTON REHOBOTH	\$14,005,428	\$0
DOVER SHERBORN	\$2,942,852	\$0
DUDLEY CHARLTON	\$25,823,037	\$0

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
ESSEX NORTH SHORE	\$8,666,224	\$0
FARMINGTON RIVER	\$768,194	\$0
FRANKLIN COUNTY	\$6,198,918	\$0
FREETOWN LAKEVILLE	\$12,333,339	\$0
FRONTIER	\$3,053,027	\$0
GATEWAY	\$6,340,830	\$0
GILL MONTAGUE	\$8,069,823	\$0
GREATER FALL RIVER	\$23,833,067	\$0
GREATER LAWRENCE	\$41,447,422	\$0
GREATER LOWELL	\$38,330,600	\$0
GREATER NEW BEDFORD	\$36,903,254	\$0
GROTON DUNSTABLE	\$11,831,303	\$0
HAMILTON WENHAM	\$4,436,892	\$0
HAMPDEN WILBRAHAM	\$13,043,530	\$0
HAMPSHIRE	\$3,510,417	\$0
HAWLEMONT	\$669,970	\$0
HOOSAC VALLEY	\$12,259,184	\$0
KING PHILIP	\$8,379,178	\$0
LINCOLN SUDBURY	\$4,225,817	\$0
MANCHESTER ESSEX	\$3,514,666	\$0
MARTHAS VINEYARD	\$3,749,388	\$0
MASCONOMET	\$5,842,553	\$0
MENDON UPTON	\$13,252,594	\$0
MINUTEMAN	\$3,142,029	\$0
MOHAWK TRAIL	\$6,372,134	\$0
MONOMOY	\$4,624,715	\$0
MONTACHUSETT	\$18,762,805	\$0

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
MOUNT GREYLOCK	\$5,133,546	\$0
NARRAGANSETT	\$13,040,917	\$0
NASHOBA	\$10,547,898	\$0
NASHOBA VALLEY	\$5,001,664	\$0
NAUSET	\$4,000,729	\$0
NEW SALEM WENDELL	\$938,840	\$0
NORFOLK COUNTY	\$1,531,455	\$0
NORTH MIDDLESEX	\$21,623,879	\$0
NORTHAMPTON SMITH	\$963,771	\$0
NORTHBORO SOUTHBORO	\$3,673,616	\$0
NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN	\$16,193,577	\$0
NORTHERN BERKSHIRE	\$7,106,152	\$0
OLD COLONY	\$4,312,665	\$0
OLD ROCHESTER	\$3,710,721	\$0
PATHFINDER	\$7,831,316	\$0
PENTUCKET	\$14,101,990	\$0
PIONEER	\$4,151,899	\$0
QUABBIN	\$17,421,662	\$0
QUABOAG	\$10,600,015	\$0
RALPH C MAHAR	\$6,511,146	\$0
SHAWSHEEN VALLEY	\$6,995,373	\$0
SILVER LAKE	\$10,796,658	\$0
SOMERSET BERKLEY	\$7,204,101	\$0
SOUTH MIDDLESEX	\$9,913,729	\$0
SOUTH SHORE	\$5,963,097	\$0
SOUTHEASTERN	\$24,546,392	\$0
SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE	\$2,243,595	\$0

<b>Municipality / District</b>	<b>Chapter 70</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Government Aid</b>
SOUTHERN WORCESTER	\$14,644,387	\$0
SOUTHWICK TOLLAND GRANVILLE	\$10,169,546	\$0
SPENCER EAST BROOKFIELD	\$14,306,180	\$0
TANTASQUA	\$11,688,349	\$0
TRI COUNTY	\$6,100,766	\$0
TRITON	\$9,645,085	\$0
UPISLAND	\$1,064,412	\$0
UPPER CAPE COD	\$4,720,060	\$0
WACHUSETT	\$37,561,713	\$0
WHITMAN HANSON	\$26,188,146	\$0
WHITTIER	\$13,953,373	\$0
<b>TOTAL REGIONAL AID</b>	<b>\$933,712,176</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL AID</b>	<b>\$7,361,864,552</b>	<b>\$1,337,505,360</b>

1 SECTION 4. Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section  
2 15CCCCCCC the following section:-

3 Section 15DDDDDDDD. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart  
4 July 11 as Bosnian Remembrance Day in remembrance of the killing of more than 8,000 Bosnian  
5 civilians in Srebrenica during the Bosnian War and recommending that the day be observed in an  
6 appropriate manner by the people.

7 SECTION 5 Section 17 of said chapter 6 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 6  
8 and 7, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, the words “, the Massachusetts commission  
9 against discrimination”.

10 SECTION 6. Said chapter 6 is hereby further amended by striking out section 56, as  
11 amended by section 5 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023, and inserting in place thereof the  
12 following section:-

13 Section 56. There shall be a Massachusetts commission against discrimination. The  
14 commission shall be an independent agency of the commonwealth and shall not be subject to the  
15 control of any other department or agency.

16 The commission shall consist of 5 commissioners, 3 of whom shall be appointed by the  
17 governor and 2 of whom shall be appointed by the attorney general. The governor shall designate  
18 1 commissioner as chair, who shall devote their full-time to the duties of the office and the  
19 remaining 4 commissioners shall serve per diem. At least 2 commissioners shall reside in  
20 Barnstable, Berkshire, Bristol, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, Plymouth or Worcester county.

21 Each commissioner shall be appointed for a term of 3 years. A commissioner chosen to fill a  
22 vacancy on an unexpired term shall be appointed for the remainder of the unexpired term of the  
23 commissioner to be replaced. Three commissioners shall constitute a quorum and a majority of  
24 commissioners present and voting shall be required for any action to be taken by the  
25 commission. The chair may call a meeting of the commission and may call for a vote on any  
26 matter designated on the notice of the meeting. A vacancy shall not impair the right of the

27 remaining commissioners to exercise all the powers of the commission. A commissioner may be  
28 removed by their appointing authority for inefficiency, neglect of duty, misconduct or  
29 malfeasance in office after being given a written statement of the charges and an opportunity to  
30 be heard thereon.

31       The commission shall appoint an executive director. The executive director shall serve at  
32 the pleasure of the commission, receive a salary, which shall be not less than the salary received  
33 by the chair, as may be determined by the commission, and shall devote their full time to the  
34 duties of the office. The executive director shall be a person with skill and experience in  
35 management and shall be the executive and administrative head of the commission. The  
36 executive director shall be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the commission and for  
37 administering and ensuring the commission's ability to enforce laws and regulations relative to  
38 the commission and to each administrative unit thereof, which shall include, but not be limited  
39 to, developing protocols and procedures to execute the commission's regulations and to expedite  
40 the handling of cases and complaints by the commission. The executive director shall employ a  
41 chief financial officer, who shall be responsible for all funds and expenditures of the  
42 commission. The executive director may employ such attorneys, clerks and other employees and  
43 agents as the executive director may deem necessary and prescribe their duties and fix their  
44 compensation as may be provided by law. The executive director shall annually submit a written  
45 report to the governor and to the general court on the commission's activities, including any  
46 recommendations.

47       All employees of the commission, except the executive director, an executive secretary,  
48 the heads and deputy heads of divisions, attorneys, field representatives and such other positions  
49 as the commission may from time to time designate, shall be subject to chapter 31.

50       The commission shall maintain regional offices located in the cities of Fall River,  
51 Springfield and Worcester. The commission shall hold public hearings as needed in the

52     respective regions of those cities. Every case shall, to the extent practicable, be heard in the  
53     region in which the complainant resides.

54                 There shall be an advisory board to the commission, which shall consist of at least 21  
55     persons, 13 of whom shall be appointed by the governor and 8 of whom shall be appointed by  
56     the attorney general. Each member shall be appointed for a term of 5 years. A board member  
57     chosen to fill a vacancy of an unexpired term shall be appointed for the remainder of the  
58     unexpired term of the member to be replaced. The board shall be comprised of members of  
59     diverse representation and the appointing authorities shall strive to appoint: (i) persons with  
60     expertise in fair housing laws; (ii) owners and brokers of residential real property; (iii)  
61     representatives of major lending and credit institutions; (iv) representatives of private employers;  
62     (v) a representative of the civil service commission; (vi) a representative of post-secondary  
63     educational institutions; (vii) a representative of labor organizations; (viii) individuals from  
64     minority racial, ethnic and linguistic groups; (ix) women; (x) elderly persons; (xi) persons with  
65     disabilities; and (xii) recipients of public assistance. The board shall advise the commission on  
66     matters of policy affecting the commission and shall review the implementation of the  
67     commission's programs and policies and, from time to time, submit their recommendations to  
68     the commission and to the commissioners' appointing authorities. The board shall coordinate the  
69     activities of the local or regional advisory boards appointed pursuant to clause 8 of section 3 of  
70     chapter 151B. The governor shall designate 1 member of the board to serve as chair. The  
71     members of the board shall not be compensated for their services but shall be reimbursed for  
72     travel and other expenses as may be necessary for the performance of their duties. The executive  
73     director may provide technical and clerical assistance to the advisory board.

74                 SECTION 7. Section 18N of chapter 6A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
75     Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 30 and 31, the words "the chief  
76     justice of the trial court or a designee; the chief justice of the family and probate court or a

77 designee” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- a retired judge of the trial court to  
78 be appointed by the governor.

79 SECTION 8. Section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
80 amended by striking out, in line 98, the figure “\$40,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the  
81 following figure:- \$35,000,000.

82 SECTION 9. Section 1 of chapter 6D of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
83 inserting after the definition of “Disproportionate share hospital”, as so appearing, the following  
84 definition:-

85 “Early notice”, advanced notification by a pharmaceutical manufacturing company of a:  
86 (i) new drug, device or other product coming to market; or (ii) a price increase, as described in  
87 subsection (b) of section 15A.

88 SECTION 10. Said section 1 of said chapter 6D is hereby further amended by inserting  
89 after the definition of “Physician”, as so appearing, the following definition:-

90 “Pipeline drug”, a prescription drug product containing a new molecular entity for which  
91 the sponsor has submitted a new drug application or biologics license application and received an  
92 action date from the United States Food and Drug Administration.

93 SECTION 11. Said section 1 of said chapter 6D, as most recently amended by section 11  
94 of chapter 343 of the acts of 2024, is hereby further amended by adding the following  
95 definition:-

96 “Wholesale acquisition cost”, the cost of a prescription drug as defined in 42 U.S.C.  
97 1395w-3a(c)(6)(B).

98 SECTION 12. Said chapter 6D is hereby further amended by striking out section 2A, as  
99 appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

100           Section 2A. The commission shall keep confidential all nonpublic clinical, financial,  
101 strategic or operational documents or information provided or reported to the commission in  
102 connection with any care delivery, quality improvement process, performance improvement plan  
103 or early notice authorized under sections 7, 10, 14, 15, 15A, 24 or 25 of this chapter or under  
104 section 2GGGG of chapter 29 and shall not disclose the information or documents to any person  
105 without the consent of the entity providing or reporting the information or documents under said  
106 sections 7, 10, 14, 15, 15A, 24 or 25 of this chapter or under said section 2GGGG of said chapter  
107 29, except in summary form in evaluative reports of such activities or when the commission  
108 believes that such disclosure should be made in the public interest after taking into account any  
109 privacy, trade secret or anticompetitive considerations. The confidential information and  
110 documents shall not be public records and shall be exempt from disclosure under clause Twenty-  
111 sixth of section 7 of chapter 4 or under chapter 66.

112           SECTION 13. Said chapter 6D is hereby further amended by inserting after section 15  
113 the following section:-

114           Section 15A. (a) A pharmaceutical manufacturing company shall provide early notice to  
115 the commission in a manner described in this section for a: (i) pipeline drug; (ii) generic drug; or  
116 (iii) biosimilar drug. The commission shall provide nonconfidential information received under  
117 this section to the office of Medicaid, the division of insurance and the group insurance  
118 commission.

119           Early notice under this subsection shall be submitted to the commission in writing not  
120 later than 30 days after receipt of the United States Food and Drug Administration approval date.

121           For each pipeline drug, early notice shall include a brief description of the: (i) primary  
122 disease, health condition or therapeutic area being studied and the indication; (ii) route of  
123 administration being studied; (iii) clinical trial comparators; (iv) estimated date of market entry;

124 and (v) any other information the commission deems relevant. To the extent possible,  
125 information shall be collected using data fields consistent with those used by the National  
126 Institutes of Health for clinical trials.

127           For each pipeline drug, early notice shall include whether the drug has been designated  
128 by the United States Food and Drug Administration: (i) as an orphan drug; (ii) for fast track; (iii)  
129 as a breakthrough therapy; (iv) for accelerated approval; (v) for priority review for a new  
130 molecular entity; or (vi) for an expedited approval program not listed in this subsection;  
131 provided, however, that notwithstanding clause (v), submissions for drugs in development that  
132 are designated as new molecular entities by the United States Food and Drug Administration  
133 shall be provided as soon as practical upon receipt of the relevant designations. For each generic  
134 drug, early notice shall include a copy of the drug label approved by the United States Food and  
135 Drug Administration. If said drug label has not been approved by the time early notice would  
136 otherwise be required, the label shall be provided within a reasonable time as determined by the  
137 commission.

138           (b) A pharmaceutical manufacturing company shall provide early notice to the  
139 commission if it plans to increase the wholesale acquisition cost of a: (i) brand-name drug by  
140 more than 15 per cent per wholesale acquisition cost unit during any 12-month period; or (ii) a  
141 brand-name drug, generic drug or biosimilar drug with a significant price increase as determined  
142 by the commission during any 12-month period; provided, however, that a significant price  
143 increase may include, but need not be limited to, a price increase below 15 per cent. The  
144 commission shall provide non-confidential information received under this section to the office  
145 of Medicaid, the division of insurance and the group insurance commission.

146           Early notice under this subsection shall be submitted to the commission in writing not  
147 less than 60 days before the planned effective date of the increase.

148           A pharmaceutical manufacturing company required to notify the commission of a price  
149 increase under this subsection shall, not less than 30 days before the planned effective date of the  
150 increase, report to the commission any information regarding the price increase that the  
151 commission deems relevant including, but not limited to: (i) drug identification information; (ii)  
152 drug sales volume information; (iii) wholesale price and related information for the drug; (iv) net  
153 price and related information for the drug; (v) drug acquisition information, if applicable; (vi)  
154 revenue from the sale of the drug; and (vii) manufacturer costs.

155           (c) If a pharmaceutical manufacturing company fails to timely comply with the  
156 requirements under subsection (a) or subsection (b), or otherwise knowingly obstructs the  
157 commission's ability to receive early notice under this section, including, but not limited to,  
158 providing false or misleading information, the commission may impose sanctions against the  
159 manufacturer, including monetary penalties not more than \$500,000, per violation. The  
160 commission shall seek to promote compliance with this section and shall only impose a civil  
161 penalty on the manufacturer as a last resort. Amounts collected under this section shall be  
162 deposited into the Prescription Drug Cost Assistance Trust Fund established in section 2LLLLL  
163 of chapter 29.

164           (d) The commission may promulgate regulations to implement this section.

165           SECTION 14. Said chapter 6D is hereby further amended by adding the following 2  
166 sections:-

167           Section 24. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following  
168 meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

169           “Eligible drug”, (i) a brand name drug or biologic, not including a biosimilar, that has a  
170 launch wholesale acquisition cost of \$25,000 or more for a 1-year supply or full course of  
171 treatment; (ii) a biosimilar drug that has a launch wholesale acquisition cost that is less than 15

172 per cent lower than the referenced brand biologic at the time the biosimilar is launched; (ii) a  
173 generic drug that has a wholesale acquisition cost of \$100 or more for a 30-day supply or full  
174 course of treatment, for which the wholesale acquisition cost increased by 200 per cent or more  
175 during the preceding 12 months; (iv) a public health essential drug, as defined in subsection (f)  
176 of section 13 of chapter 17, with a significant price increase over a defined period of time as  
177 determined by the commission by regulation or with a wholesale acquisition cost of \$10,000 or  
178 more for a 1-year supply or full course of treatment; (v) all drugs selected pursuant to section  
179 17Z of chapter 32A, section 10Z of chapter 118E, section 47CCC of chapter 175, section 8DDD  
180 of chapter 176A, section 4DDD of chapter 176B and section 4VV of chapter 176G; (vi) a brand  
181 name, generic or biologic drug with a total aggregate annual spend by public and private payors  
182 of \$25 million or more; or (vii) other prescription drug products which, due to their cost or an  
183 increase in their cost: (A) may have a significant negative impact on patient access, such as by  
184 significantly contributing to high patient out-of-pocket costs compared to other drugs, increased  
185 utilization management compared to other drugs, lack of coverage by payers or similar factors as  
186 determined by the commission; or (B) may create significant affordability challenges for the  
187 commonwealth's health care system and patients, such as by contributing significantly to  
188 increased premiums, costs to the commonwealth or patient out-of-pocket costs compared to other  
189 drugs, by having a substantial impact on state programs involved in the provision of health care,  
190 by affecting the ability of the state and other entities that contribute to the health care cost growth  
191 benchmark to meet said benchmark or similar factors, as determined by the commission;  
192 provided, however, that the commission shall promulgate regulations to establish the type of  
193 prescription drug products classified under clause (vii) prior to classification of any such  
194 prescription drug product under said clause (vii), and the commission may adjust the dollar  
195 amounts in this definition from time to time for good cause including, but not limited to,  
196 inflation.

