

HOUSE No. 4227

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2514) of the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4010), reports, in part, recommending passage of the accompanying bill (House, No. 4227) [Total Appropriation: \$1,387,975,000.00]. June 16, 2025.

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Massachusetts Department of Transportation

1596-2404	MBTA Physical Infrastructure.....	\$40,000,000
1596-2405	MBTA Low-Income Fare Relief.....	\$20,000,000
1596-2427	MBTA Workforce/Safety Reserve.....	\$175,000,000

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

1596-2424	Green Schoolworks.....	\$10,000,000
7061-0012	Special Education Circuit Breaker.....	\$58,000,000

Student Opportunity Act Investment Fund.....100%

Department of Higher Education

1596-2425	DHE Endowment Match.....	\$10,000,000
1596-2426	UMass Endowment Match.....	\$10,000,000

SECTION 2A. The sums set forth in this section are hereby appropriated from the Education and Transportation Innovation and Capital Fund established in section 2DDDDDD of chapter 29 of the General Laws or the Transitional Escrow Fund established in section 16 of chapter 76 of the acts of 2021, as amended by section 4 of chapter 98 of the acts of 2022, unless specifically designated otherwise in this act, for the purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this section and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. All appropriations in this section shall not be subject to section 5D of said chapter 29. These sums shall be made available through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2028.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Office of the Secretary

1596-2513 For a grant program for capital improvements, long-term leasing of additional space and other initiatives necessary to build capacity and safely accommodate additional career technical education school opportunities; provided, that the funds shall be administered by the executive office of education in consultation with the Massachusetts School Building Authority and the executive office of labor and workforce development; provided further, that not more than \$35,000,000 shall be made available to comprehensive high schools; provided further, that in determining a process for awarding grants, the executive office shall prioritize meeting the workforce demands of regional employers, reducing demonstrable waitlists at career and technical education schools and providing equitable access to career and technical skills training for students likely to pursue a career in their field of study; provided further, that not less than \$15,000,000 shall be expended for a pilot program for comprehensive high schools to support career and vocational technical annex buildings on comprehensive high school campuses; provided further, that career and vocational training offered within such annex buildings shall align with regional workforce demands; provided further, that the pilot program shall prioritize communities that: (i) have demonstrable waitlists for career and vocational technical programming; (ii) are taking meaningful steps to produce new housing; and (iii) have adopted best practices to promote sustainable housing development to be determined in consultation with the executive office of housing and livable communities; and provided further, that the executive office shall prioritize annex projects within the pilot program that address disparities in opportunity gap data compiled by the department of elementary and secondary education and support student populations that (a) consist of high school juniors or seniors; (b)

57 have not been accepted into a dedicated vocational school or program; (c) experience historically
58 low admittance rates into vocation technical school districts; and (d) reside in the public school’s
59 district.....\$100,000,000

60 1596-2517 For local 1-time education projects; provided, that not less than \$300,000
61 shall be expended for Gloucester Marine Genomics Institute Incorporated for costs associated
62 with the education of students; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended as
63 a grant to the Northeast Arc, Inc. for its Pathways to Opportunities program for education,
64 mentorship, skill-building and job training of eligible high school students who are not
65 immediately college bound; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended for
66 the classroom expansion project at the United South End Settlements in the city of Boston;
67 provided further, that not less than \$875,000 shall be expended for a statewide college and career
68 readiness program implemented by JFYNetWorks, a nonprofit corporation, to: (i) provide online
69 instructional curricula to help students meet the commonwealth’s standards at each grade level
70 and reduce learning loss and achievement gaps; and (ii) prepare students for required
71 assessments and college placement tests in middle and high schools; provided further, that not
72 less than \$200,000 shall be expended for 826 Boston, Inc. to administer writing enrichment,
73 tutoring and college prep services for public school students; provided further, that not less than
74 \$250,000 shall be expended for NeighborHealth Corporation for the development of a school-
75 based health clinic within the Mario Umana Academy in the city of Boston; provided further,
76 that not less than \$45,000 shall be expended to the town of Wayland for the purchase of a van
77 needed to expand transition programming for special education students in the Wayland public
78 schools; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended to Junior Achievement
79 of Greater Boston, Inc. to enhance middle school to career pathways, featuring the following

80 programs: (a) interactive career exploration events designed to connect 1,200 eighth graders with
81 local businesses and industries to provide education pathways for career enhancement; (b) direct
82 youth entrepreneurship by giving high school students the space, mentorship, materials and
83 educational support necessary to launch and operate businesses in conjunction with coursework;
84 (c) providing financial literacy courses, materials and educator training to students enrolled in
85 financial literacy courses through designated district public schools; and (d) providing all levels
86 of placement services and support for paid internships for program alumni; provided further, that
87 not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for support of the Gloucester high school vocational
88 school, including, but not limited to, the design, construction and implementation of a medical
89 assisting program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for The Sports
90 Museum of New England, Inc. to continue Boston vs. Bullies programming and preservation;
91 provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended by the department of elementary
92 and secondary education for a grant program to school districts for implementation of
93 community schools, including, but not limited to, the hiring of community school coordinators;
94 provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended as a grant to The May Institute,
95 Inc. to support accessibility and construction costs for its new school located in the town of
96 Mansfield for the special education of public school students with autism and other
97 developmental disabilities up to age 22; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be
98 expended to NEADS Inc. to administer, expand and digitize the NEADS Red Vest Accessible
99 program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Worcester public
100 schools to supply elementary schools that serve students in Main South and Columbus Park with
101 reading materials for English language learners that are relevant to and reflective of their
102 experiences; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Leicester

103 public schools to purchase equipment for its veterinary technician vocational program; provided
104 further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for full-time kindergarten tuition expenses
105 for Braintree public schools; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to
106 Special Olympics Massachusetts, Inc. for early motor skills development and inclusive pre-K
107 and elementary education; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to
108 METCO, Inc. to supplement costs of late bus transportation for the 33 METCO school districts;
109 provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Calmer Choice to enable
110 continuation of the non-profit's 15-year evidence-based mental health programming to students
111 in grades K-12 and educators in 11 public schools and 11 community organizations throughout
112 Cape Cod and the south shore; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be allocated to
113 Wondermore Inc. to support literacy initiatives in Boston public schools, with a focus on
114 promoting diversity through author visits and book distribution; provided further, that not less
115 than \$250,000 shall be expended for Women's Money Matters, Inc. to provide support for
116 financial wellness programs; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be provided to
117 the city of Brockton and expended for the installation of a public safety crosswalk in front of
118 New Heights charter school located on Main street in the city of Brockton for costs associated
119 with design and installation; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for
120 the Mattapan Technology Learning Center, Inc. for instructors and case managers to provide job
121 training and career placement for technical industries; provided further, that not less than
122 \$50,000 shall be expended for the St. Stephen's Youth Parent mentoring program at the
123 Mattahunt elementary school to increase the parent mentoring cohort size to 10; provided further,
124 that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Brave Behind Bars, Inc. for the Tufts University
125 Prison Initiative of Tisch College women's education program; provided further, that not less

126 than \$75,000 shall be expended to the E-Team machinist training program to support vocational
127 education and workforce training for adults; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 be
128 expended for the Haitian-Creole program at New England Culinary Arts Training; provided
129 further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Blessed Stephen Bellesini, O.S.A.
130 Academy, Inc. to support underserved students in the city of Lawrence; provided further, that not
131 less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc. to provide support to
132 evidence-based early childhood education programs that promote language, literacy and social-
133 emotional skill development for preschool children from under-served communities and the
134 expanded scope of work that Jumpstart provides in the commonwealth to address the early
135 education workforce shortage; provided further, that not less than \$2,700,000 shall be expended
136 for Leo Inc. in the city of Lynn for capital costs to increase childcare capacity at its Broad street
137 preschool; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for psychosocial
138 educational programming at the Teen Torch Foundation; provided further, that not less than
139 \$100,000 shall be allocated to Amherst-Pelham regional school district for special education
140 services; provided further, that not less than \$850,000 shall be expended to Charles River
141 Community Health, Inc. to develop physical space and support start-up costs necessary for a
142 primary care medical residency program; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be
143 expended for computer device replacement in the North Reading public schools; provided
144 further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to the New Bedford Whaling Museum's
145 welcome and exhibition center; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended
146 for the town of West Springfield for educational materials, programs or services incurred by the
147 town of West Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for
148 improvements to the Framingham high school auditorium; provided further, that not less than

149 \$100,000 shall be expended for the Chenery middle school in the town of Belmont for the
150 Chenery park revitalization project to enhance educational opportunities for students; provided
151 further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Shelburne for playground
152 improvements; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of
153 Charlemont for the Mohawk Trail regional and Hawlemont school districts' sustainability study;
154 provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for Julie's Family Learning
155 Program, Inc. for a 1-time investment to replace antiquated infrastructure at its early education
156 and care facility; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to People,
157 Incorporated for expanded and affordable childcare access for infants, toddlers and preschoolers
158 in the city of Fall River; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the
159 Greenfield public schools to support students in the city of Greenfield; provided further, that not
160 less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Laboure Center, Inc. to offset costs associated with
161 placing English language learners through its nursing assistant and home health aide program;
162 provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the Josiah Quincy School
163 Association in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended
164 for the South Boston Neighborhood House, Inc. to offset a 1-time deficit for its early education
165 and care program; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of
166 Upton to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less than
167 \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Northbridge to offset special education costs for fiscal
168 year 2025; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Grafton
169 to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less than
170 \$100,000 shall be expended for upgrades to the Lynnfield high school auditorium in the town of
171 Lynnfield to improve daily educational and after school uses of the auditorium; provided further,