197 “Manufacturer”, a pharmaceutical manufacturer of an eligible drug.

198        “Public health essential drug”, shall have the same meaning as in subsection (f) of section  
199    13 of chapter 17.

200        (b)(1) The commission shall review: (i) the negative impact of eligible drug costs on  
201    patient access, such as by significantly contributing to high patient out-of-pocket costs compared  
202    to other drugs, increased utilization management compared to other drugs, lack of coverage by  
203    payers or similar factors as determined by the commission; and (ii) the extent to which eligible  
204    drug costs have created or likely will create affordability challenges for the state’s health care  
205    system and patients, such as by contributing significantly to increased premiums, costs to the  
206    state, or patient out-of-pocket costs compared to other drugs, by having a substantial impact on  
207    state programs involved in the provision of health care, by affecting the ability of the state and  
208    other entities that contribute to the health care cost growth benchmark to meet said benchmark or  
209    similar factors, as determined by the commission; provided, however, that the commission shall  
210    review the eligible drugs that the commission determines may have the most significant impact  
211    to patients under clause (i) or may create the most significant affordability challenges under  
212    clause (ii).

213        (2) In conducting a review of eligible drugs, the commission shall consider:

214        (i) available information about the relevant factors contributing to the price paid and  
215    amount spent in the state for the drug, including the wholesale acquisition cost, change in price  
216    as compared to the launch price, annual price increases over time, discounts, rebates or other  
217    price concessions, utilization and utilization trends, aggregate annual spending in the state on the  
218    drug and the impact of the drug’s cost on the state budget;

219        (ii) the average patient co-pay or other cost-sharing for the drug in the commonwealth;

220        (iii) whether the cost of the drug contributes to inequities in health care access or  
221    outcomes;

(iv) the price and availability of therapeutic alternatives in the commonwealth;

(v) input from patients affected by the condition or disease treated by the drug and

224 individuals with medical or scientific expertise related to the condition or disease treated by the  
225 drug;

(vi) input from other stakeholders, which may include, but shall not be limited to, patient advocacy organizations, consumer advocacy organizations, providers, provider organizations and ; and

(vii) any other factors the commission deems relevant.

(3) In conducting a review of eligible drugs, the commission shall notify the

231 manufacturer that the commission is reviewing the manufacturer's drug and shall provide the  
232 manufacturer with the opportunity to provide relevant information about the drug's pricing. The  
233 commission may request relevant information from the manufacturer of said eligible drug and  
234 from pharmacy benefit managers, payers, wholesalers, pharmacies, clinical experts, providers  
235 and other persons or entities. The commission, to the extent feasible, shall collaborate with the  
236 center to avoid collecting duplicative information and reduce the administrative burden on all  
237 parties.

(c)(1) Using the records and information provided under subsection (b), available

239 information from the center, from an outside third party, from another agency or department

240 within the commonwealth or that is otherwise available to the commission or any of its

241 subdivisions, the commission shall identify a proposed value for eligible drugs the commission

242 has reviewed pursuant to subsection (b) and which the commission has determined have or likely

243 will have a significant impact on patient access or which have created or likely will create

244 significant affordability challenges for the state's health care system or patients, as described in

245 clauses (i) and (ii) of paragraph (1) of subsection (b). In identifying proposed values for eligible

246 drugs, the commission may prioritize drugs based on the commission's determination of the  
247 significance of the drug cost's negative impact on patient access or the extent to which the drug's  
248 cost has created or likely will create affordability challenges for the state's health care system or  
249 patients, as described in clauses (i) and (ii) of paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this section.

250 (2) The commission shall base the proposed value on:

251 (i) the cost of delivering and administering the drug and other administrative costs related  
252 to the production and delivery of the drug that the commission deems relevant;

253 (ii) the status of the drug on the drug shortage list published by the United States Food  
254 and Drug Administration;

255 (iii) the drug's status as an orphan drug;

256 (iv) information the commission collected pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (b) that  
257 the commission deems relevant, including, but not limited to input from patients and  
258 stakeholders; and

259 (v) other factors the commission deems relevant in determining a drug's value.

260 (3) The commission shall not base its determination on the proposed value of the eligible  
261 drug solely on the analysis or research of an outside third party and shall not employ a measure  
262 or metric that assigns a reduced value to the life extension provided by a treatment based on a  
263 pre-existing disability or chronic health condition of the individuals whom the treatment would  
264 benefit. If the commission relies upon a third party to provide cost-effectiveness analysis or  
265 research related to the proposed value of the eligible drug, such analysis or research shall also  
266 include, but not be limited to: (i) a description of the methodologies and models used in the  
267 analysis; (ii) any assumptions and potential limitations of research findings in the context of the  
268 results; and (iii) outcomes for affected subpopulations that utilize the drug, including, but not

269 limited to, potential impacts on individuals of marginalized racial or ethnic groups and on  
270 individuals with specific disabilities or health conditions who regularly utilize the eligible drug.

271 (d) If, after review of an eligible drug the commission determines that the cost of the  
272 eligible drug, as determined by the commission, does not substantially exceed the proposed value  
273 of the drug, the commission shall notify the manufacturer, in writing, of its determination and  
274 shall evaluate other ways to mitigate the eligible drug's cost in order to improve patient access to  
275 the eligible drug and help address affordability challenges. For the purposes of this subsection, to  
276 "substantially exceed" shall mean to exceed by not less than 15 per cent; provided, however, that  
277 for good cause, the commission may determine that a drug's cost does not substantially exceed  
278 the proposed value even if the cost exceeds the value by more than 15 per cent; provided further,  
279 that the commission shall adopt regulations defining good cause prior to making such a  
280 determination. The commission may engage with stakeholders, including, but not limited to,  
281 patients, patient advocacy organizations, consumer advocacy organizations, providers, provider  
282 organizations and payers, to explore options for mitigating the cost of the eligible drug. Upon the  
283 conclusion of a stakeholder engagement process under this subsection, the commission shall  
284 issue recommendations on ways to reduce the cost of the eligible drug for the purpose of  
285 improving patient access to the eligible drug and helping to address affordability challenges.  
286 Recommendations may include but shall not be limited to: (i) an alternative payment plan or  
287 methodology; (ii) a bulk purchasing program; (iii) co-payment, deductible, co-insurance or other  
288 cost-sharing restrictions; (iv) risk-based solutions; and (v) public reporting of the drugs. The  
289 recommendations shall be publicly posted on the commission's website and provided to the  
290 clerks of the house of representatives and senate, the joint committee on health care financing  
291 and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided, however, that the report  
292 shall be published on the website of the commission.

293                         (e) If, after review of an eligible drug, the commission determines that the cost of the  
294 eligible drug, as determined by the commission, substantially exceeds the proposed value of the  
295 drug, the commission shall notify and provide the manufacturer with an opportunity provide  
296 further information related to the pricing of the eligible drug, the manufacturer's reasons for the  
297 pricing, and any actions the manufacturer has taken or will imminently take that have a high  
298 likelihood of lowering the cost of the drug for units of the drugs that are dispensed or  
299 administered to an individual in the state in person, by mail, or by other means. For the purposes  
300 of this subsection, to "substantially exceed" shall mean to exceed by at least 15 per cent;  
301 provided, however, that the commission may determine that a drug's cost substantially exceeds  
302 the proposed value even if the cost exceeds the value by less than 15 per cent if the commission  
303 has good cause for making such a determination; and provided further, that the commission shall  
304 adopt regulations defining good cause prior to making such a determination.

305                         (f) The commission may revise the proposed value for an eligible drug based on the  
306 information provided, if any, pursuant to subsection (e). Not later than 60 days after receiving  
307 any information from the manufacturer under subsection (b) or (e), the commission shall publicly  
308 issue a determination on whether the cost of an eligible drug, as determined by the commission,  
309 substantially exceeds the commission's proposed value of the drug. If the commission  
310 determines that the cost of an eligible drug substantially exceeds the commission's proposed  
311 value of the drug, the commission shall confidentially notify the manufacturer, in writing, of its  
312 determination and shall set an upper payment limit for the drug pursuant to section 25. For the  
313 purposes of this subsection, to "substantially exceed" shall mean to exceed by not less than 15  
314 per cent; provided, however, that, for good cause, the commission may determine that a drug's  
315 cost substantially exceeds the proposed value if the cost exceeds the value by less than 15 per  
316 cent; and provided further, that the commission shall adopt regulations defining good cause prior  
317 to making such a determination.

318                         (g) Records disclosed by a manufacturer or other person or entity pursuant to this section,  
319 if any, shall: (i) be accompanied by an attestation that all information provided is true and  
320 correct; (ii) not be public records as defined under clause Twenty-sixth of section 7 of chapter 4  
321 or chapter 66; and (iii) remain confidential; provided, however, that the commission may  
322 produce reports summarizing any findings; provided further, that any such report shall not be in a  
323 form that identifies specific prices charged for or rebate amounts associated with drugs by a  
324 manufacturer or in a manner that is likely to compromise the financial, competitive or  
325 proprietary nature of the information.

326                         A request for further information made by the commission under subsection (e) or a  
327 determination issued or written notification made by the commission under subsection (f) shall  
328 not be public records as defined under said clause Twenty-sixth of said section 7 of said chapter  
329 4 or said chapter 66.

330                         In issuing public determinations under subsection (f), the commission shall not identify  
331 specific prices charged for, or rebate amounts associated with, drugs by a manufacturer or in a  
332 manner that is likely to compromise the financial, competitive or proprietary nature of the  
333 information. Such prices or rebates shall not be public records as defined under said clause  
334 Twenty-sixth of said section 7 of said chapter 4 or said chapter 66.

335                         (h) The commission's proposed value of an eligible drug and the commission's  
336 underlying analysis of the eligible drug shall not be used to determine whether any individual  
337 patient meets prior authorization or utilization management criteria for the eligible drug. The  
338 proposed value and underlying analysis shall not be the sole factor in determining whether a drug  
339 is included in a formulary or whether the drug is subject to step therapy.

340                         (i) The commission may request relevant information to implement this section from the  
341 manufacturer of eligible drug and from pharmacy benefit managers, payers, wholesalers,

342 pharmacies, clinical experts, providers and other persons or entities; provided, however, that if a  
343 manufacturer, pharmacy benefit manager, wholesaler or payer fails to timely comply with the  
344 commission's request for records pursuant to subsections (b) or (e) or otherwise knowingly  
345 obstructs the commission's ability to issue its determination under subsection (f) by taking  
346 actions including, but not limited to, providing false or misleading information, the commission  
347 may impose sanctions against the entity, including monetary penalties not to exceed \$500,000,  
348 per violation. The commission shall promote compliance with this section and shall only impose  
349 a civil penalty on the manufacturer as a last resort. Penalties collected under this subsection shall  
350 be deposited into the Prescription Drug Cost Assistance Trust Fund established in section  
351 2LLLLL of chapter 29. The commission, to the extent feasible, shall collaborate with the center  
352 to avoid collecting duplicative information and reduce the administrative burden on all parties.

353           The failure of an entity to provide requested information to the commission or the center  
354 pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (b), paragraph (3) of subsection (c), subsection (e) or any  
355 other provision in this section or sections 23 or 25 shall not impair the commission's ability to  
356 determine which drugs are eligible drugs, to review eligible drugs, to determine proposed values,  
357 to set upper payment limits or otherwise exercise the commission's authority under this section  
358 or sections 23 or 25.

359           (j) The commission shall adopt any written policies, procedures or regulations that it  
360 determines necessary to implement this section.

361           Section 25. (a) Upon providing written notice provided under subsection (f) of section 24,  
362 the commission shall set an upper payment limit for an eligible drug. The upper payment limit  
363 shall be the maximum amount that may be paid or billed for a prescription drug purchased or  
364 reimbursed in any financial transaction under subsection (c).

365                         (b) The upper payment limit shall be the proposed value for the eligible drug; provided,  
366 however, that if the commission revised the proposed value pursuant to subsection (f) of section  
367 24, the upper payment limit shall be the drug's revised proposed value. The commission may set  
368 an upper payment limit that is different than the proposed value for good cause; provided,  
369 however, that the commission shall adopt regulations defining good cause prior to setting any  
370 upper payment limit. The commission may annually raise a drug's upper payment limit to  
371 account for inflation. An upper payment limit shall not include a pharmacy dispensing fee and  
372 nothing in this section shall be interpreted to prevent a retail pharmacy from receiving a payment  
373 that includes a dispensing fee above the upper payment limit.

374                         (c)(1) The upper payment limit shall apply:

375                                 (i) when an individual purchases a prescription drug from a provider located in the  
376 commonwealth or a pharmacy licensed by the commonwealth and the drug is dispensed or  
377 administered to an individual in the commonwealth in person, by mail or by other means;  
378 provided, however, that if the person is insured, the amount the person pays, plus the amount the  
379 person's carrier, the commonwealth or entity acting on behalf of the commonwealth, including,  
380 but not limited to the medical assistance program established under chapter 118E, or the  
381 participating self-insured plan pays, shall not exceed the upper payment limit plus applicable  
382 dispensing fees; and provided further, that a person shall be considered to have purchased a drug  
383 if they are not required to pay any cost-sharing amount;

384                                 (ii) when a provider located in the commonwealth or a pharmacy licensed by the  
385 commonwealth purchases from a wholesaler or other entity a prescription drug that is dispensed  
386 or administered to a person in the commonwealth in person, by mail or by other means;

387                                 (iii) when a carrier, a pharmacy benefits manager, the commonwealth or entity acting on  
388 behalf of the commonwealth, including, but not limited to, the medical assistance program

389 established under chapter 118E, or a participating self-insured plan pays or reimburses a  
390 pharmacy, provider or other entity for a prescription drug that is dispensed or administered to a  
391 person in the commonwealth in person, by mail or by other means; provided, however, that the  
392 amount the person pays for the drug, plus the amount the carrier, the commonwealth or entity  
393 acting on behalf of the commonwealth, or the participating self-insured plan pays shall not  
394 exceed the upper payment limit plus applicable dispensing fees; and

395 (iv) to any other transaction within the commonwealth's jurisdiction to which the  
396 commission determines is necessary to apply the upper payment limit to effectuate the purposes  
397 of this section.

398 (2) For the purposes of this subsection, "carrier" shall have the same meaning as in  
399 section 1 of chapter 176O.

400 (d) Upper payment limits shall become effective 6 months after the commission has  
401 issued a public determination pursuant to subsection (f) of section 24.

402 (e) A self-insured plan governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of  
403 1974 may elect to be subject to the upper payment limits.

404 (f) The commission may suspend an upper payment limit if the commission determines  
405 that there is a shortage of the drug in the commonwealth, unless the commission determines that  
406 the shortage was caused by a manufacturer or the manufacturer's agent due to the commission  
407 establishing an upper payment limit for the drug.

408 (g) Any manufacturer or wholesaler that intends to withdraw from sale or distribution  
409 within the commonwealth a drug for which the commission has established an upper payment  
410 limit shall provide a notice of withdrawal in writing not less than 6 months before the withdrawal  
411 to the commission, the commissioner of the division of insurance, the attorney general and any

412 entity in the commonwealth with which the manufacturer or wholesaler has a contract for the  
413 sale or distribution of the drug. The commission shall assess a penalty not more than 1 year's  
414 worth of the manufacturer's revenue attributable to use of the drug in the commonwealth, as  
415 determined by the commission, if the commission determines that a manufacturer or wholesaler  
416 failed to provide said notice. This subsection shall not apply in instances where the drug is being  
417 withdrawn due to a recall or revocation of the drug's approval by the United States Food and  
418 Drug Administration or similar reasons as determined by the commission.

419 (h) Any savings that a carrier, a participating self-insured plan or the group insurance  
420 commission generates due to the implementation of an upper payment limit shall be used to  
421 reduce costs to consumers, prioritizing the reduction of premiums or out-of-pocket costs for  
422 prescription drugs. Annually, each carrier, participating self-insured plan, the group insurance  
423 commission and the division of medical assistance shall submit to the commission a report  
424 describing the savings achieved as a result of implementing upper payment limits and how those  
425 savings were used to reduce costs to consumers.

426 (i) The attorney general may enforce this section.

427 (j) The commission shall promulgate regulations, including, but not limited to, civil  
428 penalties, as necessary to implement this section.

429 SECTION 15. Section 14C of chapter 7 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
430 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of "Funding source" the  
431 following definition:-

432 "Quasi-public independent entity", a corporation that: (i) is supported by a government  
433 entity to provide services to citizens, including, but not limited to, operating public buses and rail  
434 systems, developing drinking water and managing public pension information; and (ii) has

435 certain budgetary, governing and policy-making independence from the executive and legislative  
436 branches.

437 SECTION 16. Said section 14C of said chapter 7, as so appearing, is hereby further  
438 amended by adding the following subsection:-

439 (i) A quasi-public independent entity shall submit compensation information to the  
440 comptroller who shall post such information on the searchable website. The state auditor shall  
441 publicly post audits conducted of quasi-public independent entities on its website.