172 that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Children’s Room in the town of Arlington for
173 student mental health support; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for
174 bathroom renovation and accessibility upgrades for the Belchertown public schools; provided
175 further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Springfield public schools for
176 improvements to the Indian Orchard elementary school; provided further, that not less than
177 \$250,000 shall be expended to Ellis memorial early education center in the city of Boston;
178 provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for necessary repairs to the
179 Newbury elementary school in the town of Newbury; provided further, that not less than
180 \$100,000 shall be expended for Springfield public schools to expand the arts program by
181 acquiring art supplies, theater essentials and pottery supplies to increase student engagement;
182 provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended to Kids In Tech, Inc. for the
183 purposes of supporting after-school, hands-on science, technology, engineering, art and math
184 education programs across the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall
185 be expended for Springfield public schools to obtain translation devices to support
186 communication for multilingual learner students and their parents; provided further, that not less
187 than \$125,000 shall be expended for improvements to pedestrian and busing access at Walpole
188 high school; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Springfield public
189 schools to obtain and disperse, to all schools, multilingual dictionaries for multilingual learner
190 students; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Springfield public
191 schools for improvements at Dorman elementary school; provided further, that not less than
192 \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Lunenburg for educational materials, programs or
193 services incurred by the town of Lunenburg; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be
194 expended to the Springfield public schools for improvements at Boland elementary school;

195 provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Springfield public schools to
196 obtain headphones for ACCESS testing for multilingual learner students; provided further, that
197 not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Bellingham to offset special education
198 costs for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the
199 town of Uxbridge to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not
200 less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Blackstone-Millville regional school district to offset
201 special education costs for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be
202 expended to the town of Arlington for technology upgrades in the Arlington public schools;
203 provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Methuen public schools to
204 support special education services; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be
205 expended to Springfield public schools for the replacement of the fire alarm system at
206 Springfield high school of science and technology; provided further, that not less than \$100,000
207 shall be expended to the Peabody public school system to provide for the science from scientists
208 program; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended toward academic and
209 financial support services for students of the Urban College of Boston: A Two-Year College,
210 Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to Marlborough public
211 schools to offset unanticipated out of district special education placements and related
212 transportation costs; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the city
213 known as the town of Franklin for the purchase of a special education passenger van to transport
214 and support students for in-district programs in the Franklin public schools; provided further, that
215 not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of Watertown to offset special education
216 costs for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the
217 town of Waltham to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not

218 less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of Newton to offset special education costs for
219 fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to College
220 Bound Dorchester, Inc. for the administration of alternative education and other services for at-
221 risk youth; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of
222 Westford for technological equipment upgrades in classrooms for Crisafulli elementary school in
223 Westford; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to Weymouth public
224 schools for materials, tools, equipment, technology and educational resources that support
225 teaching, learning and educational development within the Weymouth public schools vocational
226 and career technical education programs; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be
227 expended to Melrose public schools for energy efficiency upgrades to Lincoln elementary,
228 Melrose high school and Melrose Veterans Memorial middle school; provided further, that not
229 less than \$100,000 shall be expended to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of
230 consolidating the following school districts: Northern Berkshire school union, North Adams
231 school district and Hoosac valley regional school district; provided further, that such study will
232 also take into consideration the consolidation of services; provided further, that not less than
233 \$75,000 shall be expended to Auburn public schools for the purchase of a bus; provided further,
234 that not less than \$70,000 shall be expended to Grafton public schools for the purchase of a
235 wheelchair accessible van; provided further, that not less than \$90,000 shall be expended to
236 Millbury public schools for the purchase of a bus; provided further, that not less than \$15,000
237 shall be expended to Millbury public schools for costs associated with vocational programming
238 in partnership with the North Atlantic States Carpenters Union including, but not limited to,
239 equipment, supplies and other education materials; provided further, that not less than \$35,000
240 shall be expended to Shrewsbury public schools for capital expenses; provided further, that not

241 less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Blackstone Valley regional vocational technical high
242 school for capital expenses; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to
243 Worcester state university to plan, develop and launch a new cyber range in partnership with
244 Quinsigamond community college for excellence and innovation focused on cyber security and
245 for programmatic development, curriculum, business and community partnerships and
246 technologies for the range; provided further, that not less than \$70,000 shall be expended to
247 Westborough public schools for capital expenses for the Bridging Over to Right Opportunities
248 program; provided further, that not less than \$120,000 shall be provided to the Worcester public
249 schools for capital expenses; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the
250 city of Haverhill for repairs and renovations at Trinity Stadium at Haverhill high school to
251 support the physical education of students; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be
252 expended to Haverhill public schools for the planning and launch of initiatives to support closing
253 student achievement gaps, including, but not limited to, high dosage tutoring; provided further,
254 that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of North Andover for updates and
255 technology improvements to the North Andover high school library; provided further, that not
256 less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the town of Andover for costs related to the acquisition
257 and installation of synthetic turf fields for Andover public schools; provided further, that not less
258 than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Merrimac for safety and accessibility
259 improvements at the Helen R. Donaghue school, including refinishing of the basketball court
260 surface and creation of access points appropriate for students with disabilities; provided further,
261 that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Andover for capital improvements to
262 the Tucker Family field and associated facilities at Doherty middle school; provided further, that
263 not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for capital improvements and equipment for the science

264 central program at the O'Maley Innovation middle school in the city of Gloucester; provided
265 further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the design and construction of
266 replacement portions of the roof at the Rockport Middle High school in the town of Rockport;
267 provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for a cellphone repeater system for
268 Georgetown public schools in the town of Georgetown; provided further, that not less than
269 \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of North Reading for capital improvements to facilitate
270 full-day kindergarten; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the town
271 of Andover for facilities and other capital improvements at the Eugene V. Lovely Memorial
272 Field at Andover high school; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to
273 Holyoke community college for capital projects; provided further, that not less than \$130,000
274 shall be expended to Easthampton public schools in the city of Easthampton for transportation
275 vans; provided further, that not less than \$120,000 shall be expended to Holyoke public schools
276 for capital improvements at Holyoke high school; provided further, that not less than \$250,000
277 shall be expended to Westfield public schools for capital projects; provided further, that not less
278 than \$100,000 shall be expended to West Springfield public schools for capital projects;
279 provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended to Agawam public schools for the
280 replacement of elementary school roofs; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be
281 expended to Bellingham public schools for cybersecurity infrastructure; provided further, that
282 not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Wrentham public schools for school flooring
283 repair or replacement; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to Plainville
284 public schools for interactive classroom technology; provided further, that not less than \$100,000
285 shall be expended to Needham public schools for preschool playground improvements; provided
286 further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Franklin public schools for the creation

287 of outdoor learning environments; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be
288 expended for materials, equipment and capital improvements for public schools in the town of
289 Reading; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for materials,
290 equipment and capital improvements for public schools in the city of Melrose; provided further,
291 that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for materials, equipment and capital improvements
292 for public schools in the city of Malden; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be
293 expended to the North Middlesex regional school district for infrastructure upgrades; provided
294 further, that not less than \$55,000 shall be expended to Lunenburg public schools for
295 infrastructure upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the
296 Groton Dunstable regional school district for infrastructure upgrades; provided further, that not
297 less than \$195,000 shall be expended for 2 transportation vans for Lunenburg public schools;
298 provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Quabbin regional school
299 district to purchase chromebooks for students; provided further, that not less than \$90,000 shall
300 be expended to the Hubbardston Center school for the replacement of its boiler; provided further,
301 that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the higher education program for incarcerated
302 individuals in department of correction facilities operated by the Boston College Prison
303 Education Program, to support purchasing equipment, textbooks and similar materials and
304 equipment intended to be used for more than 1 academic year; provided further, that not less than
305 \$50,000 shall be expended for the higher education program for incarcerated individuals in
306 department of correction facilities operated by the Boston University Metropolitan College
307 through purchasing equipment, textbooks and similar materials and equipment that is intended be
308 reused for more than 1 academic year; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be
309 expended for the higher education program for incarcerated individuals in department of

310 correction facilities operated by the Emerson Prison Initiative to support purchasing equipment,
311 textbooks and similar materials and equipment intended be used for more than 1 academic year;
312 provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to The Liger Alliance, a non-profit
313 organization that supports robotics education at Newton North and Newton South high schools,
314 for the purchase of equipment to be used by Newton North and Newton South high school
315 students participating in robotics education programming; provided further, that not less than
316 \$253,000 shall be expended to the city of Newton for 1-time startup costs for the implementation
317 of mental health programming at Newton North and Newton South high schools and for 1-time
318 startup costs associated with data literacy training to assist Newton public school teachers in
319 designing interventions for students with identified skill deficits; provided further, that not less
320 than \$122,000 shall be expended to the town of Brookline for 1-time expenses in support of
321 literacy initiatives in Brookline public schools and for the purchase and installation of a
322 dishwasher at Baker school and auditorium lighting at Brookline high school; provided further,
323 that not less than \$375,000 shall be expended for the Boys & Girls Club of Lynn, Inc. for a
324 dedicated teen wing that shall provide after school programming and college preparation services
325 to Lynn public school students; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended
326 to Lynn public schools for capital improvements; provided further, that not less than \$50,000
327 shall be expended to More Than Words, Inc. for capital improvements to expand access to
328 quality public education for youth involved in the department of children and families or the
329 commonwealth's justice system; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended
330 to Waltham Partnership for Youth, Inc. to develop a mental health education curriculum for
331 public school students to be taught in Waltham public high schools including, but not limited to,
332 purchase of education materials; provided further, that not less than \$21,000 shall be expended to

333 Lexington Historical Museums for site improvements to accommodate public school students
334 and a traveling exhibit for public school classrooms; provided further, that not less than \$50,000
335 shall be expended to MassEnergize, Inc. for the purchase of equipment and development of
336 education materials for clean energy curriculum taught in public schools; provided further, that
337 not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation,
338 Inc. for renovations to a STEM learning space used by Waltham public school students; provided
339 further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the South Shore regional vocational
340 technical school in the town of Hanover for capital, equipment or planning costs associated with
341 the Firefighter Cadet program; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to
342 the town of Abington for public education capital, equipment or planning costs; provided further,
343 that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Braintree for public
344 education capital, equipment or planning costs; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall
345 be expended to the town of Hanover for public education capital, equipment or planning costs;
346 provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of Holbrook for public
347 education capital, equipment or planning costs; provided further, that not less than \$180,000
348 shall be expended to the city of Quincy for public education capital, equipment or planning costs;
349 provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of Rockland for public
350 education capital, equipment or planning costs; provided further, that not less than \$375,000
351 shall be expended for Gregg Neighborhood House Association, Incorporated for capital
352 improvements that support early education and care in the city of Lynn and increase accessibility
353 of educational and after school services to Lynn public school students; provided further, that not
354 less than \$50,000 shall be expended to One Bead Project to support academic and career
355 planning after school programming for middle school students hosted within Boston public

356 schools, including, but not limited to, equipment, supplies and other educational materials;
357 provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Walpole public schools for the
358 purpose of replacing chromebook laptop computers for classroom use by students; provided
359 further, that not less than \$70,000 shall be expended to Norwood public schools for the purpose
360 of information technology improvements including the purchase of wireless access points and
361 improvements to the Norwood high school television and media lab; provided further, that not
362 less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Longmeadow public schools for district-wide security
363 system upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$93,000 shall be expended to the Pathfinder
364 regional vocational technical school in the town of Palmer for horticulture vocational program
365 upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$92,500 shall be expended to the Hampden-
366 Wilbraham regional school district for its technology and firewall updates; provided further, that
367 not less than \$80,000 shall be expended to South Hadley public schools for gymnasium
368 improvements at the South Hadley high school and Michael E. Smith middle school; provided
369 further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Boys and Girls Club of Plymouth,
370 Inc. for capital expenditures to support educational opportunities for public school students in
371 partnership with public schools; provided further, that not less than \$26,000 shall be expended to
372 Palmer high school for gymnasium upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall
373 be expended for the Plymouth Family Network for capital expenditures to support its early
374 education services provided to families in the region; provided further, that not less than \$25,000
375 shall be expended for the Pembroke public schools to support equipment needs for their
376 biomedical and engineering pathway programs; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall
377 be expended for the Silver Lake regional school district to perform Americans with Disabilities
378 Act safety upgrades; provided further, that not less \$200,000 shall be expended for the Guild of

379 St. Agnes to support its activities that predominantly serve low-income children receiving
380 childcare vouchers and other support from the commonwealth, including, but not limited to,
381 making improvements to its center in the town of Devens and purchasing vehicles for child
382 transportation; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for the Fund for
383 Sandwich of the Cape Cod Foundation, Inc. for equipment or capital expenditures for Sandwich
384 public schools; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the ARC of
385 Plymouth and Upper Cape for their facility to support educational programming to public school
386 students with disabilities in collaboration with public schools; provided further, that not less than
387 \$40,000 shall be expended for the town of Pembroke for facility maintenance and upgrades
388 related to educational programming in collaboration with Pembroke public schools; provided
389 further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Boys and Girls Club of Cape Cod,
390 Inc. for capital expenditures associated with the youth facility for public school students in the
391 Cape Cod region to access educational programming in partnership with public schools;
392 provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Community Recreation
393 Association, Inc. in the town of Dalton for curriculum and other capital expenditures for the
394 CRA free tutoring program for students referred from the Dalton public schools; provided
395 further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the Old Mill Pond elementary school in
396 the town of Palmer for playground upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be
397 expended for Berkshire Film and Media Collaborative, Inc. for materials, curriculum, content
398 and other capital expenses for the Your Voice Through Video program at Pittsfield high school;
399 provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for The Plymouth Education
400 Foundation, Inc. for grants to Plymouth public schools for facilities and capital or equipment
401 expenditures to support students; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended

402 to the town of Plymouth for the purchase of vehicles or equipment for See Plymouth to provide
403 improved transportation access; provided further, that not less than \$165,000 shall be expended
404 for the YMCA Cape Cod in the town of Falmouth to support maintenance and improvements to
405 their early education and care facility; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be
406 expended to Chicopee public school's Belcher elementary school to fund its HVAC upgrades;
407 provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Andover for
408 equipment and other capital improvements to the gymnasium and weight room at Andover high
409 school; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Nashoba Regional
410 school district for classroom projectors; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be
411 expended to Worcester public schools for capital expenses; provided further, that not less than
412 \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of North Andover for costs associated with the purchase
413 of equipment for the robotics teams at North Andover high school; provided further, that not less
414 than \$25,000 shall be expended to Monomoy regional school district for costs associated with
415 mold and water damage mitigation at Monomoy middle school; provided further, that not less
416 than \$100,000 shall be expended to Boston public schools for capital and equipment upgrades
417 and to develop the Aviation program at Madison Park technical vocational high school for a
418 Federal Aviation Administration-certified initiative designed to train students to become
419 licensed, certified pilots; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to
420 Dudley Street Neighborhood charter school for capital improvements, including the development
421 of a gym and recreation spaces; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to
422 Boston public schools for capital improvements and equipment upgrades at the Shaw Taylor
423 elementary school; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Boston
424 public schools for capital and equipment upgrades at the John D. O'Bryant School of

425 Mathematics and Science; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to
426 Boston public schools for capital improvements and pool repairs at the Hennigan K-8 school and
427 community center; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for the Friends
428 of the Hernandez after school program at the Rafael Hernández Dual Language School, a K-8
429 public school in the city of Boston, for capital improvements and equipment upgrades; provided
430 further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Boston’s Higher Ground Inc.’s
431 afterschool program within Boston public schools for capital and equipment upgrades and to
432 provide support services and afterschool programming to homeless and at-risk students in the
433 city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Boston public
434 schools for capital improvements and equipment upgrades at the Holmes elementary school;
435 provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Boston public schools for
436 capital improvements and equipment upgrades, including the playground project at the Orchard
437 Gardens K-8 school; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Boston
438 public schools for the construction of a new gymnasium at UP Academy Holland to support
439 physical education and student wellness programming; provided further, that not less than
440 \$50,000 shall be expended to Boston public schools for capital improvements and equipment
441 upgrades at the Margarita Muniz Academy; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be
442 expended to the Blue Hills Observatory and Science Center for the purposes of capital
443 development and equipment supporting public elementary and secondary schools in the
444 commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for improved
445 information technology equipment, including, but not limited to, language learning applications,
446 translation applications, braille and sign language materials and transcribers, at Winthrop public
447 schools to support their language programs including English as a second language instruction;

448 provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Community Against Substance
449 Abuse, Inc. (CASA) for student support in Winthrop public schools through afterschool
450 programming, counseling and job readiness supplies including, but not limited to, food, air
451 conditioners, supplies and other educational materials; provided further, that not less than
452 \$125,000 shall be expended for the mini soccer pitch at the Curtis Guild elementary school in the
453 East Boston section of the city of Boston; provided further, not less than \$25,000 shall be
454 expended for the purchase of a new stage and seating at the Mario Umana Academy for their
455 dual language program in the East Boston section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not
456 less than \$65,000 shall be expended for a mini soccer pitch at the Samuel Adams elementary
457 school in the East Boston section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than
458 \$210,000 shall be expended for the rehabilitation and conversion of William McKinley school in
459 the city of Revere into an early childhood education center; provided further, that not less than
460 \$500,000 shall be expended to the department of elementary and secondary education to conduct
461 a study to assess current and future capital needs at Massachusetts educational collaboratives and
462 approved special education schools; provided further, that said study shall include an analysis
463 and assessment of current conditions and repair needs of facilities, including known mechanical
464 and structural issues, critical safety issues and the need for new facilities required to meet the
465 student population with an analysis of current funding for such facility needs and
466 recommendations for a long-term funding model; provided further, that the report shall be
467 submitted to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the house and senate
468 committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education not later than June 30,
469 2025; provided further, that not less than \$475,000 shall be expended for Northstar Learning
470 Centers, Inc. to: (i) construct a playground at its early education center in the city of New

471 Bedford; (ii) provide transportation to New Bedford public school students participating in
472 educational programming through non-profit members of the Greater New Bedford Youth
473 Alliance; and (iii) implement a youth music and education program in collaboration with the
474 New Bedford Symphony Orchestra and New Bedford public schools to provide instruction,
475 musical instruments, books and other necessary materials to underserved children in the city of
476 New Bedford; provided further, that each individual project administered by Northstar Learning
477 Centers, Inc. under this item shall not exceed \$200,000; provided further, that not less than
478 \$100,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Maritime Academy to provide the capital
479 needs and equipment necessary to prepare the Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey for an educational
480 sail to Cape Verde in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the island nation's independence and
481 strong cultural connection between its people and the diaspora in the city of New Bedford and
482 across the United States; provided further, that not less than \$175,000 shall be expended to
483 Dennison Memorial Community Center, Inc. for capital improvements necessary to facilitate
484 educational programming for public school students through collaboration with New Bedford
485 public schools including, but not limited to, the Alfred J Gomes elementary school; provided
486 further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Burlington for a school
487 building envelope and mechanical system study; provided further, that not less than \$50,000
488 shall be expended to the city of Woburn for education equipment at the Community Resource
489 Center; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Woburn public
490 schools for school capital projects; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended
491 to Shawsheen Valley technical high school for classroom furniture and technology for the
492 business technology and marketing program; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall
493 be expended to Lexington public schools for capital expenses related to the central office