442 SECTION 17. Chapter 10 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section  
443 35III, as amended by section 16 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024, and inserting in place thereof  
444 the following section:-

445 Section 35III. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a  
446 separate, non-budgeted special revenue fund known as the Old Harbor Reservation Trust Fund,  
447 which shall be administered by the department of conservation and recreation. Amounts credited  
448 to the fund shall be expended, without further appropriation, for the purposes of advancing  
449 recreational, educational, conservation, public health and safety interests, including, but not  
450 limited to, dedicated environmental police and ranger staffing, maintenance staff, construction  
451 and maintenance of facilities and infrastructure improvements, of the Old Harbor reservation  
452 area, including, but not limited to, Castle island, Pleasure bay, McDonough sailing center,  
453 Marine park, Murphy memorial skating rink, M street beach, Carson beach, Day boulevard and  
454 Columbia road, in the South Boston section of the city of Boston.

455 The fund shall receive, hold and expend all fees generated by permits, licenses and all  
456 other agreements not currently directed to the General Fund relating to the use of department of  
457 conservation and recreation assets, facilities and land within the Old Harbor reservation. Any  
458 unexpended balance in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall remain available for expenditure

459 in subsequent fiscal years. Annually, not later than July 31, the department shall submit a report,  
460 which shall include, but shall not be limited to, an accounting of all funds generated for the trust  
461 and expenditures for the previous fiscal year, to the house and senate committees on ways and  
462 means. The department shall not make expenditures from this fund which shall cause the fund to  
463 be deficient.

464 SECTION 18. Section 11K of chapter 12 of the General Laws is hereby repealed.

465 SECTION 19. The second paragraph of section 4 of chapter 17 of the General Laws, as  
466 appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the third, fourth and  
467 fifth sentences and inserting in place thereof the following 3 sentences:- The registrar shall be  
468 subject to chapter 31 and shall, under the supervision of the commissioner, enforce all laws  
469 relative to the registry and statewide return of births, marriages and deaths and may prosecute in  
470 the name of the commonwealth any violations thereof. The department may promulgate  
471 regulations to ensure the uniform administration of all laws relative to the registry and return of  
472 births, marriages and deaths. Proposed regulations shall be prepared for the department by the  
473 registrar, in consultation with an advisory committee, which shall consist of: the registrar; 4 local  
474 clerks, as defined in section 1E of chapter 46, to be appointed by the registrar; a genealogist to be  
475 appointed by the registrar from a list of 3 individuals submitted by the New England Historic  
476 Genealogical Society; and a historian to be appointed by the registrar from a list of 3 individuals  
477 submitted by the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

478 SECTION 20. Section 13 of said chapter 17, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
479 adding the following subsection:-

480 (f) As used in this subsection, “public health essential drug” shall mean a prescription  
481 drug, biologic or biosimilar approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration that:  
482 (i) appears on the Model List of Essential Medicines as most recently adopted by the World  
483 Health Organization; (ii) is selected pursuant to section 17Z of chapter 32A, section 10Z of  
484 chapter 118E, section 47CCC of chapter 175, section 8DDD of chapter 176A, section 4DDD of

485 chapter 176B and section 4VV of chapter 176G; or (iii) is deemed an essential medicine by the  
486 commission due to its efficacy in treating a life-threatening health condition or a chronic health  
487 condition that substantially impairs an individual's ability to engage in activities of daily living  
488 or because limited access to a certain population would pose a public health challenge.

489       The commission shall identify and publish a list of public health essential drugs. The list  
490 shall be updated not less than annually and be made publicly available on the department's  
491 website; provided, however, that the commission may provide an interim listing of a public  
492 health essential drug prior to an annual update. The commission shall notify and forward a copy  
493 of the list to the health policy commission established under chapter 6D.

494       SECTION 21. Section 14 of chapter 23A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
495 amended by inserting after the word "section", in line 38, the following words:- ; provided,  
496 however, that this restriction shall not apply to matching funds from nongovernmental sources or  
497 to funds expended for attendance and participation in trade shows to promote tourism,  
498 convention, travel and recreation in the commonwealth or to host tour operators and media visits  
499 to the commonwealth.

500       SECTION 22. Section 1 of chapter 23B of the General Laws, as most recently amended  
501 by section 3 of chapter 150 of the acts of 2024, is hereby further amended by adding the  
502 following subsection:-

503           (e) The executive office shall publish and maintain a publicly accessible online  
504 dashboard, which shall provide information on the use of all funding resources, including, but  
505 not limited to, loans, grants, project based vouchers and state or federal tax credits, controlled or  
506 awarded, directly or indirectly, by the executive office for the purpose of housing production or  
507 preservation; provided, however, that the dashboard shall not include data on mobile rental  
508 assistance, downpayment assistance or other loans or grants to individuals. For each housing  
509 project for which funding is awarded, the dashboard shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the  
510 amount and source of the funding awarded; (ii) the date of the award; (iii) the project name,

511 sponsor, address and total project cost itemized by project application; (iv) the number of units  
512 delineated by the number of bedrooms per unit; (v) the affordability mix of units; (vi) whether  
513 the units are new or rehabilitated; (vii) whether the units will be rented or owner occupied; (viii)  
514 the accessibility of the units; (ix) the reservation of units for special populations; (x) any  
515 affiliated projects; and (xi) the progress of the project from funding through construction. The  
516 dashboard shall allow users to search for individual projects and generate summaries of  
517 quantitative project variables by project attributes including, but not limited to, the county and  
518 municipality wherein a project is located. The secretary may issue guidance and post policies on  
519 the project dashboards to exclude project attributes, as necessary, to protect confidential or other  
520 legally protected information. The dashboard shall be updated at least annually.

521 SECTION 23. Section 55 of chapter 23K of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
522 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 6 and 7, the words “9 per cent of its  
523 gross gaming revenue” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 4.5 per cent of its  
524 gross gaming revenue to the General Fund and a daily assessment of 4.5 per cent of its gross  
525 gaming revenue.

526 SECTION 24. Section 7A of chapter 26 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
527 amended by inserting after the figure “176B”, in lines 18, 33 and 38, the following figure:- ,  
528 176E.

529 SECTION 25. Chapter 26 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section  
530 8A, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

531 Section 8A. (a) There shall be a board of appeal on motor vehicle liability policies and  
532 bonds in the division of insurance. The board shall consist of 1 person to be appointed by the  
533 commissioner of insurance, 1 person to be appointed by the registrar of motor vehicles and 2  
534 persons to be appointed by the attorney general. The members of the board shall serve at the  
535 pleasure of their appointing authority. The commissioner of insurance, the registrar of motor  
536 vehicles and the attorney general may each designate not more than 2 alternate members. A

537 designation of an alternate member may be revoked at any time. Upon the inability to act or  
538 unavailability on the part of a principal member, whether temporary or permanent, the place of  
539 the principal member may be taken by an alternate member of the same appointing authority at  
540 the discretion of the chair or executive director. Board members and designated alternates, if any,  
541 shall hold a current license to practice law in the commonwealth or shall have experience in the  
542 areas of road safety or motor vehicle law. The compensation of a principal or alternate member,  
543 if not an employee of the commonwealth, shall be fixed by the commissioner. The commissioner  
544 shall designate the chair of the board.

545 (b) The commissioner shall appoint an executive director of the board. The executive  
546 director shall report to and serve at the pleasure of the commissioner and shall devote their full  
547 time to the duties of the office. The executive director shall be the executive and administrative  
548 head of the board. The executive director shall be responsible for the day-to-day operations of  
549 the board and may employ such employees and agents as the executive director may deem  
550 necessary, fix their compensation within the limitations provided by law and prescribe their  
551 duties. The executive director shall keep a record of all proceedings before the board and shall  
552 collect data on appeals, board outcomes and key performance metrics as determined by the  
553 commissioner.

554 (c) The division shall employ an executive secretary who shall report to the executive  
555 director. As deemed necessary by the commissioner, the division may employ staff to support the  
556 executive director and the board.

557 (d) All expenditures incurred pursuant to this section shall be paid from the Highway  
558 Fund. Section 11 of chapter 233 shall apply to the board and any witnesses summoned before it.  
559 The expenses for attendance and travel of witnesses before the board shall be paid in accordance  
560 with section 29 of chapter 262 and shall not be required to be paid to such witnesses prior to their  
561 reporting to the board. Any such expenses shall be paid by the commonwealth upon the  
562 certification by the board, by a member thereof or by the executive director, which shall be filed

563 with the comptroller. The commissioner shall provide or facilitate the provision of an office  
564 space and a room for hearings of the board. The board may hold hearings within the  
565 commonwealth or virtually and the members and staff of the board shall be entitled to  
566 compensation for necessary travel and other expenses incurred for participating in hearings  
567 outside the city of Boston. The board, with the approval of the commissioner and in consultation  
568 with the registrar of motor vehicles and the attorney general, shall promulgate rules and  
569 regulations as may be necessary to expedite and regulate hearings under this section.

570                 (e) Cases before the board shall be heard by panels of 3 members; provided, however,  
571 that the board may provide by regulation for categories of cases that may be heard by a single  
572 board member or a designated hearing officer or which may be decided without a hearing upon  
573 written submissions. Any designated hearing officer shall be an employee of the board or the  
574 division of insurance. A designated hearing officer shall file a memorandum of their findings or  
575 order with the board and shall send a copy to all parties. A memorandum of findings or an order  
576 so filed by a designated hearing officer shall be considered a final determination of the board.

577                 SECTION 26. Section 2XXX of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
578 hereby amended by inserting after the word “modeling”, in line 50, the following words:- ; state  
579 and federal grant application support.

580                 SECTION 27. Section 2WWWWW of said chapter 29, as so appearing, is hereby  
581 amended by striking out, in line 5, the word “system including” and inserting in place thereof the  
582 following words:- continuum of care and to provide high-quality and equitable access to  
583 emergent, urgent, diversionary and rehabilitative care for individuals with a behavioral health  
584 condition. Expenditures may include.

585                 SECTION 28. Subsection (a) of section 2BBBBBB of said chapter 29, as amended by  
586 section 52 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024, is hereby further amended by striking out the figure  
587 “\$250,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$600,000,000.

588           SECTION 29. Subsection (a1/2) of said section 2BBBBBB of said chapter 29, as inserted  
589 by section 52 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024, is hereby further amended by striking out the  
590 words “locations; provided, however, that annually, not later than October 31, the secretary for  
591 administration and finance shall submit a report to the joint committee on transportation detailing  
592 approved transportation projects funded during the prior fiscal year” and inserting in place  
593 thereof the following words:- locations; provided, however, that said increase in capacity shall  
594 not be used to support or fund, in whole or in part, a single transportation project with a total  
595 project cost, regardless of source, in excess of \$1,000,000,000 unless the borrowing for the  
596 project is specifically authorized and approved by the general court after being proposed in the 5-  
597 year spending plan required by this paragraph; and provided further, that the Massachusetts  
598 Department of Transportation shall maintain a public website to track and monitor spending and  
599 progress on projects funded as a result of the increase in capacity to issue special obligation  
600 bonds or notes from the transportation income surtax revenue amount dedicated pursuant to this  
601 section. Annually, not later than October 31, the secretary of administration and finance shall  
602 submit a report to the joint committee on transportation and the chairs of the senate and house  
603 committees on ways and means detailing: (i) approved transportation projects funded during the  
604 prior fiscal year; (ii) a 5-year spending plan for the projects to be funded, in whole or in part, by  
605 special obligation bonds or notes issued by virtue of the increase in bonding capacity from the  
606 transportation income surtax revenue amount dedicated pursuant to this section; and (iii) the  
607 bonds or notes issued or scheduled to be issued.

608           SECTION 30. Said chapter 29 is hereby further amended by inserting after section  
609 2JJJJJJ the following 3 sections:-

610           Section 2KKKKKKK. (a) There shall be established a Crumbling Concrete Assistance  
611 Fund which shall be administered by the secretary of housing and livable communities. The fund  
612 shall be credited with: (i) appropriations or other money authorized by the general court and  
613 specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (ii) funds from public and private sources,

614 including, but not limited to, gifts, grants, donations and settlements received by the  
615 commonwealth that are specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (iii) federal funds  
616 received under subsection (b); and (iv) interest earned on the assets of the fund. Amounts  
617 credited to the fund shall be expended, without further appropriation, to: (A) provide financial  
618 assistance to owners of residential real property for the repair or replacement of concrete  
619 foundations of such residential real property that have deteriorated due to the presence of pyrite  
620 or pyrrhotite; (B) minimize negative fiscal impacts on municipalities in which such property is  
621 located; and (C) reimburse the owner of a residential real property that presents satisfactory  
622 evidence, as determined by the secretary, that said owner has paid for and replaced their concrete  
623 foundation that deteriorated due to the presence of pyrite or pyrrhotite prior to the establishment  
624 of the fund; provided, however, that the reimbursement shall not exceed the funding the owner  
625 would have received had they applied for financial assistance through the fund. The unexpended  
626 balance in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall remain available for expenditure in  
627 subsequent fiscal years. No expenditure made from the fund shall cause the fund to be in deficit  
628 at any point.

629 (b) The secretary of housing and livable communities may apply for, receive and deposit  
630 any federal funds, including, but not limited to, funds made available by the United States  
631 Department of Housing and Urban Development Section 108 Loan Guarantee program, into the  
632 fund. The secretary shall seek to maximize available federal reimbursements for money spent  
633 from the fund.

634 (c) Amounts issued from the fund to impacted homeowners for the repair or replacement  
635 of concrete foundations that have deteriorated due to the presence of pyrrhotite shall be exempt  
636 from taxation under chapter 62.

637 (d) Annually, not later than June 1, the secretary of housing and livable communities  
638 shall report on the activities of the fund from the previous calendar year to the clerks of the

639 senate and house of representatives, the senate and house committees on ways and means, the  
640 joint committee on environment and natural resources and the joint committee on housing.

641 (e) The secretary of housing and livable communities shall promulgate regulations or  
642 issue other guidance to set rules for the expenditure of the funds under this section.

643 Section 2LLLLL. (a) There shall be a Prescription Drug Cost Assistance Trust Fund  
644 which shall be administered by the secretary of health and human services who shall make  
645 expenditures from the fund, without further appropriation, to provide financial assistance to  
646 residents for the cost of prescription drugs through the prescription drug costs assistance program  
647 established in section 249 of chapter 111. For the purposes of this section, “prescription drug”  
648 shall mean a prescription drug and any drug delivery device needed to administer the drug that is  
649 not included as part of the underlying drug prescription.

650 The fund shall be credited with: (i) revenue from appropriations or other money  
651 authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; and (ii)  
652 funds from public or private sources, including, but not limited to, gifts, grants, donations,  
653 rebates and settlements received by the commonwealth that are specifically designated to be  
654 credited to the fund. Money remaining in the fund at the close of a fiscal year shall not revert to  
655 the General Fund and shall be available for expenditure in the following fiscal year.

656 (b) Annually, not later than March 1, the secretary shall report on the fund’s activities  
657 detailing expenditures from the previous calendar year. The report shall include: (i) the number  
658 of individuals who received financial assistance from the fund; (ii) the breakdown of fund  
659 recipients by race, gender, age range, geographic region and income level; (iii) a list of all  
660 prescription drugs that were covered by money from the fund; and (iv) the total cost savings  
661 received by all fund recipients and the cost savings broken down by race, gender, age range and  
662 income level. The report shall be submitted to the clerks of the senate and house of  
663 representatives, senate and house committees on ways and means and the joint committee on

664 health care financing; provided, however, that annually, not later than March 1, the report shall  
665 be published on the website of the executive office of health and human services.

666 (c) The secretary shall promulgate regulations for the expenditure of the funds under this  
667 section.

668 Section 2MMMMMM. (a) There shall be a Scientific Research Fund which shall be  
669 administered by the executive office of health and human services. The fund shall be credited  
670 with: (i) revenue from appropriations or other money authorized by the general court and  
671 specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (ii) interest earned on such revenues; and (iii)  
672 funds from public and private sources, including, but not limited to, gifts, grants, donations and  
673 settlements received by the commonwealth that are designated to be credited to the fund. The  
674 fund shall be expended, without further appropriation, for the executive office to provide  
675 research grants in the fields of science, medicine, public health, mental health and other  
676 biological or behavioral areas of inquiry. The executive office shall prioritize for funding grant  
677 proposals from academic and other nonprofit applicants. Any unexpended balance in the fund at  
678 the end of a fiscal year shall remain available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years and shall  
679 not revert to the General Fund. No expenditure shall be made from the fund which causes the  
680 fund to be in a deficit at any time.

681 (b) Annually, not later than March 1, the executive office shall report on the activities of  
682 the fund from the previous calendar year to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives,  
683 the senate and house committees on ways and means, the joint committee on health care  
684 financing, the joint committee on public health and the joint committee on economic  
685 development and emerging technologies. The executive office may promulgate regulations or  
686 issue guidance to implement this section.

687           SECTION 31. Section 64E of said chapter 29, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,  
688 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the figure “20” and inserting in place thereof the  
689 following figure:- 100.

690           SECTION 32. Said section 64E of said chapter 29, as so appearing, is hereby further  
691 amended by adding the following subsection:-

692           (g) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the treasurer or the  
693 treasurer’s designee, may seek to reduce operating expenses for the plan through private  
694 donations or grants, which may include direct and indirect fundraising.