494 relocation; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended to the Billerica public
495 schools for the purchase of literacy curriculum materials; provided further, that not less than
496 \$100,000 shall be expended to the Arlington public schools for upgrades to the Thompson school
497 elevator; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for capital repairs and
498 upgrades at the Old Colony YMCA-Marturano Youth Division in the city of Brockton for its
499 after school programs in collaboration with Brockton public schools as licensed by the
500 department of early education and care; provided further, that not less than \$37,500 shall be
501 expended to the Harvard-Kent elementary school in the Charlestown section of the city of
502 Boston for playground enhancements; provided further, that not less than \$37,500 shall be
503 expended to the Warren-Prescott K-8 school in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston for
504 playground enhancements; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the
505 Cambridgeport school in the city of Cambridge to support social emotional learning through the
506 creation of a sensory maker space; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended
507 to the King Open school in the city of Cambridge for panel and tile work; provided further, that
508 not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Chelsea public school's performing arts department
509 for costs associated with the district art show and various instrument and concert needs; provided
510 further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Chelsea public school's athletic
511 department for updates to sport equipment and materials; provided further, that not less than
512 \$50,000 shall be expended to Chelsea high school to re-pave the Red road; provided further, that
513 not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to For Kids Only Afterschool, Incorporated to support
514 capital and technology improvements in their programs that serve Everett public school students
515 at city-owned property and Chelsea public school students at Chelsea public schools; provided
516 further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the replacement of the basement floor

517 of the Frederic T. Greenhalge elementary school in the city of Lowell; provided further, that not
518 less than \$50,000 shall be expended for replacement of the digital community sign at
519 Pawtucketville memorial elementary school in the city of Lowell; provided further, that not less
520 than \$150,000 shall be expended for the repaving of the traffic circle and parking area at the
521 Varnum Brook elementary school in the town of Pepperell; provided further, that not less than
522 \$150,000 shall be expended for security and egress upgrades at the Tyngsborough elementary
523 school and Tyngsborough high school; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be
524 expended for gymnasium upgrades at the Swallow Union elementary school in the town of
525 Dunstable; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for elevator repairs and
526 replacement at the Swallow Union elementary school in the town of Dunstable; provided further,
527 that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for security upgrades at Dracut public schools;
528 provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to Alfred G. Zanetti Montessori
529 school for playground safety improvements; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall
530 be expended for Margaret C. Ells Elementary school for exterior accessibility improvements in
531 the city of Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for
532 Chestnut Accelerated middle school (Talented and Gifted) for partial control upgrades to the
533 Building Management System in the city of Springfield; provided further, that not less than
534 \$50,000 shall be expended for the Early Childhood Education Center in the city of Springfield
535 for replacement heat and cooling units; provided further, that not less than \$80,000 shall be
536 expended for Salem public schools for a truck designated to the Salem high school band;
537 provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Salem public schools for
538 the construction of a gym parquet floor; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be
539 expended to the town of West Bridgewater to support educational capital and equipment needs;

540 provided further, that not less than \$175,000 shall be expended to Cape Cod Collaborative for
541 facility repairs, including costs associated with boiler replacement and maintenance; provided
542 further, that not less than \$70,000 shall be expended to Cape Cod Children’s Place, Inc. for
543 facility improvements including outdoor and classroom needs to support early education and care
544 as licensed by the department of early education and care; provided further, that not less than
545 \$110,000 shall be expended to the city of Peabody for the purchase of a 42-passenger, 3-
546 wheelchair bus for Peabody public schools to transport disabled students to and from school;
547 provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended to the town of Danvers for
548 classroom technology; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to Cape
549 Cod regional technical high school for the expansion of veterinary science and environmental
550 science programs; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for Granby
551 public schools for the expansion of the IT Career Pathway, including, but not limited to,
552 hardware, software and networking upgrades at the Granby junior senior high school; provided
553 further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for capital and safety improvements to
554 public school facilities in the town of Marion; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall
555 be expended for capital and safety improvements to public school facilities in the town of
556 Rehoboth; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for capital and safety
557 improvements to public school facilities in the town of Seekonk; provided further, that not less
558 than \$30,000 shall be expended for capital and safety improvements to public school facilities in
559 the town of Dighton; provided further, that not less than \$68,000 shall be expended to Raynham
560 public schools for capital improvements, technology upgrades, security camera upgrades and
561 sprinkler head replacements; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for
562 Berkley public schools to support technology and security upgrades for students of the town of

563 Berkley; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the East
564 Longmeadow high school for bleachers; provided further, that not less than \$28,500 shall be
565 expended to the Ludlow public schools for classroom technology upgrades; provided further,
566 that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Lawrence public schools to improve
567 accessibility at schools throughout the city of Lawrence; provided further, that not less than
568 \$115,000 shall be expended to Lawrence public schools for materials, equipment and capital
569 improvements to support workforce development, STEM and arts enrichment programs for
570 students; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Lawrence public
571 schools to beautify public schools throughout the city of Lawrence through the installation of
572 artwork and murals; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Methuen
573 public schools for materials, equipment and capital improvements to support after-school and
574 student support programs; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended to
575 Haverhill public schools for materials, equipment and capital improvements to support after-
576 school programs that focus on empowering young women; provided further, that not less than
577 \$15,000 shall be expended to Haverhill public schools for improvements, including, but not
578 limited to, the purchase of a washer and dryer at the Nettle middle school; provided further, that
579 not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Haverhill public schools for improvements at the
580 Bartlett school and assessment center; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be
581 expended to Monson public schools for general education related expenses including, but not
582 limited to, equipment, supplies and other education materials; provided further, that not less than
583 \$75,000 shall be expended to Sutton public schools for public education expenses including, but
584 not limited to, equipment, supplies and other education materials; provided further, that not less
585 than \$750,000 shall be expended to Weymouth public schools of which \$500,000 shall be

586 expended to provide free feminine hygiene products within public school buildings in
587 partnership with the program known as Free Period; provided further, that not less than \$210,000
588 shall be expended to Springfield public schools for enhanced school safety, communication
589 systems and instructional audio-visual infrastructure for Mary O. Pottenger elementary school,
590 Kensington International school and Elias Brookings elementary school; provided further, that
591 not less than \$70,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Bridgewater for school
592 building capital improvement projects in the town and in the Bridgewater-Raynham regional
593 school district; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the Everett
594 public schools to replace the gymnasium bleachers at Everett high school; provided further, that
595 not less than \$25,000 be expended to the Everett public schools to install a video wall for their
596 performing arts stage; provided further, that not less than \$180,000 shall be expended to the town
597 of Stoughton for school building projects and improvements provided further, that not less than
598 \$100,000 shall be expended to the Freetown Lakeville regional school district for 1-time
599 improvements to athletic and educational facilities including, but not limited to, design,
600 engineering and permitting efforts associated with said improvements; provided further, that not
601 less than \$175,000 shall be expended to the Westport community school district for 1-time
602 improvements and upgrades to the school electrical infrastructure at the Alice A. Macomber
603 school; provided further, that not less than \$1,200,000 shall be expended to Somerset public
604 schools for 1-time energy efficiency improvements and upgrades at the Chace elementary
605 school; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to Swansea public
606 schools for 1-time improvements and upgrades to school security and surveillance equipment;
607 provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to Old Rochester regional high
608 school in the town of Mattapoissett for gymnasium upgrades; provided further, that not less than

609 \$300,000 shall be expended for capital improvements and equipment at the welcome and parent
610 information center located at Framingham public schools' Farley building; provided further, that
611 not less than \$275,000 shall be expended to Framingham public schools for the Framingham
612 Adult ESL Plus program for expenses including, but not limited to, educational materials and
613 supplies; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the town of
614 Winchendon for capital improvements to the public schools; provided further, that not less than
615 \$50,000 shall be expended to the Athol-Royalston regional school district for capital
616 improvements; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Pioneer
617 Valley regional school district for capital improvements; provided further, that not less than
618 \$50,000 shall be expended to the Sunderland elementary school in the town of Sunderland for
619 capital improvements; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Ralph
620 C. Mahar regional school located in the town of Orange for capital improvements; provided
621 further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Hatfield for capital
622 improvements to Hatfield public schools; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be
623 expended to the Gill-Montague regional school district for capital improvements; provided
624 further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Greenfield public schools located in the
625 city known as the town of Greenfield for capital improvements; provided further, that not less
626 than \$165,000 shall be expended to Canton public schools for the purchase of updated science
627 curriculum materials; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to
628 Attleboro public schools for ADA-accessible renovations to the Briggs Corner school; provided
629 further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Norfolk County Agricultural high
630 school for the construction of a new greenhouse to enhance instructional programs; provided
631 further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Norton public schools for the purchase of

654 on June 30, 2026; provided further, that not less than \$7,500,000 shall be expended for an early
655 education and care educator loan forgiveness program established in section 19G of chapter 15A
656 of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than \$8,000,000 shall be expended for grants
657 to early education and care providers for costs associated with personal childcare; and provided
658 further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, funds from said transfer
659 may be expended from said fund for 1-time improvements that assist all families in connecting to
660 child care providers and other initiatives to support capacity building and workforce supports for
661 early education and care providers.....\$45,500,000

662 1596-2518 For capital and development costs for the Holocaust Legacy Foundation,
663 Inc. to establish the Boston Holocaust Museum to provide interactive educational opportunities
664 in the commonwealth, including, but not limited to, history and social science frameworks;
665 provided, that funds may be used for: (i) exhibit buildout; (ii) accessibility; (iii) security
666 infrastructure; and (iv) educational technology and curriculum.....\$10,000,000

667 Transitional Escrow Fund.....100%

668 Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

669 1596-2514 For educational grants to reduce the waitlist for English for speakers of
670 other languages services; provided, that funds shall be administered by the department of
671 elementary and secondary education in coordination with the Workforce Skills Cabinet
672 established in Executive Order No. 560, dated February 26, 2015; provided further, that in
673 determining a process for awarding grants, the department shall prioritize programs focused on
674 providing English language skills training to workers for in-demand jobs that require such skills;
675 and provided further, that the commissioner of elementary and secondary education may transfer

676 funds to item 7035-0002 and expend said funds subject to the conditions specified in said item in
677 the general appropriations act for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2026.....\$10,000,000

678 1596-2515 For an early literacy high dosage tutoring initiative program directed by
679 the commissioner of elementary and secondary education; provided, that said program shall
680 support public schools and school districts in the commonwealth to partner with providers
681 approved by the department of elementary and secondary education to address pandemic-related
682 learning loss and other identified underperformance in order to support accelerated literacy
683 growth for students in kindergarten to grade 3, inclusive; provided further, that students
684 characterized as below benchmark in grade 1 shall be prioritized; provided further, that funds
685 shall only be awarded to support schools and districts that have adopted a high-quality, evidence-
686 based reading instructional model as defined by the department; provided further, that funds may
687 support activities including, but not limited to: (i) providing early literacy tutoring services for
688 students in kindergarten to grade 3, inclusive, who have not met relevant benchmarks on early
689 literacy screening assessments approved by the department of elementary and secondary
690 education; (ii) statewide coordinating activities to a third party to facilitate high-quality
691 implementation of the program; (iii) studying the impact of the tutoring provided; and (iv)
692 providing in-person or virtual foundational skills-focused tutoring services per department of
693 elementary and secondary education guidance and which aligns with the research-backed
694 characteristics of effective high-dosage tutoring practices; provided further, that the department
695 shall prioritize high-dosage tutoring for public schools and districts serving a large proportion of
696 high-needs students; and provided further, that not less than \$561,000 shall be expended for the
697 purchase of resources for school districts to increase literacy and support struggling readers,

698 students with vision impairments, learning disabilities or physical disabilities, including, but not
699 limited, to audio versions of textbooks and voice text format books.....\$25,561,000

700 1596-2516 For a reserve to support reimbursements to school districts and direct
701 payments to service providers for special education instructional and transportation costs
702 pursuant to section 5A of chapter 71B of the General Laws and item 7061-0012; provided, that
703 reimbursements shall be made in the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2026 for costs incurred in the
704 fiscal year ending on June 30, 2025; provided further, that funds may be transferred to said item
705 7061-0012 and expended subject to the conditions specified in said item in the general
706 appropriations act for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2026; provided further, that not less than
707 \$250,000 shall be expended for the office of the inspector general to review school district
708 transportation service practices provided pursuant to said section 5A of said chapter 71B,
709 including, but not limited to, procurement of said services, and to make recommendations for
710 school districts that aim to reduce costs and ensure that districts maximize purchasing power and
711 act transparently and efficiently to provide said services; provided further, that the office of the
712 inspector general shall review possible ways for districts to consolidate transportation services
713 regionally, to the extent practicable; provided further, that not later than February 2, 2026, the
714 office of the inspector general shall submit to the house and senate committees on ways and
715 means and the joint committee on education and publish on its website recommendations and
716 best practices: (i) for school districts to reduce costs and maximize purchasing power for
717 transportation services; (ii) to consolidate transportation services regionally, to the extent
718 practicable; and (iii) that the office deems necessary for said services; provided further, that the
719 office of the inspector general shall include in its recommendations any information on cost
720 savings for school districts by following said best practices and recommendations; and provided

721 further, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall provide any information
722 necessary for the office of the inspector general to conduct a comprehensive review under this
723 item.....\$190,250,000

724 1596-9805 For programs to encourage graduates of the commonwealth’s public
725 institutions of higher education to work as public school educators; provided, that not less than
726 \$1,237,500 shall be expended to fund the tomorrow’s educators scholarship program established
727 pursuant to section 19D of chapter 15A of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than
728 \$1,237,500 shall be expended for a student loan repayment assistance program for public school
729 educators; provided further, that the student loan repayment assistance program shall be
730 administered by the executive office of education and that funds for the program may be
731 expended to enhance existing loan repayment assistance programs, if appropriate; provided
732 further, that the student loan repayment assistance program shall provide assistance of not more
733 than \$7,500 per eligible individual; provided further, that said program shall prioritize the
734 recruitment and retention of racially, culturally, ethnically and linguistically diverse educators
735 consistent with chapter 132 of the acts of 2019 to diversify the educator workforce; provided
736 further, that to be eligible for loan repayment assistance under this item, an individual shall: (i)
737 have completed a bachelor’s degree program at a public institution of higher education as
738 defined in section 5 of said chapter 15A and including Quincy College, after January 1, 2020; (ii)
739 have outstanding educational debt that was incurred to pay tuition, fees or additional costs of
740 attendance as calculated by the institution of higher education, including, but not limited to,
741 room and board, books and supplies, transportation, child care and personal expenses, while
742 enrolled in an undergraduate degree or post-baccalaureate program at the institution; and (iii)
743 commit to and work for 4 years in a school district, as defined in section 2 of chapter 70 of the

744 General Laws, as a teacher, instructional or program paraprofessional, or in any other position
745 that requires a license or other form of certification issued by the department of elementary and
746 secondary education or other state agency; provided further, that the executive office of
747 education shall promulgate regulations for the administration and enforcement of the student
748 loan repayment assistance program which shall include repayment procedures if a participating
749 individual fails to comply with the program requirements; provided further, that if the funds
750 appropriated for the program are insufficient to cover costs of all eligible individuals, priority
751 shall be given to educators working in school districts with higher shares of students who are
752 designated as low income as defined in said section 2 of said chapter 70; provided further, that
753 not less than 45 days prior to the obligation of funds for the loan repayment assistance program,
754 the executive office of education shall submit a comprehensive program plan to the executive
755 office for administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means and
756 the joint committee on education; and provided further, that funds from this item may be
757 expended on a public awareness campaign on the loan repayment assistance
758 program.....\$2,475,000

759 1596-2525 For a capital program at public institutions of higher education in the
760 commonwealth; provided, that projects supported under the program shall reduce the deferred
761 maintenance backlog of said institutions; provided further, that said projects may include, but
762 shall not be limited to: (i) building envelope repairs and renovations; (ii) heating, ventilation and
763 air conditioning systems replacement; (iii) Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility
764 compliance projects; (iv) electrical systems repair and replacement; and (v) water and
765 wastewater systems repair and replacement; provided further, that the program shall be
766 administered by the division of capital asset management and maintenance in collaboration with

767 the executive office of education; provided further, that the division of capital asset management
768 and maintenance may expend funds from this item for the defeasance of debt in order to enable
769 projects that reduce campus deferred maintenance backlogs; provided further, that not less than
770 \$10,000,000 shall be expended for an expanded nursing simulation lab at the University of
771 Massachusetts at Amherst; provided further, that not less than \$4,000,000 shall be expended for
772 a combined health services and public safety facility at the University of Massachusetts at
773 Dartmouth; provided further, that not less than \$10,000,000 shall be expended for laboratory
774 modernization and upgrades at community colleges; provided further, that not less than
775 \$3,000,000 shall be expended for capital improvements and infrastructure upgrades at the Reggie
776 Lewis Track and Athletic Center at Roxbury Community College; provided further, that not less
777 than \$10,000,000 shall be expended for repairs and renovations at the Massachusetts College of
778 Art and Design; provided further, that not less than \$6,600,000 shall be expended for debt
779 defeasance, revitalization or adaptive reuse of dormitory housing at Framingham State
780 University; provided further, that not later than December 1, 2026, the division of capital asset
781 management and maintenance shall submit a report to the joint committee on higher education
782 and the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to:
783 (a) the amounts awarded delineated by campus; (b) the amounts awarded delineated by project;
784 (c) the amount of deferred maintenance backlog eliminated by project; and (d) planned spending
785 from this item through June 30, 2028; provided further, that not less than \$2,500,000 shall be
786 expended to the University of Massachusetts at Boston for planning and design for the expansion
787 of the Manning College of Nursing & Health Sciences facilities; provided further, that the
788 University of Massachusetts at Boston shall conduct an analysis, in collaboration with the
789 Dorchester Health Planning Working Group, property owners, state health care officials and

790 other appropriate stakeholders, on the feasibility of a satellite campus at the site of Carney
791 hospital in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston; and provided further, that not less than
792 \$5,000,000 shall be expended for capital upgrades and accessibility improvements to the John J.
793 Kelly Gymnasium at Bridgewater state university\$115,000,000

794 **TRANSPORTATION**

795 *Massachusetts Department of Transportation*

796 1595-2508 For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation
797 Authority to replenish the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority deficiency fund;
798 provided, that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall notify the Massachusetts
799 Department of Transportation, the executive office for administration and finance, the house and
800 senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on transportation not less than 30
801 days prior to withdrawing funds from the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
802 deficiency fund; and provided further, that not later than June 30, 2025, the Massachusetts Bay
803 Transportation Authority shall submit a written deficiency fund policy to the Massachusetts
804 Department of Transportation, the executive office for administration and finance, the joint
805 committee on transportation and the house and senate committees on ways and
806 means.....\$300,000,000

807 1596-2503 For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund
808 established in section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws for a program of culvert and small
809 bridge modernization, reconstruction, removal, repair, replacement and resilience improvements
810 to culverts and small bridges with a span of not more than 20 feet under procedures established
811 by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation in collaboration with the executive office of