695           SECTION 33. Section 1 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
696 amended by inserting after the word “employer”, in line 602, the following words:-, including  
697 any accrued sick, personal or vacation leave except when paid as a supplement to the receipt of  
698 weekly workers’ compensation benefits pursuant to section 69 of chapter 152.

699           SECTION 34. Section 4E of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
700 amended by inserting after the word “schools”, in line 25, the following words:- or  
701 commonwealth virtual schools established pursuant to section 94 of chapter 71.

702           SECTION 35. Chapter 46 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section  
703 1, as amended by section 1 of chapter 166 of the acts of 2024, and inserting in place thereof the  
704 following section:-

705           Section 1. Each local clerk shall obtain and record the following facts set forth in this  
706 section, as well as such additional information that may be required under federal statutes or  
707 contracts, regulations promulgated pursuant to section 4 of chapter 17 or as the commissioner of  
708 public health may require, relative to births, marriages, acknowledgments and adjudications of  
709 parentage and deaths which occurred in the town or city and for certificates of marriage issued  
710 by the town or city.

711           In the record of births, the date of birth, place of birth, the name, residence and sex of  
712 child and the names, names at birth or adoption, places of birth and dates of birth of the parent or

713 parents. In the record of birth of a child born to parents not married to each other, the name of  
714 and other facts relating to the other parent or parents shall not be recorded except as provided in  
715 section 2 of chapter 209C where parentage has been acknowledged or adjudicated under the laws  
716 of the commonwealth or under the laws of any other jurisdiction.

717       In the record of marriages, date of record, date and place of marriage, name, residence  
718 and official station of the person by whom solemnized; for each of the parties to be married the  
719 name, date and place of birth, residence, age, number of the marriage and if previously married,  
720 whether widowed or divorced and the name at birth or adoption of the parties' parents.

721       In the record of death, date of death, name of deceased, including surname at birth or  
722 adoption, gender, race, marital status, education, name of spouse if ever married, supposed age,  
723 residence, occupation, place of death, place of birth, surname at birth or adoption and places of  
724 birth of the deceased's parent or parents, disease or cause of death, defined so that it can be  
725 classified under the international classification of causes of death, and place and type of  
726 immediate disposition. The record of death shall not include the social security number of the  
727 deceased. As used in this section, the word "residence" shall include the name of the street and  
728 number, if any, of the house.

729       SECTION 36. Section 1E of said chapter 46, as amended by section 8 of chapter 186 of  
730 the acts of 2024, is hereby further amended by striking out the definition of "town clerk or clerk"  
731 and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

732       "Local clerk", a town clerk, city clerk or local registrar as provided in section 22.

733       SECTION 37. Said chapter 46 is hereby further amended by striking out section 13, as  
734 most recently amended by section 3 of chapter 166 of the acts of 2024, and inserting in place  
735 thereof the following section:-

736       Section 13. (a) If a record relating to a birth, marriage, acknowledgment or adjudication  
737 of parentage or death does not contain all the facts required under section 1, or if it is claimed  
738 that the facts are not correctly stated therein, the local clerk or state registrar shall receive from

739 the person required by law to furnish the information for the original record, or by credible  
740 persons having knowledge of the case, an affidavit containing the missing or corrected facts  
741 required to correct or complete the record, accompanied by documentary evidence substantiating  
742 such facts beyond a reasonable doubt. Except as hereinafter provided, such amendments shall be  
743 made only to reflect the correct information at the time of the event. The minimum documentary  
744 evidence to be required shall be specified by regulations promulgated pursuant to section 4 of  
745 chapter 17.

746 (b) Any record filed under this chapter may be amended, corrected or supplemented  
747 within 1 year after the date of the event without such affidavit or documentary evidence if  
748 allowed by regulations promulgated pursuant to section 4 of chapter 17, except such  
749 amendments, corrections or supplements which are expressly provided for hereinafter.

750 (c) If a person shall have acquired the status of a marital child by the intermarriage of the  
751 person's parents and the acknowledgment of the child's other parent or an adjudication of  
752 parentage by a court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction under the laws of the  
753 commonwealth or any other jurisdiction, the record of the person's birth shall be amended so as  
754 to read, in all respects, as if such person had been reported at the time of birth as born to such  
755 parents in lawful wedlock.

756 (d) If a person is born to parents not married to each other or if the person who gave birth  
757 and such person's spouse at the time of the birth or conception of the child complete an affidavit  
758 denying that the spouse is the parent of the child or if there is an adjudication of nonparentage of  
759 the spouse, such person's birth record shall be amended to include the alleged genetic parent's  
760 information required by section 1; provided, however, that:

761 (i) the person who gave birth and the alleged genetic parent have signed and filed an  
762 acknowledgment of parentage with the local clerk in the city or town where the birth occurred,  
763 the state registrar or the probate and family court having jurisdiction over the parties or the child  
764 pursuant to chapter 209C;

765               (ii) there has been a judgment of parentage by a court or administrative agency of  
766 competent jurisdiction under the laws of the commonwealth and the court presents to the state  
767 registrar a certified copy of such judgment on a form provided by the state registrar to amend the  
768 birth certificate;

769               (iii) there has been an acknowledgment of parentage or a judgment of parentage by a  
770 court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction under the laws of the commonwealth or  
771 of another state or a foreign country and 1 of the following persons requests an amendment and  
772 presents to the state registrar a copy of such judgment: (A) the parent who gave birth; (B) the  
773 other parent named in such acknowledgment or judgment of parentage; (C) the other parent  
774 named currently on the birth record; (D) the subject of the record; (E) the legal guardian of the  
775 subject; or (F) the legal representative of any of the foregoing;

776               (iv) there has been a judgment of parentage by a court or administrative agency of  
777 competent jurisdiction in the commonwealth and the court orders the state registrar to amend the  
778 birth certificate to include the information relating to the other parent; provided, however, that  
779 such order may include an order to amend information relating to the name of the child; or

780               (v) there has been a judgment of parentage by a court or administrative agency of  
781 competent jurisdiction in the commonwealth approving or adopting a judgment establishing  
782 parentage issued by a court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction under the laws of  
783 another state or a foreign country and the court presents to the state registrar a certified copy of  
784 such judgment on a form provided by the state registrar to amend the birth certificate; provided,  
785 however, that the local clerk of the city or town where the child was born or the state registrar  
786 shall amend the birth certificate consistent with the findings of the court and the certificate shall  
787 be required to read, in all respects, as if such information had been reported at the time of such  
788 birth; provided further, that the fact that parentage was established after the child's birth shall not  
789 be ascertainable from the new certificate but the actual place and date of birth shall be shown;  
790 provided further, that the original certificate and the evidence upon which the amended birth

791 certificate was made shall be subject to inspection by the parent who gave birth, the other parent,  
792 the subject of the record, any person presumed to be the parent under section 6 of chapter 209C  
793 or a government official requiring access for their official duties, including the IV-D agency as  
794 set forth in chapter 119A or a legal representative of the subject of the birth record; and provided  
795 further, that an order of the probate and family court in the county where the child was born shall  
796 be required for anyone else seeking access to the original birth record or evidence.

797 (e) (1) A person who is 18 years of age or older, an emancipated minor or the parent or  
798 guardian of a minor may request a change in the sex designation on the person's birth record to a  
799 sex designation including, but not limited to, "female", "male" or "X". An "X" designation may  
800 indicate that the person is another gender or an undesignated gender. A request for a change in  
801 the sex designation on a birth record shall be accompanied by an affidavit executed under the  
802 penalty of perjury by the person to whom the record relates or by the parent or guardian of the  
803 person if the person is a minor attesting that the request is to conform the person's birth record to  
804 the person's gender identity and is not made for any fraudulent purpose; provided, however, that  
805 no medical or healthcare related documentation, court order or proof of change of name shall be  
806 required by a local clerk, the state registrar or any other official in connection with a request  
807 under this paragraph.

808 (2) A person who requests a change in the sex designation on the person's birth record  
809 pursuant to paragraph (1) may request a change of name on the person's birth record. A request  
810 for a change of name on a birth record shall be accompanied by a certified copy of the legal  
811 change of name; provided, however, that no medical or healthcare related documentation shall be  
812 required by a local clerk, the state registrar or any other official in connection with a request  
813 under this paragraph.

814 (3) A person who has changed the sex designation on the person's birth record pursuant  
815 to paragraph (1) but did not request a change of name on the person's birth record pursuant to  
816 paragraph (2) may request a change of name on the person's birth record within 3 years from the

817 date of the change in the sex designation on the person's birth record pursuant to said paragraph  
818 (1); provided, however, that a person whose sex designation on their birth record was changed  
819 while the person was a minor shall have 3 years from the date of their eighteenth birthday to  
820 request a change of name on the person's birth record; and provided further, that the department  
821 may waive the 3-year limitation for a person that demonstrates good cause, as determined by the  
822 department. A request for a change of name on a birth record shall be accompanied by a certified  
823 copy of the legal change of name; provided, however, that no medical or healthcare related  
824 documentation shall be required by a local clerk, the state registrar or any other official in  
825 connection with a request under this paragraph.

826 (4) Upon joint application by parents, the birth record of a minor child shall be amended  
827 to change a parent or parents' names upon receipt by the state registrar or local clerk of a request  
828 for a change of name along with a certified copy of the legal change of name or names. A request  
829 shall be accompanied by an affidavit executed under the penalty of perjury that the request is to  
830 conform the record to a change of name pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) and is not made for any  
831 fraudulent purpose.

832 (f) If the birth of a child is recorded as that of a marital child, and the nonparentage of the  
833 spouse has been legally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to the laws of  
834 the commonwealth or by a court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction under the  
835 laws of another state or foreign country, or if the birth of a child is recorded as that of a child  
836 whose parentage has been acknowledged by the person who gave birth and the other parent and  
837 either parent rescinds the acknowledgment as provided in section 11 of chapter 209C or under  
838 similar law of another state or foreign country, the birth record shall be amended to remove the  
839 other parent's information; provided, however, that:

840 (i) there has been a notarized rescission filed with the department of public health or a  
841 judgment of nonparentage or judgment of divorce by a court under the laws of the

842 commonwealth and the court presents to the state registrar a certified copy of such judgment,  
843 together with a form provided by the state registrar to amend the birth certificate; or  
844 (ii) there has been a judgment of nonparentage or judgment of divorce by a court or  
845 administrative agency of competent jurisdiction under the laws of another state or foreign  
846 country and 1 of the following persons requests an amendment and presents to the state registrar  
847 a certified copy of such judgment: (A) the person who gave birth; (B) the parent named in such  
848 judgment of nonparentage or judgment of divorce; (C) the subject of the record; (D) the legal  
849 guardian of the subject of the record; or (E) the legal representative of any of the foregoing.

850 (g) If a person shall have been adopted by judicial decree, the local clerk where such  
851 person was born or the state registrar shall receive the certificate of such adoption issued under  
852 the authority of section 6A of chapter 210 or a certified copy of the decree for such adoption,  
853 whether issued by a probate court for the commonwealth or by the appropriate court of any other  
854 state or country. Except as hereinafter provided, said clerk or state registrar, after receiving such  
855 certificate of adoption or any such certified copy, shall correct the record of birth of the adopted  
856 person. If such record or certified copy does not contain the facts required by this section relative  
857 to the adopting parents for correcting such record, the local clerk or state registrar shall not  
858 correct such record until they have received an affidavit signed and sworn to by the adopting  
859 parents, or by the person adopted, furnishing such facts. If a person who was in the custody of  
860 the department of children and families is adopted and the adopting parents surrender the person  
861 back to the department, that person shall have the right to change the birth certificate back to that  
862 person's birth name.

863 (h) The local clerk or state registrar in receipt of an adoption record pursuant to this  
864 section shall, on forms provided by the state registrar, complete an amended, corrected or  
865 supplemented record of birth, death or marriage or acknowledgment or adjudication of  
866 parentage. The original record of birth, death or marriage or acknowledgment or adjudication of  
867 parentage and all returns and index entries in whatever format they are maintained shall be

868 identified as corrected, amended or supplemented. All documentary evidence, including  
869 certificates of adoption or certified copies thereof, shall be sent to the state registrar for a  
870 permanent filing. If the affidavit is initially submitted to the state registrar, the state registrar  
871 shall forward to the local clerk of the municipality where the birth or death occurred, a certified  
872 copy of the corrected, amended or supplemented record, noting the documentary evidence to  
873 substantiate the affidavit, and the local clerk shall thereupon correct, amend or supplement the  
874 record in the office of the clerk. If a copy of the record is sent to the local clerk of the  
875 municipality where the parents resided at the time of birth or where the deceased lived at the  
876 time of death, the state registrar shall forward to such local clerk a certified copy of the  
877 corrected, amended or supplemented record, noting the documentary evidence to substantiate the  
878 affidavit, and the local clerk shall thereupon correct, amend or supplement the record in the  
879 office of the clerk. Reference to the record of the affidavit or such decree shall be made on the  
880 margin of the original record. If the local clerk or state registrar furnishes a copy of such a  
881 record, they shall certify to the facts contained therein as corrected, amended or supplemented.  
882 Except as provided in this section, the local clerk or other official responsible for the keeping of  
883 such records shall not release information contained in the original record except upon proper  
884 judicial order or when requested by a person seeking their own birth or marriage record or by a  
885 person whose official duties, in the opinion of the local clerk or state registrar, entitle them to the  
886 information contained in the original record. Death records corrected, amended or supplemented  
887 after January 1, 1996, as well as the affidavit of the party seeking the correction, amendment or  
888 supplementation of the death record and all documentary evidence or related records submitted  
889 in support of such affidavit, shall not be restricted, except for records or other items of  
890 documentary evidence submitted in support of the affidavit which are: (i) considered medical  
891 records for purposes of paragraph (c) of clause twenty-sixth of section 7 of chapter 4; (ii)  
892 restricted by section 2A; or (iii) restricted by judicial order. If the original record has been  
893 amended following adoption in accordance with this section, the local clerk or state registrar

894 shall issue information contained in the original record only upon receipt of an order of the  
895 probate court for the county in which said adoption was granted or in accordance with section 2B  
896 or, in the case of an adoption granted outside the commonwealth, upon receipt of an order of the  
897 probate court for the county in which the birth of the adopted person occurred or in accordance  
898 with section 2B, instructing said clerk or state registrar to release the information contained in  
899 such original record. Evidence contained in the adoption record of a parent's willingness to  
900 provide information about their identity to the adopted person shall, except in extraordinary  
901 circumstances, be considered sufficient evidence to warrant the granting of an order for release  
902 of the information contained in the birth certificate registered prior to adoption. If the corrected,  
903 amended or supplemented record is that of a person who has acquired the status of a marital  
904 child or whose record has been amended through an adoption decree or whose record has been  
905 amended through addition of a named parent or whose record has been amended pursuant to  
906 subsection (e), the local clerk or state registrar shall not indicate on such copy that the record has  
907 been corrected, amended or supplemented.

908 (i) An affidavit or a certified copy of the record of any other municipality or of a written  
909 statement made at the time by any person since deceased required by law to furnish evidence of  
910 said affidavit, may be the basis for completing the record of a birth, marriage or death not  
911 containing all the facts required by section 1. No record of birth shall be established for a  
912 deceased person more than 5 years after the date of death nor shall a record of marriage be  
913 established if both spouses are deceased, except as provided by sections 13A, 13B and 13C.

914 (j) Upon the adoption of an abandoned child or foundling within the commonwealth the  
915 facts of whose birth are not recorded pursuant to sections 1 or 1A, or, if such facts are recorded,  
916 cannot otherwise be identified, the state registrar, upon receipt of: (i) an affidavit executed by the  
917 adopting parents setting forth all material facts known concerning said abandoned child or  
918 foundling; and (ii) an order issued by the commissioner of children and families determining the  
919 most probable date of birth of such abandoned child or foundling shall record the facts relative to

920 the birth pursuant to sections 1 or 1A. In addition to any other certificates or copies of records  
921 authorized by law, the commissioner may, upon application, issue certificates setting forth the  
922 facts concerning an abandoned child or foundling appearing in any records of the department of  
923 children and families if no certificate of birth is recorded in the municipality where the  
924 abandoned child or foundling was born or the state registry.

925 (k) If an application to correct or amend a record of birth, marriage or death or a delayed  
926 record of a birth, marriage or death is approved, the applicant shall pay a fee as determined by  
927 the secretary of administration and finance.

928 (l) Upon application of both parties to a marriage, the record of such marriage shall be  
929 amended to remove the sex of either or both parties to the marriage and, if applicable, to change  
930 the name of either or both parties to the marriage. Such application shall be made to the state  
931 registrar or local clerk of the city or town where the marriage record was issued and shall  
932 include: (i) an affidavit executed by both parties to the marriage on a form provided by the state  
933 registrar attesting to their concurrence that the record be amended to remove sex of either or both  
934 parties; and (ii) if applicable, a request by a party to the marriage for a change of name along  
935 with evidence of the party's legal change of name.