812 energy and environmental affairs; provided, that expenditures from this item may include the
813 costs of engineering, design, permitting, climate change adaptation and resilience and other
814 services essential to projects under this item; provided further, that funds may be expended from
815 this item for matching grants to municipalities for municipally-owned small bridges and culverts;
816 provided further, that funds from this item shall not be expended to municipalities not in
817 compliance with the multi-family zoning requirement established in section 3A of chapter 40A
818 of the General Laws as determined by the executive office of housing and livable communities;
819 provided further, that preference for grants shall be awarded to cities and towns that are taking
820 meaningful steps to produce new housing or have adopted best practices to promote sustainable
821 housing development as determined by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation in
822 consultation with the executive office of housing and livable communities; and provided further,
823 that not later than March 30, 2026, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall submit
824 a report to the joint committee on transportation and the house and senate committees on ways
825 and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the criteria used for distributing funds from
826 this item; and (ii) a list and description of projects funded through this item or planned to be
827 funded through this item, including the estimated costs for each project and the expected timeline
828 for completion of each project.....\$16,455,500

829 1596-2505 For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund
830 established in section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws for a program to support grants for
831 workforce and training initiatives at regional transit authorities and support transit improvements
832 across the commonwealth; provided, that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall
833 oversee the distribution of grants under this item; and provided further, that not later than March
834 2, 2026, the department shall submit a report to the joint committee on transportation and the

835 house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the
836 grant criteria used to determine awards; (ii) a list of grant recipients, including the amounts
837 received by each recipient; and (iii) a description of the specific uses by each
838 recipient.....\$25,000,000

839 1596-2506 For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund
840 established in section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws for a pilot program to provide grants
841 to municipalities for repair, maintenance and improvements to unpaved roads; provided, that the
842 Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall oversee the distribution of grants under this
843 item; provided further, that said grant funds shall only be available to municipalities for repair,
844 maintenance and improvements to dirt or gravel roads that are open to the public and maintained
845 by the municipality; provided further, that grant funds shall be used by municipalities for: (i)
846 reconstruction, surface grading, crown and shoulder restoration and removal of wash boarding
847 and potholes; (ii) guardrail and signage repair or replacement; (iii) drainage work, including
848 swales; and (iv) the purchase or lease of maintenance equipment, including, but not limited to,
849 graders, rollers and loaders; provided further, that municipalities shall not use grant funds for: (a)
850 construction of new roadways; (b) conversion of unpaved roads to paved roads; (c) landscaping
851 or removing vegetation not related to an eligible use project; (d) culverts; (e) retaining walls; or
852 (f) police details; and provided further, that not later than December 30, 2025, the Massachusetts
853 Department of Transportation shall submit a report on grant funds from this item to the house
854 and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on transportation that shall
855 include, but shall not be limited to: (A) the methodology used to distribute grant funds; (B) a list
856 of all municipalities that received grant funds; and (C) the amount of grant funds awarded to
857 each municipality.....\$7,000,000

858 1596-2507 For local 1-time transportation projects; provided, that not less than
859 \$300,000 shall be expended for mitigation costs associated with development along interstate
860 highway route 93 in the city of Medford; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be
861 expended to the town of Sudbury for the operation of the GoSudbury program to provide
862 subsidized rideshare and taxi transportation; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be
863 expended for a design, feasibility and traffic study for a town square in the town of Paxton;
864 provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the city of Methuen to
865 purchase and install solar-powered radar speed limit signs in high-risk areas throughout the city;
866 provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Bay
867 Transportation Authority for sound mitigation at the South-Side Maintenance Facility in the
868 Readville section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be
869 expended for the town of Lexington to support increased transportation expenses due to 250th
870 anniversary celebrations; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for
871 culvert upgrades and other rural infrastructure improvements in the town of Bolton; provided
872 further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the redesign, installation of new steps,
873 added lights and installation of an emergency safety alert system for the bridge on Norfolk street
874 in the city of Boston between the intersections of Corbet street and Willowwood street; provided
875 further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the preservation and repair of the
876 Hartwell street bridge in the town of West Boylston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000
877 shall be expended for road repair projects in the town of Granby; provided further, that the
878 Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall provide RIDE services to the town of North
879 Reading; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to the city of Lawrence
880 for the construction and rehabilitation of the Joseph W. Casey bridge, the Mario Lucchesi

881 Memorial bridge, the Daisy street bridge and the Majowicz bridge; provided further, that not less
882 than \$100,000 shall be expended to supplement school district transportation services for the
883 town of West Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for
884 sidewalks, curbing, crossings, ramps and pedestrian accessibility improvements in the city of
885 Framingham; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for maintenance
886 vehicle upgrades in the city of Greenfield; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be
887 expended for pedestrian safety improvements in the town of Arlington; provided further, that not
888 less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Hamilton for a missing sidewalk project
889 along Highland street; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for capital
890 improvements and planning for transportation infrastructure projects in the city of Malden;
891 provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for Village Neighbors, Inc. for
892 transportation services in rural communities; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be
893 expended for the Ludlow council on aging for senior transportation costs and equipment;
894 provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for culvert replacements in the
895 town of Berkley; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of
896 Brookline for bicycle share stations, bicycles and installation costs; provided further, that not less
897 than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Revere Beach Partnership, Inc. for transportation
898 mitigation costs associated with the 2025 International Sand Sculpting Festival in the city of
899 Revere; provided further, that not less than \$25,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Quincy
900 for a downtown parking garage to help facilitate patient access to the planned development of a
901 new medical facility; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city
902 of Fitchburg for road surface and pedestrian way repair projects for state highway route 12;
903 provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for drainage improvements along

904 Pauline street in the city known as the town of Winthrop; provided further, that not less than
905 \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Belmont for sidewalk pedestrian safety improvements;
906 provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the town of Stoneham for
907 school transportation costs pursuant to section 7A of chapter 71 of the General Laws; provided
908 further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended to the town of Winchester for drainage
909 improvements; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of
910 Marlborough to continue operation of the local commuter shuttle connecting residents from area
911 commuter rail stations to employers and downtown businesses in the city; provided further, that
912 not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the town of Bedford for the installation of a
913 crosswalk in the Crosby drive area; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be
914 expended to the Wakefield police department for a vehicular traffic and speed monitoring
915 subscription service; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to the city
916 of Worcester for the Chandler street renovation project; provided further, that not less than
917 \$600,000 shall be expended to the town of Wellesley for a traffic study and redesign of the
918 Weston road corridor in the town of Wellesley, including the Linden street and Central street
919 bottleneck and the state highway route 9 interchange; provided further, that not less than
920 \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Wakefield for roadway improvements; provided
921 further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the Worcester regional transit authority
922 for capital projects; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of
923 Shrewsbury for the purchase and installation of traffic signal preemption equipment; provided
924 further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended to the town of Westborough for
925 development of a conceptual design and traffic analysis relative to the intersection of Milk street
926 and Fisher street; provided further, that not less than \$750,000 shall be expended to the city of

927 Watertown for transportation improvements in the Watertown square section of the city of
928 Watertown; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of
929 Newbury for the purchase of a dump truck for road and bridge repairs; provided further, that not
930 less than \$20,000 shall be expended for the assessment and design of a retaining wall on Main
931 street in the town of Boxford; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for
932 planning, design and construction for roadway improvements on state highway route 114 in the
933 vicinity of the public safety building in the town of Middleton; provided further, that not less
934 than \$50,000 shall be expended for the planning, design and construction of improved lighting
935 on State street in the city of Newburyport; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be
936 expended for the planning, design and construction for crosswalks on state highway route 113 in
937 the town of West Newbury; provided further, that not less than \$45,000 shall be expended for
938 vital temporary repairs to the Johnson Creek Dam on Salem street in the town of Groveland;
939 provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for improvements to roadway
940 signage in the town of North Andover; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be
941 expended to the town of Carlisle for transportation costs associated with the 250th anniversary
942 celebrations; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of
943 Norfolk for the senior center parking lot in the town; provided further, that not less than \$75,000
944 shall be expended for a state highway route 109 downtown traffic light study in the town of
945 Medfield; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the repair,
946 replacement or installation of roadway guardrails in the town of Sherborn; provided further, that
947 not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for sidewalk improvements in the town of Millis;
948 provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for bridge replacement in the town
949 of Milford; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the replacement of

950 the Dedham street culvert over Noanet brook in the town of Dover; provided further, that not less
951 than \$100,000 shall be expended for the town of Acton to make improvements to the area near
952 19-21 Maple street, including, but not limited to, constructing an accessible train platform;
953 provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the purpose of concrete
954 sidewalk and walkway repair and replacement at Wachusett regional school district; provided
955 further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the purpose of parking lot repairs and
956 repaving in the Narragansett Regional school district; provided further, that not less than \$80,000
957 shall be expended for the purpose of boiler room repairs in the Ashburnham-Westminster
958 regional school district; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for road
959 and bridge maintenance in the town of Hubbardston; provided further, that not less than \$80,000
960 shall be expended for the purpose of sidewalk replacement at Leicester public schools; provided
961 further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for paving needs in the town of Phillipston;
962 provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the town of Wellesley for
963 capital expenses to increase accessibility to transportation for the town's youth and recreational
964 programs; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the city of Newton
965 for the purchase of specialized equipment to effectively maintain the city's bike lane and bike
966 path network on a year-round basis; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be
967 expended to the town of Brookline for the purchase and installation of stanchions and rectangular
968 rapid flashing beacons to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility in the town; provided
969 further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to The Health Foundation Fund, Inc. to
970 support transportation initiatives, close service gaps and expand mobility options for the public
971 in the Nashoba Valley region including, but not limited to, 1-time expenses for vehicle upgrades,
972 transit shelters, technology and security upgrades and a pilot program; provided further, that not