936 SECTION 38. The third paragraph of section 1 of chapter 60A of the General Laws, as  
937 appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:-

938 For the purposes of this section, a motor vehicle and trailer registered under chapter 90  
939 shall include registrations in revoked, suspended or similar status as determined by the registrar.

940 SECTION 39. Section 2A of chapter 65C of the General Laws, as most recently amended  
941 by section 13 of chapter 206 of the acts of 2024, is hereby further amended by striking out  
942 subsections (a) and (b) and inserting in place thereof the following 2 subsections:-

943 (a) A tax is hereby imposed upon the transfer of the estate of each person dying on or  
944 after January 1, 1997 who, at the time of death, was a resident of the commonwealth. The  
945 amount of the tax shall be equal to the credit for state death taxes that would have been allowable

946 to a decedent's estate as computed under section 2011 of the Code, as in effect on December 31,  
947 2000, hereinafter referred to as the "credit". The credit shall be determined based on the value of  
948 the federal gross estate after such estate is increased by the value of any property: (i) not  
949 included in the federal gross estate; (ii) in which the decedent had at death a qualifying income  
950 interest for life described in subsection (c) of section 3A; (iii) for which a deduction was allowed  
951 for Massachusetts estate tax purposes with respect to the transfer of such property to the  
952 decedent; and (iv) which is not real or tangible personal property located outside of the  
953 commonwealth at the time of death. If the federal gross estate of a person includes real or  
954 tangible personal property located outside of the commonwealth at the time of death, the credit  
955 shall be determined based on the value of the federal gross estate after such estate is reduced by  
956 the value of such real or tangible personal property located outside of the commonwealth and  
957 increased by the value of any property: (A) not included in the federal gross estate; (B) in which  
958 the decedent had at death a qualifying income interest for life described in subsection (c) of  
959 section 3A; (C) for which a deduction was allowed for Massachusetts estate tax purposes with  
960 respect to the transfer of such property to the decedent; and (D) which is not real or tangible  
961 personal property located outside of the commonwealth at the time of death; provided, however,  
962 that for the purposes of calculating the federal taxable estate, no deduction shall be allowed that  
963 is attributable to such real or tangible personal property located outside of the commonwealth.

964 (b) A tax is hereby imposed upon the transfer of real property situated in this  
965 commonwealth and upon tangible personal property having an actual situs in this commonwealth  
966 of every person who at the time of their death was not a resident of this commonwealth. The  
967 amount of this tax is the amount of the credit calculated based upon a federal gross estate that is  
968 equal to the sum of: (i) the value of the estate's real or tangible personal property located in the  
969 commonwealth; and (ii) the value of any real or tangible property: (A) not included in the federal  
970 gross estate; (B) in which the decedent had at death a qualifying income interest for life  
971 described in subsection (c) of section 3A; (C) for which a deduction was allowed for

972 Massachusetts estate tax purposes with respect to the transfer of such property to the decedent;  
973 and (D) which is not located outside of the commonwealth at the time of death. Under this  
974 subsection, for the purposes of calculating the federal taxable estate, no deduction shall be  
975 allowed that is attributable to property other than such real or tangible personal property located  
976 in the commonwealth.

977 SECTION 40. Section 1Q of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
978 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “System”, in line 10, the  
979 following words:- or other assessment or equivalent alternative as determined by the board.

980 SECTION 41. Section 94 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
981 amended by inserting after the figure “40”, in line 21, the following words:- or commonwealth  
982 virtual schools.

983 SECTION 42. Section 28 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
984 amended by striking out, in line 2, the word “ten” and inserting in place thereof the following  
985 figure:- 30.

986 SECTION 43. Said section 28 of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further  
987 amended by inserting after the word “hearing”, in line 5, the following words:- or decision on  
988 written submissions.

989 SECTION 44. Section 11A of chapter 90D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
990 hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

991 Upon receiving notification of satisfaction of a security interest pursuant to section 24,  
992 the registrar may waive the issuance and mailing of the certificate of title to the owner or to a  
993 third party as authorized by the registrar and requested by the lienholder. If the registrar waives  
994 the issuance and mailing of the certificate of title, the registrar shall ensure: (i) the owner or  
995 authorized third party may receive a paper certificate of title upon request; and (ii) there is a  
996 process or system established to ensure that the owner or authorized third party may effect action

997 that would otherwise be necessary upon the certificate of title. The registrar may promulgate  
998 rules and regulations to implement this section.

999 SECTION 45. Section 24 of said chapter 90D, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1000 adding the following paragraph:-

1001 Notwithstanding subsection (a) of section 16, the registrar shall promulgate rules and  
1002 regulations to establish an electronic process whereby a vehicle may be sold at retail, reassigned  
1003 between dealers or conveyed by any other method of ownership transfer or sale approved by the  
1004 registrar. The conveyor of the vehicle shall maintain, invalidate or surrender the existing paper  
1005 certificate of title, if applicable, upon completion of the transaction and update of the electronic  
1006 certificate of title for a vehicle that is retailed, reassigned or transferred under this paragraph, in a  
1007 form or format prescribed by the registrar.

1008 SECTION 46. Said chapter 90D is hereby further amended by adding the following  
1009 section:-

1010 Section 39. Electronic signatures as prescribed in section 9 of chapter 110G shall be  
1011 accepted by the registrar through the electronic process prescribed under section 24. The registrar  
1012 may promulgate rules and regulations for the requirements for electronic signature  
1013 authentication, maintenance, invalidation or surrender of a secure paper title bearing an original  
1014 signature.

1015 SECTION 47. Chapter 92 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section  
1016 34F, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following  
1017 section:-

1018 There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth the Middlesex  
1019 Fells Reservation Fund which shall be administered by the commissioner of conservation and  
1020 recreation. The commissioner shall consult with relevant stakeholders including, but not limited  
1021 to, Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation, Inc. and any abutting municipalities. The fund  
1022 shall be credited with: (i) appropriations or other money authorized or transferred by the general

1023 court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (ii) funds from public and private  
1024 sources including, but not limited to, gifts, grants and donations; (iii) fees generated by permits,  
1025 licenses or other agreements relating to the use of the Middlesex Fells reservation that are not  
1026 directed to the General Fund; and (iii) any interest earned on such money.

1027           Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended, without further appropriation, to  
1028 advance recreational, educational and conservation interests including, but not limited to, the  
1029 construction and maintenance of facilities and infrastructure improvements for the area within  
1030 the Middlesex Fells reservation.

1031           The unexpended balance in the fund at the close of a fiscal year shall remain available for  
1032 expenditure in subsequent fiscal years and shall not revert to the General Fund. No expenditure  
1033 from the fund shall cause the fund to be in deficit at any point.

1034           SECTION 48. Section 25C of chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
1035 striking out, in line 126, as so appearing, the figure “0.2” and inserting in place thereof the  
1036 following figure:- 0.7.

1037           SECTION 49. Said chapter 111 is hereby further amended by adding the following  
1038 section:-

1039           Section 249. (a) There shall be within the department a prescription drug cost assistance  
1040 program which shall be funded by the Prescription Drug Cost Assistance Trust Fund established  
1041 in section 2LLLLLL of chapter 29. The program shall provide financial assistance for  
1042 prescription drugs used to treat: (i) chronic respiratory conditions including, but not limited to,  
1043 chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and asthma; (ii) chronic heart conditions including, but  
1044 not limited to, those heart conditions that disproportionately impact a particular demographic  
1045 group; (iii) diabetes; and (iv) any other chronic condition identified by the department that  
1046 disproportionately impacts a particular demographic group. For the purposes of this section,  
1047 “prescription drug” shall include the prescription drug and any drug delivery device needed to

1048 administer the drug that is not included as part of the underlying drug prescription. Financial  
1049 assistance shall cover the cost of any copayment, coinsurance and deductible for the prescription  
1050 drug for an individual who is eligible for the program.

1051 (b) An individual shall be eligible for the program if the individual: (i) is a resident of the  
1052 commonwealth; (ii) has a current prescription from a health care provider for a drug that is used  
1053 to treat a chronic condition listed in subsection (a); (iii) has a family income of not more than  
1054 500 per cent of the federal poverty level; and (iv) is not enrolled in MassHealth.

1055 (c) The department shall create an application process, which shall be available  
1056 electronically and in hard copy form, to determine whether an individual meets the program  
1057 eligibility requirements under subsection (b). The department shall determine an applicant's  
1058 eligibility and notify the applicant of the department's determination within 10 business days of  
1059 receiving the application. If necessary for its determination, the department may request  
1060 additional information from the applicant; provided, however, that the department shall notify  
1061 the applicant within 5 business days of receipt of the original application as to what specific  
1062 additional information is being requested. If additional information is requested, the department  
1063 shall, within 3 business days of receipt of the additional information, determine the applicant's  
1064 eligibility and notify said applicant of the department's determination.

1065 If the department determines that an applicant is not eligible for the program, the  
1066 department shall notify the applicant and shall include in said notification the specific reasons  
1067 why the applicant is not eligible. The applicant may appeal this determination to the department  
1068 within 30 days of receiving such notification.

1069 If the department determines that an applicant is eligible for the program, the department  
1070 shall provide the applicant with a prescription drug cost assistance program identification card,  
1071 which shall indicate the applicant's eligibility; provided, however, that the program identification

1072 card shall include, but not be limited to, the applicant's full name and the full name of the  
1073 prescription drug that the applicant is eligible to receive under the program without having to pay  
1074 a co-payment, co-insurance or deductible. An applicant's program identification card shall be  
1075 valid for 12 months and shall be renewable upon a redetermination of program eligibility.

1076 (d) An individual with a valid program identification card may present such card at any  
1077 pharmacy in the commonwealth and, upon presentation of such card, the pharmacy shall fill the  
1078 individual's prescription and provide the prescribed drug to the individual without requiring the  
1079 individual to pay a co-payment, co-insurance or deductible; provided, however, that the  
1080 pharmacy shall be reimbursed by the Prescription Drug Cost Assistance Trust Fund established  
1081 in section 2LLLLLL of chapter 29 in a manner determined by the department, in an amount  
1082 equal to what the pharmacy would have received had the individual been required to pay a co-  
1083 payment, co-insurance or deductible.

1084 (e) The department, in collaboration with the division of insurance, board of registration  
1085 in pharmacy and stakeholders representing consumers, pharmacists, providers, hospitals and  
1086 carriers, shall develop and implement a plan to educate consumers, pharmacists, providers,  
1087 hospitals and carriers regarding eligibility for and enrollment in the program under this section.  
1088 The plan shall include, but not be limited to, appropriate staff training, notices provided to  
1089 consumers at pharmacies and a designated website with information for consumers, pharmacists  
1090 and other health care professionals.

1091 (f) The department shall compile a report detailing information about the program from  
1092 the previous calendar year. The report shall include: (i) the number of applications received,  
1093 approved, denied and appealed; (ii) the total number of applicants approved and the number of  
1094 applicants approved delineated by race, gender, age range and income level; (iii) a list of all  
1095 prescription drugs that qualify for the program under subsection (b) and a list of prescription  
1096 drugs for which applicants actually received financial assistance; and (iv) the total cost savings

1097 received by all approved applicants and the cost savings delineated by race, gender, age range  
1098 and income level. The report shall be submitted annually, not later than March 1, to the clerks of  
1099 the senate and house of representatives, the house and senate committees on ways and means and  
1100 the joint committee on health care financing; provided, however, that annually, not later than  
1101 March 1, the report shall be published on the website of the department.

1102 (g) The department shall promulgate regulations for the implementation and enforcement  
1103 of this section.

1104 SECTION 50. Section 87DDD1/2 of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
1105 the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following 2 sentences:- A licensed  
1106 broker or salesperson may solely contract with a prospective tenant to find rental residential real  
1107 property for a tenant and present an offer to lease to the landlord or landlord's agent and  
1108 negotiate on behalf of the tenant or may solely contract with a landlord or landlord's agent to  
1109 find a tenant for a property. Any fee shall only be paid by the party, lessor or tenant who  
1110 originally engaged and entered into a contract with the licensed broker or salesperson.

1111 SECTION 51. Section 6B of chapter 115 of the General Laws is hereby further amended  
1112 by striking out, in lines 31 and 32, as so appearing, the words “, provided that surviving spouse  
1113 does not remarry.”.

1114 SECTION 52. Section 9D of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
1115 hereby amended by striking out, in line 21, the words “or MassHealth only”.

1116 SECTION 53. Said section 9D of said chapter 118E, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1117 amended by striking out, in line 31, the word “or” and inserting in place thereof the following  
1118 word:- and.

1119 SECTION 54. Said section 9D of said chapter 118E, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1120 amended by striking out, in lines 55 to 56, the words “or only eligible for benefits under Title  
1121 XIX of the Social Security Act”.

1122 SECTION 55. Said chapter 118E is hereby further amended by inserting after section

1123 12A the following section:-

1124 Section 12B. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary of  
1125 health and human services may directly negotiate rebate agreements with manufacturers of non-  
1126 drug products and drugs that are not covered outpatient drugs under 42 U.S.C. § 1396r-8 if such  
1127 agreements maximize value to the commonwealth; provided, however, that the secretary shall  
1128 not be subject to any otherwise applicable requirements set forth in 801 CMR 21.00 or any  
1129 successor regulation. Such agreements may be based on the value, efficacy or outcomes of the  
1130 non-drug product or drug.

1131 SECTION 56. Subsection (b) of section 63 of said chapter 118E, as appearing in the 2022  
1132 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 27 and 28, the words “the lesser of  
1133 \$240,000,000, or an amount” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- an amount less  
1134 than or.

1135 SECTION 57. Section 23 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
1136 amended by adding the following subsection:-

1137 (j) The department shall comply with section 23D by providing benefit management  
1138 services to children and young adults in the department’s care, custody or responsibility,  
1139 including eligibility screening, representative payee or fiduciary assistance, as defined in said  
1140 section 23D, notice, benefits accounting, conservation of benefits and other services relative to  
1141 benefits, as defined in said section 23D.

1142 SECTION 58. Said chapter 119 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 23C  
1143 the following section:-

1144 Section 23D. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall have the  
1145 following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

1146        “Benefits”, (i) Supplemental Security Income benefits under Title XVI of the Social  
1147      Security Act; (ii) Retirement, Survivors or Disability Insurance benefits under Title II of the  
1148      Social Security Act; and (iii) other federal benefits.

1149        “Representative payee or fiduciary”, any person or entity designated to receive benefits  
1150      for a minor child or young adult under the agency rules governing such benefits.

1151        (b) Not more than 60 days after a child is committed to the custody of the department  
1152      including, but not limited to, placement in foster care under a voluntary placement agreement or  
1153      court-ordered custody arrangement, the department shall make all reasonable efforts to identify  
1154      whether the child is receiving or may be eligible to receive benefits. In reviewing eligibility, the  
1155      department shall consult with the parents and other individuals who may have information about  
1156      the child’s eligibility. If the department determines, or has cause to believe, that the child may be  
1157      eligible for benefits, it shall apply for benefits on the child’s behalf. If the agency administering  
1158      such benefits denies the application, the department may appeal the decision as permitted by the  
1159      agency administering the benefits. The department shall review cases of children in foster care  
1160      annually to determine whether the child may have become eligible for benefits after the initial  
1161      assessment determined them to be ineligible or whether the child may be eligible for new  
1162      benefits after the initial assessment. The department shall seek federal foster care reimbursement  
1163      for a child only if such reimbursement will not impact the child’s eligibility for benefits or the  
1164      dollar amount of benefits.

1165        (c) The department may apply to be the representative payee or fiduciary of a child under  
1166      its care and custody if the child is already receiving benefits prior to entering the department’s  
1167      custody. The department may also apply to be the representative payee or fiduciary if the  
1168      department is applying for benefits for the child. The department shall consider whether applying  
1169      to become the child’s representative payee or fiduciary under this section will undermine the  
1170      goal of reunification and not be in the child’s best interests.

1171                     (d) The department shall provide timely notice to counsel for a child in its care and  
1172 custody and the counsel for the parent, parents or legal guardian or guardians of the child of: (i)  
1173 the department's submission of an application for benefits on the child's behalf; (ii) the  
1174 department's submission of a request to become the child's representative payee or fiduciary;  
1175 (iii) the decision of an agency received by the department regarding benefits including denial,  
1176 termination or reduction in benefits; (iv) the department's decision on whether to appeal an  
1177 adverse benefits eligibility determination; (v) the outcome of any appeal filed in response to a  
1178 benefits eligibility determination; and (vi) the department's receipt of any notice of an eligibility  
1179 redetermination.

1180                     No notice shall be provided to a parent for whom a decree to dispense with consent to  
1181 adoption has been entered under paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of section 26.

1182                     (e) The department shall maintain an accounting of a child's benefits when the  
1183 department is the child's representative payee or fiduciary and shall make current accounting  
1184 information available to the child's counsel electronically or by other means. The accounting  
1185 information shall include: (i) the amount and source of benefits collected by the department and  
1186 credited to any account maintained on behalf of the child; (ii) the balance of any account  
1187 maintained on behalf of the child; (iii) any amounts deducted by the department and the reasons  
1188 for the deductions; and (iv) information regarding all the child's assets and resources, including  
1189 benefits, insurance, cash assets, trust accounts and earnings if such assets or resources are  
1190 controlled by the department. The department shall provide such accounting information to the  
1191 court at permanency hearings, at other court proceedings, as necessary, or upon request.

1192                     (f) The department shall not use a child's benefits to reimburse the commonwealth for the  
1193 child's placement in foster care if the department is the child's representative payee or fiduciary.  
1194 The department shall ensure that if the child is receiving supplemental security income benefits  
1195 under Title XVI of the Social Security Act, any funds retained on the child's behalf are kept in a

1196 manner that does not exceed any federal asset or resource limit that would affect the child's  
1197 eligibility to continue receiving such benefits. Benefits held by the department as a representative  
1198 payee or fiduciary may be spent on the child's unmet needs, which would not ordinarily be  
1199 funded by another source, subject to program rules for the use of such benefits, or otherwise  
1200 conserved for the child. For a child who is a recipient of supplemental security income or other  
1201 federal means-tested benefits with an asset or resource limit, the department shall conserve any  
1202 funds that are above the federal asset or resource limits for such benefits in an Achieving a Better  
1203 Life Experience (ABLE) account, authorized by 26 U.S.C. 529A, as amended or another account  
1204 for the child determined not to interfere with federal asset or resource limits for any other federal  
1205 means-tested benefit program. For a child who is not receiving supplemental security income or  
1206 other federal means-tested benefits with an asset or resource limit, the department shall place  
1207 excess funds in an interest-bearing account or other savings or investment vehicle for the benefit  
1208 of the child. The department shall keep retroactive benefits received if the department is the  
1209 child's representative payee or fiduciary as required by the program rules of the agency  
1210 administering such benefits.

1211 (g) The department shall take steps to conserve the benefits of children under its care and  
1212 custody who are receiving benefits to assist them in the transition to adulthood and living  
1213 independently. The department shall establish accounts as specified in subsection (f) in  
1214 conserving a child's benefits. The department shall work actively with the agency administering  
1215 such benefits and the child to ensure that when the child leaves foster care, becomes eligible for  
1216 direct payment or another representative payee is identified, all payments of benefits or  
1217 conserved funds will be: (i) returned to the agency following program rules; or (ii) upon  
1218 agreement by the agency, if necessary, transferred to the child or to a new representative payee  
1219 or fiduciary.

1220                         (h) The department shall provide a child under its care and custody who is not less than  
1221                         14 years old and the child's legal counsel with ongoing financial information regarding the  
1222                         eligibility for benefits, as well as the existence, amount, availability, past use and limitations of  
1223                         funds conserved for the child; provided, however, that such information shall be tailored to the  
1224                         individual child based on age and other factors. For a youth not less than 17 years of age,  
1225                         financial information shall also include basic guidance on and assistance with understanding  
1226                         budgeting and money management, including checking and savings accounts, tailored to the  
1227                         youth.

1228                                 (i) The department shall provide each child under its care and custody who has attained  
1229                         the age of 14 years with ongoing financial literacy training and support and tailored to the child  
1230                         based on age and other factors. Financial literacy and support may include, but not be limited to,  
1231                         information on: (i) budgeting; (ii) money management; (iii) informed decision-making; (iv)  
1232                         banking, checking and savings accounts; (v) credit card counseling; (vi) managing debt; (vii)  
1233                         planning for financial security and stability; (viii) financing options for post-secondary education  
1234                         or training; (ix) long term asset-building; and (x) available community and agency services.  
1235                         Financial literacy resources concerning the use of conserved funds shall also be made available  
1236                         to all parents, guardians and adoptive parents who gain access to funds conserved by the  
1237                         department.

1238                                 (j) Annually, the department shall submit a report to the senate and house committees on  
1239                         ways and means, the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities, the  
1240                         clerks of the senate and house of representative and the secretary of administration and finance.  
1241                         The report shall include: (i) the numbers of children in the department's care and custody  
1242                         receiving benefits for which the department is the representative payee or fiduciary; (ii) the  
1243                         numbers of children in the department's care or custody who are receiving SSI, RSDI or other  
1244                         federal benefits; (iii) the dollar amount of benefits being conserved by the department; (iv) the

1245 number and type of accounts established by the department on behalf of such children; and (v) to  
1246 the extent such data is available, the number of children in the department's care or custody: (A)  
1247 who were screened for eligibility for benefits and whether such screening occurred within 60  
1248 days of being committed to the department's custody, and if not, the date of the screening and  
1249 reason for the delay; (B) who were already receiving benefits after screening; and (C) for whom  
1250 the department submitted applications for benefits, by type of application, and the outcome of  
1251 those applications, including the number of appeals filed; provided, however, that if such data is  
1252 not available, the department shall provide information regarding its ongoing efforts to gather  
1253 and report upon such information.

1254 (k) The department shall continue to administer the benefits of young adults aged 18 to  
1255 22, inclusive, for whom the department was previously appointed representative payee or  
1256 fiduciary, subject to the same requirements set forth in subsections (b) to (i), inclusive and  
1257 subject to the young adult's consent. The department shall continue to provide financial literacy  
1258 training under subsection (i) to young adults who become eligible for direct payment of benefits  
1259 and continue to receive young adult services from the department.

1260 (l) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to implement this  
1261 section.

1262 SECTION 59. Section 12 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
1263 amended by striking out, in lines 120 and 121, the words "and irrespective of any limitation of  
1264 number of licenses contained in section seventeen.

1265 SECTION 60. Said section 12 of said chapter 138, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1266 amended by adding the following 3 paragraphs:-

1267        A new license issued pursuant to this section in response to an application filed after  
1268        January 1, 2026, pursuant to the municipal plan as required by section 17, shall be non-  
1269        transferable and no licensing authority shall approve the transfer of such license.

1270        If a license issued pursuant to this section is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use by the  
1271        licensee, the license shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and  
1272        restrictions pertaining thereto to the licensing authority.

1273        If a licensee holder closes or terminates the licensee's business or sells or transfers the  
1274        license holder's business, the licensee shall return the license physically, with all of the legal  
1275        rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority.

1276        SECTION 61. The first paragraph of section 14 of said chapter 138, as so appearing, is  
1277        hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following  
1278        sentence:- Special licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages or wines and malt beverages  
1279        only may be issued, as determined by the municipality, by the local licensing authorities to the  
1280        responsible manager of an indoor or outdoor activity or enterprise or to the responsible manager  
1281        of a nonprofit organization conducting an indoor or outdoor activity or enterprise.

1282        SECTION 62. Section 16A of said chapter 138, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1283        striking out, in line 12, the word "so" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- as  
1284        determined by a municipality to be.

1285        SECTION 63. Said section 16A of said chapter 138, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1286        amended by striking out, in lines 15 and 16, the words ", to the extent that the same are issuable  
1287        under section seventeen.

1288        SECTION 64. Said section 16A of said chapter 138, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1289        amended by striking out, in line 19, the words "for the purposes of section seventeen".

1290           SECTION 65. Section 17 of said chapter 138 is hereby amended by striking out the first  
1291        8 paragraphs, in lines 1 to 166, inclusive, as amended by section 1 of chapter 202 of the acts of  
1292        2024, and inserting in place thereof the following 3 paragraphs:-

1293           A city or town shall determine the number of all alcoholic beverage or wines and malt  
1294        beverage licenses to be issued by its local licensing authority under sections 12, 14 and 15F,  
1295        including the number of seasonal licenses; provided, however, that for licenses issued under  
1296        section 15, cities and towns may grant 1 such license for each population unit of 5,000 or any  
1297        additional fraction thereof; provided, however, that cities and towns may, regardless of  
1298        population, grant at least 2 licenses under said section 15; and provided further, that nothing in  
1299        this section shall limit the city of Boston from granting at least 250 licenses for the sale of all  
1300        alcoholic beverages under said section 15.

1301           A city or town shall adopt and may amend a plan that is approved by the mayor and city  
1302        council or select board, which shall determine the process for granting additional licenses;  
1303        provided, however, that prior to adopting or amending the plan: (i) at least 1 public hearing  
1304        regarding the plan shall be conducted by the city council, select board or legislative body of the  
1305        city or town; and (ii) the city or town shall notify the alcoholic beverages control commission of  
1306        the public hearing.

1307           The mayor and city council of a city or select board of a town shall hold a public hearing  
1308        regarding a license application within 30 days of the date the application is filed.

1309           SECTION 66. Sections 17A to 17C, inclusive, of said chapter 138 are hereby repealed.

1310           SECTION 67. Section 29 of said chapter 138, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,  
1311        is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 22 to 24, inclusive, the words “; but a license issued  
1312        to a registered pharmacist under said section shall be included in computing the number of  
1313        licenses that may be granted in any city or town as provided in section seventeen”.

1314 SECTION 68. Section 52E of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
1315 hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “Abusive behavior” the following 2  
1316 definitions:-

1317 “Client employer”, a business entity that obtains or is provided workers to perform labor  
1318 or services within its usual course of business from a third party including, but not limited to, a  
1319 staffing agency as defined in section 159C.

1320 “Contract worker”, an individual who performs labor or services for a client employer but  
1321 is not considered an employee under section 148B, including individuals who are contracted for  
1322 work by client employers.

1323 SECTION 69. Said section 52E of said chapter 149, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1324 amended by striking out, in line 36, the words “shall permit an employee” and inserting in place  
1325 thereof the following words:- , including a client employer, shall permit an employee or a  
1326 contract worker.

1327 SECTION 70. Chapter 161B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
1328 section 6 the following section:-

1329 Section 6A. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, an authority  
1330 established pursuant to this chapter shall not, subject to appropriation, charge passenger fare for a  
1331 trip on regularly scheduled fixed route service, or for a trip on complementary paratransit service  
1332 that an authority is required to provide pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42  
1333 U.S.C. § 12143. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall, subject to appropriation,  
1334 reimburse an authority for lost fare revenue attributable to providing fare-free service pursuant to  
1335 this section.

1336 (b) An authority shall collect and report ridership data to the Massachusetts Department  
1337 of Transportation in such form and with such frequency as said department may prescribe.

1338                   (c) The Massachusetts Department of Transportation may promulgate regulations to  
1339 implement this section.

1340                   SECTION 71. Section 15B of chapter 186 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
1341 inserting after the word “lessor”, in line 16, as so appearing, the following words:- or agent of the  
1342 lessor.

1343                   SECTION 72. Said section 15B of said chapter 186 is hereby further amended by striking  
1344 out, in line 17, as so appearing, the words “pay any” and inserting in place thereof the following  
1345 words:- pay, to the lessor or to an agent of the lessor, any.

1346                   SECTION 72A. Section 11 of chapter 209C of the General Laws, as most recently  
1347 amended by chapter 166 of the acts of 2024, is hereby further amended by inserting after the  
1348 word "file", in line 32, the following words:- with the department of public health a notarized  
1349 rescission or file.

1350                   SECTION 73. Section 11 of chapter 211D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
1351 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the figure “\$120” and inserting in  
1352 place thereof the following figure:- \$130.

1353                   SECTION 74. Said section 11 of said chapter 211D, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1354 amended by striking out, in line 7, the figure “\$85” and inserting in place thereof the following  
1355 figure:- \$90.

1356                   SECTION 75. Said section 11 of said chapter 211D, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1357 amended by striking out, in line 12, the figure “\$65” and inserting in place thereof the following  
1358 figure:- \$75.

1359                   SECTION 76. The fifth paragraph of section 4 of chapter 258B of the General Laws, as  
1360 so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out clauses (c) to (e), inclusive, and inserting in  
1361 place thereof the following 5 clauses:-

1362                   (c) assist law enforcement agencies in familiarizing all of their officers and employees  
1363 with the crime victims’ rights as provided under this chapter. This assistance may include

1364 supplying informational literature on this subject to be utilized as part of the training curriculum  
1365 for all trainee officers;

1366 (d) assist all local law enforcement agencies in establishing procedures whereby  
1367 expedient notification is given to victims and witnesses, as defined under this chapter, of the  
1368 rights provided under this chapter. In municipalities which do not have a local law enforcement  
1369 agency, the board shall establish procedures whereby it, in cooperation with the state police,  
1370 shall give notice to victims of crimes as provided in this section;

1371 (e) assume the management and administration of the Garden of Peace, a public  
1372 memorial garden located on the plaza of 100 Cambridge Street in the city of Boston to honor  
1373 victims of homicide, to receive gifts or grants of money or property to assist the board in the  
1374 maintenance and operation of the memorial and to establish an advisory committee which shall  
1375 consist of individuals who have served on the board of directors of the Garden of Peace or other  
1376 interested citizens appointed by the victim witness assistance board to provide ongoing advice to  
1377 the board;

1378 (f) administer the provisions of chapter 258C through the Massachusetts office for victim  
1379 assistance; and

1380 (g) have the authority to promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to chapter 30A as may  
1381 be necessary to carry out this chapter.

1382 SECTION 77 Section 1 of chapter 258C of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
1383 amended by striking out the definition of “Catastrophic injury”, and inserting in place thereof the  
1384 following 2 definitions:-

1385 “Agency”, the Massachusetts office for victim assistance, which administers the  
1386 provisions of chapter 258B on behalf of the victim and witness assistance board.

1387 “Catastrophic injury”, an injury that creates a permanent impairment for the victim,  
1388 including: (i) a spinal cord injury involving paralysis; (ii) amputation of an arm, hand, foot or  
1389 leg; (iii) severe brain injury; (iv) second or third degree burns on 25 per cent or more of the total

1390 body surface or third degree burns on 5 per cent or more of the face and hands; (v) total or  
1391 functional loss of vision or hearing; (vi) severe communication, sensory or motor disturbances;  
1392 or (vii) any other injury that would otherwise qualify pursuant to this chapter.

1393 SECTION 78. Said section 1 of said chapter 258C, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1394 amended by striking out the definition of “Department”.

1395 SECTION 79. Said section 1 of said chapter 258C, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1396 amended by striking out, in lines 32, 64 and 65, the word “his” and inserting in place thereof, in  
1397 each instance, the following words:- the victim’s.

1398 SECTION 80. Said section 1 of said chapter 258C, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1399 amended by striking out the definition of “Division” and inserting in place thereof the following  
1400 definition:-

1401 “Director”, the executive director of the Massachusetts office for victim assistance.

1402 SECTION 81. Section 2 of said chapter 258C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1403 striking out, in lines 2, 9, 29, 40 and 41, the word “division” and inserting in place thereof, in  
1404 each instance, the following word:- agency.

1405 SECTION 82. Said section 2 of said chapter 258C, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1406 amended by striking out, in line 17, the word “he”, and inserting in place thereof the following  
1407 words:- the claimant.

1408 SECTION 83. Section 3 of said chapter 258C is hereby amended by striking out, in lines  
1409 26 and 27, as so appearing, the word “program”.

1410 SECTION 84. Said section 3 of said chapter 258C is hereby further amended by striking  
1411 out, in lines 61 and 68, as so appearing, the word “he” and inserting in place thereof, in each  
1412 instance, the following words:- the victim.

1413 SECTION 85. Said section 3 of said chapter 258C is hereby further amended by striking  
1414 out, in line 73, as so appearing, the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following  
1415 words:- the victim’s.

1416            SECTION 86. Said chapter 258C is hereby further amended by striking out section 4, as  
1417 so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

1418            Section 4. (a) The agency shall administer the provisions of this chapter. The director  
1419 may appoint and remove such investigative, legal, clerical or other staff as the work of the  
1420 agency requires.

1421            (b) The director may promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to chapter 30A as may be  
1422 necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

1423            (c) The director may apply for and receive sums which may be transmitted to the victim  
1424 compensation fund maintained by the treasurer and for any other funds as may become available  
1425 to administer the requirements of this chapter.

1426            SECTION 87. Section 5 of said chapter 258C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1427 striking out, in line 4, the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the  
1428 claimant.

1429            SECTION 88. Said section 5 of said chapter 258C, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1430 amended by striking out, in lines 6, 18, 20 and 26, the word “division” and inserting in place  
1431 thereof, in each instance, the following word:- agency.

1432            SECTION 89. Said section 5 of said chapter 258C, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1433 amended by striking out, in line 22, the words “division shall” and inserting in place thereof the  
1434 following words:- agency, through the attorney general, shall.

1435            SECTION 90. Said section 5 of said chapter 258C, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1436 amended by striking out, in line 33, the word “him” and inserting in place thereof the following  
1437 word:- the person.

1438            SECTION 91. Said section 5 of said chapter 258C, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1439 amended by striking out, in lines 33 and 34, the words “attorney general may” and inserting in  
1440 place thereof the following words:- agency, through the attorney general, may.

1441            SECTION 92. Section 6 of said chapter 258C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1442 striking out, in line 2, the word “division”, and inserting in place thereof the following word:-  
1443 agency.

1444            SECTION 93. Said chapter 258C is hereby further amended by striking out section 7, as  
1445 so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

1446            Section 7. Within 15 days of completion of the claims review, the director shall notify the  
1447 claimant of compensation to be paid or denied and the reasons therefor and issue payment in  
1448 accordance with regulations established under this chapter. The notice shall contain information  
1449 regarding the right of the claimant to petition for judicial review of the decision by the director.

1450            SECTION 94. Section 8 of said chapter 258C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1451 striking out, in lines 2, 4, 5, 8, 11 and 16, the word “program”.