973 less than \$200,000 shall be expended for Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant pedestrian
974 accessibility, including, but not limited to, signalization, curb cuts and tactile warning pads at the
975 intersections of Cross street and Bryant street, Cross street and Ferry street, and Fellsway East
976 and Savin street, within the city of Malden; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be
977 expended to Minute Man Arc, Inc. for an electric van to bridge gaps in access to public
978 transportation for people with disabilities; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be
979 expended to the town of Concord for transportation costs associated with the 250th anniversary
980 celebrations; provided further, that not less than \$120,000 shall be expended to the town of
981 Chelmsford for a state highway route 110 and Chelmsford street road safety assessment;
982 provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of Abington for public
983 transportation costs including, but not limited to, roads, bridges or public transportation;
984 provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of
985 Braintree for public transportation costs including, but not limited to, roads, bridges or public
986 transportation; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of
987 Hanover for public transportation costs including, but not limited to, roads, bridges or public
988 transportation; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of
989 Holbrook for public transportation costs including, but not limited to, roads, bridges or public
990 transportation; provided further, that not less than \$180,000 shall be expended to the city of
991 Quincy for public transportation costs including, but not limited to, roads, bridges or public
992 transportation; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of
993 Rockland for public transportation costs including, but not limited to, roads, bridges or public
994 transportation; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the department
995 of conservation and recreation to implement traffic and pedestrian safety measures on Centre

996 street in the Jamaica Plain section of the city of Boston from the intersection of Centre street and
997 Rambler road to the intersection of Centre street and Whitcomb avenue; provided further, that
998 not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to
999 conduct a feasibility study relative to extending rapid transit service from the current terminus of
1000 the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority's Orange Line at Oak Grove in the city of Malden to
1001 the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority Rail station through Roslindale Village in the
1002 Roslindale section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not later than June 30, 2026, the
1003 department shall file the report with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives and the
1004 house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that not less than \$100,000
1005 shall be expended to the department of conservation and recreation for a study relative to the
1006 development, maintenance and improvement of the Veterans of Foreign War highway in the
1007 town of Dedham and the West Roxbury section of the city of Boston, beginning at the
1008 intersection of Washington street and Providence highway in the town of Dedham and traveling
1009 through the West Roxbury section of the city of Boston to its eastern end at Centre street in the
1010 West Roxbury section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not later than June 30, 2026,
1011 the department shall file the report with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives and
1012 the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that not less than
1013 \$300,000 shall be expended to the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, Inc., in partnership with the
1014 department of conservation and recreation and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation,
1015 for capital improvements, planning and maintenance of pathways, parkways and other related
1016 features within the Emerald Necklace park system including the Arborway, Jamaicaway,
1017 Riverway, Fenway, Charlesgate and Columbia road in the city of Boston; provided further, that
1018 not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the purpose of capital improvements, planning and

1019 maintenance of Turtle Pond parkway in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston; provided
1020 further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for capital improvements and maintenance
1021 at the MBTA Roslindale Village commuter rail station located in the Roslindale section of the
1022 city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for planning,
1023 design and construction for bridge repairs to the County street bridge in the town of Ipswich;
1024 provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for the South Shore Community
1025 Action Council, Inc. for equipment to bridge gaps in public transportation access for underserved
1026 people in the region; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for capital
1027 and equipment expenditures for the Volunteers of America Massachusetts, Inc. Plymouth Area
1028 Veterans Center to bridge gaps in public transportation to assistance programs and services for
1029 veterans; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for repairs on Shelburne
1030 Falls road along the South river in the town of Conway; provided further, that not less than
1031 \$25,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to perform a
1032 feasibility study of the cost of required upgrades for extending commuter rail service to Buzzards
1033 Bay station in the town of Bourne; provided further, that not later than December 1, 2025, the
1034 department shall submit a report on the outcomes of the feasibility study to the joint committee
1035 on transportation and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that
1036 not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for engineering and repairs to state highway route 116
1037 in the town of Cheshire; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the
1038 town of Whately for highway related projects; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall
1039 be expended for equipment expenditures by the Greater Attleboro and Taunton Regional Transit
1040 Authority to support transportation service needs of the Plymouth Center for Active Living;
1041 provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for road maintenance and repair

1042 projects on Kinnebrook road and Old Post road in the town of Worthington; provided further,
1043 that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the West street redesign project in the city of
1044 Pittsfield; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city of Worcester
1045 for Worcester Safe Routes to School program pedestrian improvements; provided further, that
1046 not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the city of Worcester for neighborhood quick-build
1047 safety traffic calming improvements; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be
1048 expended for parking upgrades at the Tahanto regional middle high school in the town of
1049 Boylston; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Bolton
1050 for rural bridges; provided further, that not less than \$45,000 shall be expended to the town of
1051 Lexington for safety improvements to Minuteman Bikeway road crossings; provided further, that
1052 not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for maintenance and repair of transportation
1053 infrastructure projects in the town of Stoneham; provided further, that not less than \$80,000 shall
1054 be expended to the Martha's Vineyard commission for costs associated with planning and design
1055 for repaving the Manuel F. Correllus state forest bike path; provided further, that not less than
1056 \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Milton for traffic and pedestrian safety improvements
1057 at the intersection of Adams street and Wharf street; provided further, that not less than \$75,000
1058 shall be expended to the town of Easton for transportation infrastructure projects, improvements
1059 and planning; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the
1060 Massachusetts Port Authority for the study and planning of transportation assets including, but
1061 not limited, to evaluating vehicular movements connecting to the interstate highway system,
1062 truck routes identified in Massachusetts Department of Transportation's Freight Plan,
1063 Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority transit service, including, but not limited to, the 7
1064 and 9 bus routes and Silver Line, pedestrian safety and waterfront access within the Port of

1065 Boston including the extension and expansion of the Harborwalk; provided further, that the
1066 Massachusetts Port Authority shall complete the report not later than June 1, 2026; provided
1067 further, that not later than June 30, 2026, the Massachusetts Port Authority shall submit a report
1068 to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives detailing plans for capital improvements
1069 funded in this item; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the
1070 Massachusetts Department of Transportation highway division for capital improvements and
1071 maintenance within the First Suffolk Senate district; provided further, that not less than \$250,000
1072 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority for capital improvements
1073 and maintenance on Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority assets within the First Suffolk
1074 Senate district; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the department
1075 of conservation and recreation for capital improvements and maintenance to transportation assets
1076 within the Old Harbor area in the South Boston section of the city of Boston; provided further,
1077 that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Winthrop for the
1078 procurement of passenger van or bus to provide shuttle transportation services to the Winthrop
1079 ferry for the needs of the community; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be
1080 expended to the city known as the town of Randolph for transportation infrastructure projects,
1081 improvements and planning; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to
1082 the city known as the town of Braintree for transportation infrastructure projects, improvements
1083 and planning; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of
1084 Burlington for pedestrian safety improvements; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall
1085 be expended to the town of Arlington for design and construction services for traffic safety
1086 enhancements at the Massachusetts avenue intersections with Appleton street and Dundee road;
1087 provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Old Colony Planning

1088 Council, in collaboration with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, the Southeastern
1089 Regional Planning and Economic Development District and the Cape Cod commission to
1090 develop a preliminary plan and design of the Frederick Douglass tunnel program within the
1091 regions and the cities of Boston, Brockton and New Bedford and create connectivity to places of
1092 public significance and the underground railroad; provided further, that not less than \$100,000
1093 shall be expended to the city of Chelsea to install a traffic notification system at the Central fire
1094 station; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the city of Everett for
1095 the installation of speed humps on Tileston street, Prescott street and Nichols street; provided
1096 further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended to the city of Everett for the installation of
1097 pedestrian walk signals at the intersection of Nichols street and Lawrence street; provided
1098 further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the maintenance and repair of benches
1099 and bus shelters at Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority bus stops in the city of Melrose;
1100 provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for costs associated with the
1101 replacement of the Hall street bridge in the city of Lowell in support of the Lowell Innovation
1102 Network Corridor; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the city of
1103 Beverly for construction of a roundabout at Brimbal avenue, Dunham road and state highway
1104 route 128 Brimbal avenue interchange; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be
1105 expended to the city of Chicopee for the placement of a traffic light at the intersection of
1106 McKinstry and Chicopee streets; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended
1107 to the city of Peabody for transportation projects for pedestrian and traffic safety; provided
1108 further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Danvers for transportation
1109 projects for pedestrian safety; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for
1110 the purpose of repairing and replacing parts of the dock and float system for the city-owned

1111 marina located at 65 Rogers street in the city of Gloucester; provided further, that not less than
1112 \$40,000 shall be expended to extend the current paving project along Purchase street in the town
1113 of Middleborough; provided further, that not less than \$22,000 shall be expended for the
1114 installation of a drainage basin and culvert extension at the corner of Center street and Wenham
1115 road in the town of Carver; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the
1116 town of Raynham for improvements on Mill street; provided further, that not less than \$20,000
1117 shall be expended to the town of Raynham for improvements to the King Philip street shared use
1118 path; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for improvements to and
1119 maintenance of the Old Colony/South street bridge in the city of Taunton; provided further, that
1120 not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the design and estimation of the Plain street bridge
1121 in the city of Taunton; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the
1122 replacement of the Fearing Hill bridge in the town of Wareham; provided further, that not less
1123 than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Manchester-by-the-sea for planning, design and
1124 construction of roadway improvements including, but not limited to, crosswalks; provided
1125 further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the department of conservation and
1126 recreation for maintenance and improvement of the Cape Cod rail trail in and around Nickerson
1127 state park; provided further, that not less than \$750,000 shall be expended to the department of
1128 conservation and recreation for pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection of High street
1129 and Arlington street in the city of Medford; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be
1130 expended to the city of Lawrence to purchase and install solar-powered radar speed limit signs in
1131 high-risk areas throughout the city; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be
1132 expended to the city of Methuen for infrastructure improvements in the Arlington section of the
1133 city, including, but not limited to, road and sidewalk improvements; provided further, that not