1452            SECTION 95. Said section 8 of said chapter 258C, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1453 amended by striking out, in line 5, the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following  
1454 words:- the director’s.

1455            SECTION 96. Section 9 of said chapter 258C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1456 striking out, in lines 2, 6, 9, 11 and 42, each time it appears, the word “program”.

1457            SECTION 97. Said section 9 of said chapter 258C, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1458 amended by striking out, in line 12, the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following  
1459 words:- the director’s.

1460            SECTION 98. The first paragraph of subsection (e) of said section 9 of said chapter  
1461 258C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the fourth and fifth sentences and  
1462 inserting in place thereof the following 2 sentences:- The clerk of the court shall immediately  
1463 notify the claimant in writing of the decision and shall forward to the agency a certified copy of  
1464 the decision. The agency without further authorization shall, subject to appropriation, pay the  
1465 claimant the amount determined by the court.

1466 SECTION 99. Said section 9 of said chapter 258C, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1467 amended by striking out, in lines 33, 34, 37, 40 and 41, the word “his” and inserting in place  
1468 thereof, in each instance, the following words:- the victim’s.

1469 SECTION 100. Section 11 of said chapter 258C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1470 striking out, in lines 6 and 7, the words “attorney general” and inserting in place thereof, in each  
1471 instance, the following word:- agency.

1472 SECTION 101. Said section 11 of said chapter 258C, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1473 amended by striking out, in line 7, the words “attorney general may” and inserting in place  
1474 thereof the following words:- agency, through the attorney general, may.

1475 SECTION 102. Said section 11 of said chapter 258C, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1476 amended by striking out, in line 8, the word “he”.

1477 SECTION 103. Section 12 of said chapter 258C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1478 striking out, in line 4, the word “division” and inserting in place thereof the following word:-  
1479 agency.

1480 SECTION 104. Said section 12 of said chapter 258C, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1481 amended by striking out, in line 15, the words “attorney general may” and inserting in place  
1482 thereof the following words:- agency, through the attorney general, may.

1483 SECTION 105. Said chapter 258C is hereby further amended by adding the following  
1484 section:-

1485 Section 15. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, all records and information  
1486 received, obtained or maintained by the agency in connection with any claim for crime victim  
1487 compensation shall be confidential and privileged. All records and information shall not be  
1488 disclosed by the agency or by anyone who receives such records or information from the agency.

1489 (b) Nothing in this section shall preclude disclosure of records or information:

1490 (i) for the processing of a claim by the agency or responding to an action in court seeking  
1491 review of a decision by the agency;

1492                         (ii) consisting of information exchanged between the claimant or the claimant's  
1493 authorized representative and the agency if the claimant or the claimant's authorized  
1494 representative consents to such disclosure in writing; or  
1495                         (iii) upon an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

1496                         SECTION 106. Section 2 of chapter 193 of the acts of 2000, as appearing in section 1 of  
1497 chapter 97 of the acts of 2002, is hereby further amended by striking out the figure "45", each  
1498 time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- 40.

1499                         SECTION 107. The second sentence of section 3 of said chapter 193, as so appearing, is  
1500 hereby further amended by striking out the figure "180" and inserting in place thereof the  
1501 following figure:- 187.

1502                         SECTION 108. Said second sentence of said section 3 of said chapter 193, as so  
1503 appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the figure "81" and inserting in place  
1504 thereof the following figure:- 75.

1505                         SECTION 109. Chapter 68 of the acts of 2011 is hereby amended by striking out section  
1506 152.

1507                         SECTION 110. Chapter 54 of the acts of 2023 is hereby amended by adding the  
1508 following words:- or at the rate that would otherwise be paid for MassHealth members, as  
1509 determined by the executive office of health and human services in its sole discretion.

1510                         SECTION 111. Item 7008-0900 of section 2 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024 is hereby  
1511 amended by striking out the words "12 months after the effective date of this act" and inserting  
1512 in place thereof the following words:- "December 15, 2025

1513                         SECTION 112. Item 1599-0026 of section 2 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024 is hereby  
1514 amended by inserting after the word "Wellesley" the following words:- and such funds shall be  
1515 made available until June 30, 2026.

1516 SECTION 113. Subsection (c) of section 128 of chapter 150 of the acts of 2024 is hereby  
1517 amended by inserting after the word “Network” the following words:- “; a representative of  
1518 Justice for Housing, Inc.

1519 SECTION 114. Chapter 238 of the acts of 2024 is hereby amended by striking out section  
1520 284 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

1521 Section 284. Notwithstanding chapter 31 of the General Laws or any other general or  
1522 special law to the contrary, a city or town, on behalf of which legislation has been duly filed with  
1523 the general court between January 4, 2023 and July 31, 2024, inclusive, relative to the  
1524 participation in civil service of the police or fire department of the city or town or any or all  
1525 positions within said police or fire department, and which includes a documented local approval  
1526 as acknowledged by the clerk of the senate or house of representatives, may enact any such  
1527 exemption, including, but not limited to, a procedural exemption related to hiring practices, as  
1528 specified within such legislation without the need for any further action by the general court on  
1529 such legislation; provided, however, that any city or town that seeks an exemption pursuant to  
1530 this section shall submit a letter indicating that the city or town still seeks such exemption from  
1531 said chapter 31 to the personnel administrator of the division of human resources within the  
1532 executive office for administration and finance, the joint committee on public service and the  
1533 chair of the civil service commission duly signed by: (i) the mayor or city manager, in the case of  
1534 a city, or the chair of the select board or town manager, in the case of a town; and (ii) the police  
1535 chief or fire chief, as applicable, of the department seeking exemption; provided further, that any  
1536 such letter shall be received by the personnel administrator of the division of human resources in  
1537 proper form not later than February 15, 2025; provided further, that the appropriate exemption  
1538 for which such letter is so submitted shall take effect on March 1, 2025; provided further, that the  
1539 personnel administrator shall reconsider and approve any request for exemption outlined in such  
1540 letter which previously received an adverse determination of eligibility on the basis of the scope

1541 of the local approval as soon as practicable but not later than August 30, 2025; and provided  
1542 further, that an exemption approved after reconsideration shall be effective as of March 1, 2025.

1543 SECTION 115. Item 7010-1192 of section 2 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024 is hereby  
1544 amended by inserting after the word “Boston”, the third time it appears, the following words:-  
1545 and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2026.

1546 SECTION 116. Section 198 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024 is hereby amended by  
1547 striking out the figure “2025” and inserting in place thereof the following figure: 2026.

1548 SECTION 117. (a) There shall be a special commission to study the current distribution  
1549 method used to allocate unrestricted general government aid to municipalities, including  
1550 unrestricted general government aid, lottery aid as provided in section 18C of chapter 58 of the  
1551 General Laws and additional assistance aid to municipalities. The study shall not include  
1552 foundation aid as defined in section 2 of chapter 70 of the General Laws.

1553 The commission shall examine the distribution method used to allocate unrestricted  
1554 general government aid to municipalities, evaluate the effectiveness and equity of said method  
1555 and make recommendations to maximize the equity of the distribution of future increases to  
1556 unrestricted general government aid to municipalities. The commission shall review all aspects  
1557 of general local aid including, but not limited to: (i) the current allocation of local aid to  
1558 municipalities; (ii) the extent to which a municipality’s needs are reflected in the proportional  
1559 distribution of the unrestricted general government aid; (iii) any equity discrepancies that exist  
1560 between municipalities across the commonwealth related to local aid distribution; (iv) the ability  
1561 to account for a municipality’s change in population or tax base in a general local aid funding  
1562 distribution method; (v) the potential to calculate municipal costs based on a municipality’s need  
1563 for municipal services and a municipality’s ability to raise local revenue; and (vi) any alternative  
1564 distribution methods that maximize the equity of future distributions of general local aid.

1565 (b) The commission shall consist of the following members: the chairs of the joint  
1566 committee on ways and means or their designees; the ranking members of the joint committee on

1567 ways and means or their designees; the secretary of administration and finance or a designee,  
1568 who shall serve as chair; the executive director of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, Inc.  
1569 or a designee; the president of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, Inc. or a designee; the  
1570 president of the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center, Inc. or a designee; and 3 members  
1571 appointed by the governor who shall: (i) have experience in public sector finance; and (ii) reflect  
1572 a diverse geographic distribution and stakeholder representation.

1573                   (c) The commission shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the  
1574 clerks of the senate and house of representatives and the chairs of the senate and house  
1575 committees on ways and means not later than July 1, 2026.

1576                 SECTION 118. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any funds  
1577 previously transferred to or existing in the Castle Island and Marine Park Trust Fund shall be  
1578 transferred to the Old Harbor Reservation Trust Fund established under section 35III of chapter  
1579 10 of the General Laws.

1580                 SECTION 119. Notwithstanding section 59 of chapter 23K of the General Laws or any  
1581 other general or special law to the contrary, 100 per cent of the revenue received from a category  
1582 1 license as defined in section 2 of said chapter 23K pursuant to subsection (a) of section 55 of  
1583 said chapter 23K in fiscal year 2026 shall be transferred as follows:

1584                   (i) 30.1 per cent to the Gaming Local Aid Fund established in section 63 of said chapter  
1585 23K;

1586                   (ii) 23.1 per cent to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund established in section 2ZZZ  
1587 of chapter 29 of the General Laws;

1588                   (iii) 19.4 per cent to the Education Fund established in section 64 of said chapter 23K;

1589                   (iv) 13.2 per cent to the Gaming Economic Development Fund established in section  
1590 2DDDD of said chapter 29;

1591                   (v) 6.2 per cent to the Local Capital Projects Fund established in section 2EEEE of said  
1592 chapter 29;

1593 (vi) 5 per cent to the Public Health Trust Fund established in section 58 of said chapter

1594 23K;

1595 (vii) 2 per cent of revenues to the Massachusetts Cultural and Performing Arts Mitigation

1596 Trust Fund established in section 2HHHHH of said chapter 29; and

1597 (viii) 1 per cent to the Massachusetts Tourism Trust Fund to fund tourist promotion

1598 agencies under subsection (b) of section 13T of chapter 23A of the General Laws.

1599 SECTION 120. (a) The working group established pursuant to item 4000-0601 of section

1600 2 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024 shall continue to develop recommendations, in addition to

1601 those filed in the personal care attendant working group report finalized on February 28, 2025,

1602 for the long-term sustainability of the personal care attendant program, including, but not limited

1603 to: (i) cost growth targets and proposals for how to achieve such targets for the personal care

1604 attendant program; and (ii) an update on the current state of any structural change initiatives

1605 undertaken in the personal care attendant program related to pre-admission counselling. The

1606 recommendations shall be submitted to the secretary of administration and finance, the senate

1607 and house committees on ways and means and the joint committee on health care financing not

1608 later than December 31, 2025.

1609 (b) The executive office of health and human services shall establish an implementation

1610 plan to ensure long-term sustainability and cost containment of the personal care attendant

1611 program. The implementation plan shall include, but shall not be limited to: (i) recommendations

1612 from the February 28, 2025 report and any additional recommendations proposed pursuant to

1613 subsection (a) that the executive office of health and human services deems necessary to ensure

1614 long-term sustainability and cost control of the personal care attendant program; (ii) changes

1615 necessary to enforce the existing overtime cap policy for personal care attendants; (iii)

1616 administrative updates to the personal care attendant program to streamline services; (iv) cost-

1617 savings realized and anticipated from the implementation of the recommendations from the

1618 report required under subsection (a) with a detailed description of any changes or adjustments

1619 from projected savings; (v) a timeline for the implementation of the recommendations; (vi) the  
1620 personal care attendant program's annual growth rate in fiscal year 2026 as of December 15,  
1621 2025; (vii) any additional changes to the personal care attendant program necessary to contain its  
1622 costs; and (viii) any other information necessary to explain cost containment measures to be  
1623 implemented for the personal care attendant program. The implementation plan shall be  
1624 submitted to the secretary of administration and finance, the senate and house committees on  
1625 ways and means and the joint committee on health care financing not later than March 1, 2026.

1626 SECTION 121. The secretary of housing and livable communities shall convene a  
1627 stakeholder working group to make recommendations for any regulatory and legislative changes  
1628 necessary to comprehensively address the remediation of residential property foundations that  
1629 have deteriorated due to the presence of pyrite or pyrrhotite. The working group shall convene  
1630 not later than 30 days after the effective date of this act and shall include: the secretary of  
1631 housing and livable communities or a designee who shall serve as chair; the secretary of  
1632 transportation or a designee; the undersecretary of consumer affairs and business regulation or a  
1633 designee; the commissioner of insurance or a designee; the commissioner of banks or a designee;  
1634 2 members appointed by the attorney general who shall have experience in advocating for  
1635 homeowners and consumers; the house and senate chairs and house and senate ranking minority  
1636 members of the joint committee on environment and natural resources; 2 representatives of the  
1637 Massachusetts Residents Against Crumbling Foundations; a representative of the Massachusetts  
1638 Concrete & Aggregate Producers Association, Inc; a representative of the Massachusetts  
1639 Municipal Association, Inc.; a representative of the Massachusetts Insurance Federation, Inc.;  
1640 and a representative of the Massachusetts Mortgage Bankers Association, Inc.

1641 The working group shall examine: (i) which executive office, department, agency or  
1642 bureau within an executive office, if any, is best equipped to administer a program to assist  
1643 residential property owners impacted by the presence of pyrite or pyrrhotite, including  
1644 administering the Crumbling Concrete Assistance Fund established in section 2KKKKKK of

1645 chapter 29 of the General Laws or which executive office or department is best equipped to  
1646 oversee a new agency or bureau; (ii) relevant models to assist impacted homeowners including,  
1647 but not limited to, a captive insurance company, a supplemental loan program, an interstate  
1648 agreement with a captive insurance company with expertise in assessing residential property  
1649 foundation claims, property tax abatement and waiving local and state permit fees; (iii) models to  
1650 fund the Crumbling Concrete Assistance Fund including, but not limited to: (A) insurance  
1651 surcharges on certain homeowners insurance policies which shall not exceed \$12 annually and  
1652 when and on which policies the surcharge would apply; and (B) other sources of state and federal  
1653 funding opportunities; and (iv) methods to improve consumer protection through means  
1654 including disclosures, appointment of a homeowner advocate within a department, agency or  
1655 bureau to assist impacted homeowners and consumer education.

1656           The working group shall submit its report and any recommendations to the clerks of the  
1657 senate and house of representatives, the joint committee on environment and natural resources,  
1658 the joint committee on housing and the senate and house committees on ways and means not  
1659 later than December 31, 2025.

1660           SECTION 122. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the  
1661 comptroller shall transfer capital gains collected in excess of the threshold under section 5G of  
1662 chapter 29 of the General Laws on a quarterly basis as follows: (i) 90 per cent to the  
1663 Commonwealth's Pension Liability Fund established in subsection (e) of subdivision (8) of  
1664 section 22 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, which shall satisfy the fiscal year 2026  
1665 requirements set forth in subdivision (1) of said section 22C of said chapter 32; (ii) 5 per cent to  
1666 the Commonwealth Stabilization Fund established in section 2H of chapter 29 of the General  
1667 Laws; and (iii) 5 per cent to the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund established in section 24 of  
1668 chapter 32A of the General Laws.

1669           SECTION 123. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary  
1670 of administration and finance may reduce the allotments of appropriations made in chapter 102

1671 of the acts of 2021 and chapter 268 of the acts of 2022 by not more than \$350,000,000, which  
1672 shall revert to the General Fund in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. Not less than 15 days  
1673 prior to reducing said allotments, the secretary shall provide written notice to the senate and  
1674 house committees on ways and means summarizing the allotment reductions pursuant to this  
1675 section.

1676 SECTION 124. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for fiscal year  
1677 2026, \$160,000,000 shall be considered operating assistance and distributed to regional transit  
1678 authorities from item 1595-6370 of section 2E. For fiscal year 2026, \$94,000,000 of the amount  
1679 transferred in item 1595-6370 shall be distributed based on fiscal year 2025 distributions in  
1680 accordance with the updated fiscal year 2025 bilateral memorandum of understanding between  
1681 each regional transit authority and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation; provided,  
1682 however, that each regional transit authority shall receive operating assistance from said item  
1683 1595-6370 of said section 2E of not less than the amount received in fiscal year 2025.

1684 The department may require each regional transit authority to provide data on ridership,  
1685 customer service and satisfaction, asset management and financial performance, including  
1686 farebox recovery, and shall compile any such collected data into a report on the performance of  
1687 regional transit authorities and detail each authority's progress towards meeting the performance  
1688 metrics established in each fiscal year 2025 bilateral memorandum of understanding.

1689 SECTION 125. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the amounts  
1690 transferred pursuant to subdivision (1) of section 22C of chapter 32 of the General Laws shall be  
1691 made available for the Commonwealth's Pension Liability Fund established in section 22 of said  
1692 chapter 32. The amounts transferred pursuant to said subdivision (1) of said section 22C of said  
1693 chapter 32 shall meet the commonwealth's obligations pursuant to said section 22C of said  
1694 chapter 32, including retirement benefits payable by the state employees' retirement system and  
1695 the state teachers' retirement system, for the costs associated with a 3 per cent cost-of-living  
1696 adjustment pursuant to section 102 of said chapter 32, for the reimbursement of local retirement

1697 systems for previously authorized cost-of-living adjustments pursuant to said section 102 of said  
1698 chapter 32 and for the costs of increased survivor benefits pursuant to chapter 389 of the acts of  
1699 1984. The state board of retirement and each city, town, county and district shall verify these  
1700 costs, subject to rules that shall be adopted by the state treasurer. The state treasurer may make  
1701 payments upon a transfer of funds to reimburse certain cities and towns for pensions of retired  
1702 teachers, including any other obligation that the commonwealth has assumed on behalf of a  
1703 retirement system other than the state employees' retirement system or state teachers' retirement  
1704 system, including the commonwealth's share of the amounts to be transferred pursuant to section  
1705 22B of said chapter 32. The payments under this section shall be made only pursuant to  
1706 distribution of money from the Commonwealth's Pension Liability Fund and any distribution,  
1707 and the payments for which such distributions are required, shall be detailed in a written report  
1708 prepared quarterly by the secretary of administration and finance and submitted to the senate and  
1709 house committees on ways and means and the joint committee on public service in advance of  
1710 the distribution. Distributions shall not be made in advance of the date on which a payment is  
1711 actually to be made. If the amount transferred pursuant to said subdivision (1) of said section  
1712 22C of said chapter 32 exceeds the amount necessary to adequately fund the annual pension  
1713 obligations, the excess amount shall be credited to the Pension Reserves Investment Trust Fund  
1714 established in subdivision (8) of said section 22 of said chapter 32 to reduce the unfunded  
1715 pension liability of the commonwealth.

1716           SECTION 126. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, 10 per  
1717 cent of all payments received by the commonwealth in fiscal year 2026 under the master  
1718 settlement agreement in Commonwealth of Massachusetts v. Philip Morris, Inc. et al., Middlesex  
1719 Superior Court, No. 95-7378 shall be transferred from the General Fund to the State Retiree  
1720 Benefits Trust Fund established in section 24 of chapter 32A of the General Laws.

1721           (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the payment percentage  
1722 set forth in section 152 of chapter 68 of the acts of 2011 shall not apply in fiscal year 2026.

1723           SECTION 127. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary  
1724 of administration and finance, in consultation with the secretary of health and human services,  
1725 may transfer not more than a total of \$25,000,000 from the prescription advantage program in  
1726 item 9110-1455 of section 2 and the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of  
1727 chapter 118E of the General Laws in fiscal year 2026 to support the Medicare Saving or  
1728 Medicare Buy-In programs established in section 25A of said chapter 118E; provided, however,  
1729 that the secretary of health and human services shall certify in writing to the senate and house  
1730 committees on ways and means not less than 45 days in advance of the transfer the amount to be  
1731 transferred and an explanation of the amount of expected savings to those programs resulting  
1732 from the transfer.

1733           SECTION 128. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, payments  
1734 from the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E of the General  
1735 Laws may be made either as safety net care payments under the commonwealth's waiver  
1736 pursuant to section 1115 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1315, or as an adjustment to  
1737 service rate payments under Titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act or a combination of  
1738 both. Other federally permissible funding mechanisms available for certain hospitals, as defined  
1739 by regulations promulgated by the executive office of health and human services, may be used to  
1740 reimburse not more than \$70,000,000 of uncompensated care pursuant to sections 66 and 69 of  
1741 said chapter 118E using sources distinct from the funding made available to the Health Safety  
1742 Net Trust Fund.

1743           SECTION 129. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, not later than  
1744 October 1, 2025 and without further appropriation, the comptroller shall transfer from the  
1745 General Fund to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E of  
1746 the General Laws the greater of \$45,000,000 or 1/12 of the total expenditures to hospitals and  
1747 community health centers required pursuant to this act, for the purposes of making initial gross  
1748 payments to qualifying acute care hospitals for the hospital fiscal year beginning October 1,

1749 2025. These payments shall be made to hospitals before, and in anticipation of, the payment by  
1750 hospitals of their gross liability to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund. The comptroller shall  
1751 transfer from the Health Safety Net Trust Fund to the General Fund, not later than June 30, 2026,  
1752 the amount of the transfer authorized by this section and any allocation of that amount as  
1753 certified by the director of the health safety net office.

1754 SECTION 130. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in hospital  
1755 fiscal year 2026, the office of inspector general may expend a total of \$1,000,000 from the  
1756 Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E of the General Laws for  
1757 costs associated with maintaining a health safety net audit unit within the office. The unit shall  
1758 continue to oversee and examine the practices in hospitals including, but not limited to, the care  
1759 of the uninsured and the resulting free charges. The unit shall study and review the Medicaid  
1760 program under said chapter 118E including, but not limited to, a review of the program's  
1761 eligibility requirements, utilization, claims administration and compliance with federal mandates.  
1762 The inspector general shall submit a report to the chairs of the senate and house committees on  
1763 ways and means on the results of the audits and any other completed analyses not later than  
1764 March 1, 2026.

1765 SECTION 131. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, nursing  
1766 facility rates to be effective on October 1, 2025 under section 13D of chapter 118E of the  
1767 General Laws may be developed using the costs of calendar year 2019.

1768 SECTION 132. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the  
1769 comptroller, at the direction of the secretary of administration and finance, may transfer up to  
1770 \$15,000,000 from the Commonwealth Care Trust Fund established in section 2000 of chapter  
1771 29 of the General Laws to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter  
1772 118E of the General Laws.

1773 SECTION 133. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
1774 2026, the comptroller shall transfer \$165,000,000 from income surtax revenue as defined by

1775 subsection (a) of section 2BBBBBB of chapter 29 of the General Laws to the Education and  
1776 Transportation Reserve Fund established in section 2CCCCCC of said chapter 29; provided,  
1777 however, that said transfer shall be in addition to the transfer required under clause (i) of  
1778 subsection (c) of said section 2BBBBBB of said chapter 29.

1779 SECTION 134. The executive office of housing and livable communities, in consultation  
1780 with the department of revenue, shall study the feasibility and efficacy of a housing construction  
1781 sales tax exemption program or other form of state support for multifamily housing projects that  
1782 are stalled or at risk of being stalled due to increased cost of materials associated with federal  
1783 tariffs or other economic volatility for which there are no state or federal subsidies available. The  
1784 executive office shall submit a report on its findings which shall include recommendations  
1785 regarding potential cost and how such a program would achieve statewide housing affordability  
1786 goals. The report shall consider construction cost variation across regions of the commonwealth,  
1787 including in geographically isolated communities. The report shall be filed with the clerks of the  
1788 senate and the house of representatives, the joint committee on housing, the joint committee on  
1789 revenue and the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than January 1, 2026.

1790 SECTION 135. The executive office of housing and livable communities, in consultation  
1791 with the office of public safety and inspections and the board of building regulations and  
1792 standards, shall study the feasibility and efficacy of allowing licensed third-party inspectors to  
1793 conduct inspections of manufactured housing, off-site construction and multifamily housing  
1794 projects. The executive office shall submit a report on its findings which shall include training  
1795 recommendations and licensure guidelines and processes. The report shall be filed with the  
1796 clerks of the senate and the house of representatives, the joint committee on housing, the joint  
1797 committee on revenue and the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than  
1798 January 1, 2026.

1799            SECTION 136. The executive office of housing and livable communities, in consultation  
1800 with the executive office for administration and finance, the division of local services and the  
1801 department of revenue, shall study the feasibility and impact of allowing municipalities, by local  
1802 option, to exempt new affordable housing developments from paragraphs (b) and (f) of section  
1803 21C of chapter 59 of the General Laws. The study shall include, but not be limited to: (i)  
1804 potential revenue benefits; (ii) potential new affordable housing units created; (iii) the impact of  
1805 allowing municipalities, by local option, to exempt new affordable housing developments at  
1806 multipliers of 5 and 10 times the value prescribed in said paragraphs (b) and (f) of said section  
1807 21C of said chapter 59; (iv) the impact on housing developments with different percentages of  
1808 affordable units; (v) the impact of requiring affordability thresholds to qualify for such  
1809 exemptions; and (vi) a comparison of potential impacts across different municipalities. The  
1810 executive office of housing and livable communities shall submit a report of its findings to the  
1811 clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the joint committee on housing, the joint  
1812 committee on revenue and the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than  
1813 March 1, 2026.

1814            SECTION 137. (a) For the purposes of this section, “authority” shall mean the  
1815 Massachusetts School Building Authority established in section 1A of chapter 70B of the  
1816 General Laws.

1817            (b) There shall be a special commission to study and make recommendations regarding  
1818 (i) the capacity of the authority to meet the needs of current and future school facility projects;  
1819 and (ii) the racial, ethnic, socioeconomic and geographic equity of the grant funding formula to  
1820 ensure that all communities may participate in the maintenance assessment program established  
1821 in section 16 of chapter 70B of the General Laws.

1822            (c) The commission shall consist of: the house and senate chairs of the joint committee  
1823 on education, who shall serve as co-chairs; 1 member to be appointed by the senate president; 1

1824 member to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; 1 member to be  
1825 appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 1 member to be appointed by the minority leader  
1826 of the house of representatives; the secretary of education or a designee; the commissioner of  
1827 elementary and secondary education or a designee; the executive director of the Massachusetts  
1828 School Building Authority or a designee; 2 members to be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom  
1829 shall be a representative of a gateway city with knowledge of municipal finance and 1 of whom  
1830 shall be an individual with demonstrated expertise in the design and construction of cost-  
1831 effective school buildings; 2 members to be appointed by the state treasurer, 1 of whom shall be  
1832 an individual with demonstrated expertise in the design and construction of green buildings and 1  
1833 of whom shall be an individual with demonstrated expertise in public health and indoor  
1834 environmental quality in school buildings; 1 member from the Massachusetts Association of  
1835 School Superintendents, Inc.; 1 member from the Massachusetts Association of School  
1836 Committees, Inc.; 1 member from the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators,  
1837 Inc.; 1 member from the Massachusetts chapters of the American Institute for Architects; 1  
1838 member from the Massachusetts Facilities Administrators Association, Inc.; 1 member from the  
1839 Massachusetts Teachers Association; 1 member from the American Federation of Teachers,  
1840 Massachusetts; 1 member from the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, Inc.; 1 member from  
1841 the Massachusetts Municipal Association, Inc.; and 1 member from the Massachusetts Building  
1842 Trades Council.

1843 (d) The commission shall investigate and make recommendations on: (i) the current and  
1844 future need to renovate and rebuild school facilities, availability of adequate state and local  
1845 resources and the extent to which current state funding for the authority may need to be adjusted  
1846 to meet this need; (ii) the authority's existing grant formula and potential modifications to the  
1847 formula to ensure fairness and equity for all communities; (iii) the alignment of the authority's  
1848 construction cost reimbursement rate relative to the actual cost of construction and other  
1849 authority policies that impact eligible project costs for reimbursement; (iv) incentive percentage

1850 points including, but not limited to, how incentive percentage points are calculated for  
1851 municipalities that qualify for 80 per cent reimbursement; (v) reimbursement policies for  
1852 regional technical and vocational schools and ways to ensure affordability for all member  
1853 communities; (vi) reimbursement policies to assist the commonwealth in achieving its  
1854 environmental and greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals; (vii) reimbursement policies that  
1855 support healthy school facilities for students and staff; (viii) if the authority should be authorized  
1856 to spend money on equipment or be limited to funding education structures; (ix) if the authority  
1857 should add incentives for educational spaces approved under chapter 74 of the General Laws in  
1858 programs that align to labor market demand; (x) strategies for addressing facilities' needs of  
1859 educational collaboratives; and (xi) any other issues affecting the ability of all students to attend  
1860 school in high quality, accessible, safe, healthy and green school buildings.

1861 (e) The authority and other state agencies shall make available to the commission any  
1862 documents, data or materials in a timely manner when requested by the commission. The  
1863 authority shall provide staff to assist the commission in completing its obligations under this  
1864 section.

1865 (f) The commission shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the  
1866 clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the joint committee on education and the senate  
1867 and house committees on ways and means not later than June 1, 2026.

1868 SECTION 138. Nonprofit institutions of higher education and nonprofit organizations  
1869 that comprise a health care delivery system shall be immune from liability on any with regard to  
1870 any claim or cause of action seeking a legal or equitable remedy or other relief commenced  
1871 between July 1, 2024 and September 30, 2028, inclusive, that alleges that the institution's or  
1872 organization's payment of wages, on a monthly basis or pursuant to any written policy, schedule  
1873 or agreement presented or made available to an employee concerning payment for work  
1874 performed over an academic term violated section 148 of chapter 149 of the General Laws;

1875 provided, however, that earned wages shall have been paid in full within 6 days of the  
1876 termination of a pay period occurring: (i) on a monthly basis; or (ii) pursuant to any written  
1877 policy, schedule or agreement presented to an employee concerning payment for work performed  
1878 over a specific period or an academic term.

1879 SECTION 139. The special commission established in section 52 of chapter 176 of the  
1880 acts of 2022 is hereby revived and continued and shall file its final report not later than June 1,  
1881 2026.

1882 SECTION 140. The special commission established in section 53 of chapter 176 of the  
1883 acts of 2022 is hereby revived and continued and shall file its final report not later than June 1,  
1884 2026.

1885 SECTION 141. The health policy commission shall consult with relevant stakeholders  
1886 including, but not limited to, consumers, consumer advocacy organizations, organizations  
1887 representing persons with disabilities and chronic health conditions, providers, provider  
1888 organizations, payers, pharmaceutical manufacturers, pharmacy benefit managers and health care  
1889 economists and other academics, to assist in the development and periodic review of regulations  
1890 to implement section 24 of chapter 6D of the General Laws including, but not limited to: (i)  
1891 establishing the criteria and processes for identifying the proposed value of an eligible drug as  
1892 defined in said section 24 of said chapter 6D; and (ii) determining the appropriate price increase  
1893 for a public health essential drug as described within the definition of eligible drug in said  
1894 section 24 of said chapter 6D.

1895 The commission shall hold its first public outreach pursuant to this section not more than  
1896 45 days after the effective date of this act and shall, to the extent possible, ensure fair  
1897 representation and input from a diverse array of stakeholders.

1898 SECTION 142. Notwithstanding subsection (b) of section 15A of chapter 6D of the  
1899 General Laws, for the purposes of providing an initial early notice under said section 15A of said

1900 chapter 6D, the health policy commission shall determine a significant price increase for a  
1901 generic drug to be defined as a generic drug priced at \$100 or more per wholesale acquisition  
1902 cost unit that increases in cost by 100 per cent or more during any 12-month period.

1903 SECTION 143. Section 142 is hereby repealed.

1904 SECTION 144. Not later than March 1, 2026, the department of early education and care  
1905 shall file a report with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the senate and house  
1906 committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education detailing the feasibility of  
1907 expanding background record checks of candidates for licensure or employment with or  
1908 individuals licensed to be present on the premises of programs licensed, approved or funded by  
1909 the department of early education and care. The report shall include, but not be limited to: (i)  
1910 information on international databases that include criminal history records and the ability of the  
1911 department to access said databases; (ii) strategies for ensuring background checks are conducted  
1912 with all reasonably available information; (iii) best practices for conducting provider background  
1913 checks in other states; and (iv) any additional information pertaining to improving the process for  
1914 conducting background checks for early education programs in the commonwealth.

1915 SECTION 145. Not later than 6 months after the effective date of this act, the registrar of  
1916 motor vehicles shall promulgate regulations to implement the fourth paragraph of section 24 of  
1917 chapter 90D of the General Laws.

1918 SECTION 146. The department of children and families shall promulgate regulations as  
1919 necessary to implement section 23 of chapter 119 of the General Laws not more than 90 days  
1920 after the effective date of this act.

1921 SECTION 147. The dashboard required under subsection (e) of section 1 of chapter 23B  
1922 of the General Laws shall be operational not later than December 31, 2026. The initial  
1923 publication of the dashboard shall include complete data on all projects approved on or after  
1924 January 1, 2023 and may include any prior project history as determined by the executive office  
1925 of housing and livable communities.

1926            SECTION 148. No plan by a city or town to change the number of licenses available  
1927        under chapter 138 of the General Laws shall take effect prior to January 1, 2026. The number of  
1928        licenses authorized under said chapter 138 for each city and town prior to January 1, 2026 shall  
1929        remain unchanged unless changed by the mayor and city council or select board pursuant to a  
1930        plan adopted under section 17 of said chapter 138.

1931            SECTION 149. Sections 44 and 46 shall take effect 6 months after the effective date of  
1932        this act.

1933            SECTION 150. Section 39 shall take effect on August 1, 2025.

1934            SECTION 151. Sections 5, 6, 52 to 54, inclusive, and 59 to 67, inclusive, shall take effect  
1935        on January 1, 2026.

1936            SECTION 152. Subsections (d), (h) and (i) of section 23D of chapter 119 of the General  
1937        Laws shall take effect on January 1, 2027; provided, however, that the department shall make  
1938        best efforts to ensure compliance with said subsections (d), (h) and (i) of said section 23D of said  
1939        chapter 119 as of the effective date of this act.

1940            SECTION 153. Section 143 shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

1941            SECTION 154. Except as otherwise specified, this act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.