1134 less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Plymouth for capital expenditures to support
1135 public transportation services; provided further, that not less than \$600,000 shall be expended to
1136 the town of Dudley for costs associated with the construction of a bridge on Brandon road in the
1137 town of Dudley; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to the town of
1138 Ashland for capital transportation improvements to increase mobility; provided further, that not
1139 less than \$400,000 shall be expended to communities in the Metrowest region, including the city
1140 of Framingham and the towns of Ashland, Holliston, Hopkinton, Medway and Natick, for
1141 electric vehicle charging stations; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended
1142 to the town of Natick for capital improvements to increase mobility and commuter rail
1143 connectivity in West Natick section of the town of Natick; provided further, that not less than
1144 \$50,000 shall be expended to the Holliston council on aging for senior transportation capital
1145 improvements; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the city of
1146 Northampton for equipment and capital expenses for a public bikeshare program that serves
1147 residents of the city known as the town of Amherst, the towns of Hadley and Northampton and
1148 surrounding municipalities; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the
1149 town of Foxborough for parking upgrades and wayfinding and transportation improvements;
1150 provided further, that not less than \$45,000 shall be expended to Keep Massachusetts Beautiful,
1151 Inc. for the purchase of supplies to be used for roadside litter prevention and cleanup to maintain
1152 public roads and highways throughout the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than
1153 \$100,000 shall be expended for project engineering for the County road and Yokum Pond road
1154 repair project in the town of Becket; and provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be
1155 expended for capital improvements to the Haverhill line of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation

1156 Authority commuter rail including, but not limited to, improvements related to accessibility
1157 infrastructure at Ballardvale station in the town of Andover.....\$42,367,000

1158 1596-2520 For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund
1159 established in section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws for a program to support grants for
1160 capital infrastructure improvements and equipment and facilities upgrades at regional transit
1161 authorities to support transit improvements across the commonwealth; provided further, that
1162 projects approved under this item shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the purchase of new
1163 buses, including electric or hybrid buses; (ii) upgrades to electrical infrastructure to facilitate
1164 charging of electric buses; (iii) capital projects to support microtransit initiatives and last mile
1165 transportation solutions; and (iv) improvements to bus stops and stations to promote pedestrian
1166 safety, user comfort, and Americans with Disabilities Act compliance; provided further, that the
1167 Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall oversee the distribution of funds; and
1168 provided further, that not later than March 1, 2026, the department shall submit a report to the
1169 joint committee on transportation and the house and senate committees on ways and means that
1170 shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the grant criteria used to determine awards; (ii) a list of
1171 grant recipients, including the amounts received by each recipient; and (iii) a description of the
1172 specific uses by each recipient.....\$25,000,000

1173 1596-2521 For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund
1174 established in said section 4 of said chapter 6C for a program to support improvements to water
1175 transportation infrastructure across the commonwealth; provided, that funds shall be expended
1176 for projects that enable transitioning seasonal ferry services operated by or under contract with
1177 the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to year-round operations; provided further, that
1178 not less than \$8,000,000 shall be expended for the procurement of ferries to support and maintain

1179 quality water transportation services in the commonwealth; provided further, that said ferries
1180 shall be utilized to expand commuter ferry services to communities that may include, but not be
1181 limited to: (i) the East Boston section of the city of Boston; (ii) the city of Chelsea; (iii) the city
1182 of Lynn; (iv) the city known as the town of Winthrop; (v) the city of Quincy; and (vi) the city of
1183 Salem; provided further, that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall prioritize
1184 expanded service for cities and towns that are taking meaningful steps to produce new housing
1185 and have adopted best practices to promote sustainable housing development including, but not
1186 limited to, the multifamily zoning requirement established in section 3A of chapter 40A of the
1187 General Laws; provided further, that funds shall be expended for port infrastructure necessary to
1188 maintain and expand ferry services statewide; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000
1189 shall be expended to maintain and expand ferry services, including pier and dock maintenance in
1190 the counties of Barnstable, Bristol, Nantucket and the county of Dukes County; provided further,
1191 that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for capital improvements to the Winthrop ferry
1192 terminal including, but not limited to, increased shelter and shade for passengers; provided
1193 further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Winthrop
1194 for the refurbishment of the Shirley street ferry terminal; and provided further, that not less than
1195 \$1,500,000 shall be expended for the planning and construction of a vessel dock located in the
1196 East Boston Designated Port Area in the vicinity of Border street in the East Boston section of
1197 the city of Boston.....\$13,000,000

1198 1596-2523 For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund
1199 established in section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws for the construction and
1200 reconstruction of municipal ways as described in clause (b) of the second paragraph of said
1201 section 4 of said chapter 6C; provided, that a city or town shall comply with the procedures

1202 established by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation; provided further, that a city or
1203 town may expend, without further appropriation, for these projects, amounts not in excess of the
1204 amount provided to the city or town under this item upon preliminary notice of such amount,
1205 which shall be provided by the department to the city or town not later than March 2, 2026;
1206 provided further, that the commonwealth shall reimburse a city or town under this item, subject
1207 to the availability of funds as provided in section 9G of chapter 29 of the General Laws, within
1208 30 days after receipt by the department of a request for reimbursement from the city or town,
1209 which shall include certification by the city or town that actual expenses have been incurred on
1210 projects eligible for reimbursement under this item and that the work on such eligible projects
1211 has been completed to the satisfaction of the city or town according to the specifications of the
1212 project and in compliance with applicable laws and procedures established by the department;
1213 provided further, that not less than \$40,000,000 shall be distributed using a formula based on
1214 each municipality's population, locally-owned road miles and employment; provided further, that
1215 not less than \$40,000,000 shall be distributed using a formula based on each municipality's share
1216 of road mileage; and provided further, that funds from this item shall not be expended to
1217 municipalities not in compliance with the multi-family zoning requirement established in section
1218 3A of chapter 40A of the General Laws as determined by the executive office of housing and
1219 livable communities.....\$80,000,000

1220 1596-2526 For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund
1221 established in section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws for a program to support grants for
1222 capital microtransit initiatives and last mile transportation solutions including, but not limited to,
1223 providers that: (i) expand mobility options for rural communities; (ii) extend service to veterans,
1224 working families, older adults, people with disabilities and low-income individuals; (iii) provide

1225 mobility choices to people with mobility needs; and (iv) extend equitable and affordable
1226 transportation mobility improvements in the commonwealth; provided, that preference for grants
1227 shall be awarded to cities and towns that are taking meaningful steps to produce new housing and
1228 have adopted best practices to promote sustainable housing development including, but not
1229 limited to, the multifamily zoning requirement established in section 3A of chapter 40A of the
1230 General Laws..... \$10,000,000

1231 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

1232 *Reserves*

1233 1596-2026 For a reserve for publicly incurred transportation costs associated with the
1234 2026 World Cup matches hosted in Massachusetts; provided, that the Massachusetts Department
1235 of Transportation shall prioritize commuter rail infrastructure and service improvements to
1236 Foxborough that increase service capacity, frequency and reliability.....\$5,000,000

1237 SECTION 3. Chapter 15D of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
1238 following section:-

1239 Section 22. (a) As used in this section, the following terms shall, unless the context
1240 clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

1241 “Imagination Library of Massachusetts program”, a comprehensive statewide initiative to
1242 encourage children from birth to 5 years of age to develop a love of reading and learning.

1243 “Qualified local entity”, an existing or new local Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library
1244 affiliate that agrees to fund up to 50 per cent of the costs of the Imagination Library of
1245 Massachusetts program.

1246 (b) Subject to appropriation, the department shall establish the Imagination Library of
1247 Massachusetts program to promote the development of a comprehensive statewide initiative to
1248 encourage preschool age children to develop a love of reading and learning. The department
1249 shall develop, implement and promote a comprehensive statewide initiative to encourage
1250 children from birth to 5 years of age to develop a love of reading and learning.

1251 (c)(1) Subject to appropriation, the Imagination Library of Massachusetts program shall
1252 provide, through Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, 1 age-appropriate book to each registered
1253 child from birth to age 5. Books shall be sent monthly to each child’s home at no cost to families.

1254 (2) Subject to appropriation, the Imagination Library of Massachusetts program shall
1255 contribute funds to qualified local entities participating in Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library.

1256 (d) The department shall administer the Imagination Library of Massachusetts program,
1257 including, but not limited to:

1258 (i) promoting the statewide development of qualified local entities;

1259 (ii) coordinating with qualified local entities to increase enrollment;

1260 (iii) engaging with communities, qualified local entities and nonprofit leaders across the
1261 commonwealth;

1262 (iv) implementing a statewide marketing and communications campaign, including, but
1263 not limited to, an ongoing public awareness campaign to:

1264 (A) make donors aware of the opportunity to donate to the Imagination Library of
1265 Massachusetts program; and

1266 (B) make the public aware of the Imagination Library of Massachusetts program and how
1267 to register eligible children; and

1268 (v) coordinating the local match requirement for approved qualified local entities as well
1269 as the reimbursement of local program costs for books and mailing, as needed.

1270 (e) The department shall, in coordination with the qualified local entity, ensure all
1271 personally identifiable information is handled in accordance with all applicable state and federal
1272 laws and regulations.

1273 (f) Annually, not later than March 15, the department shall submit a report to the clerks of
1274 the house of representatives and senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the
1275 chairs of the joint committee on education, the executive office for administration and finance
1276 and the executive office of education on the activities of the program, including, but not limited
1277 to: (i) the total number of children enrolled, delineated by municipality; (ii) the number of books
1278 sent to enrolled children, delineated by municipality; (iii) the number of books returned as
1279 undeliverable, delineated by municipality; (iv) any activity from the Imagination Library of
1280 Massachusetts Fund, established in section 2KKKKKKK of chapter 29, including, but not limited
1281 to, deposits and expenditures; (v) the number of qualified local entities across the
1282 commonwealth, their locations, local match amounts contributed and other local partners, if any;
1283 and (vi) any other information the department deems relevant.

1284 (g) The department may promulgate regulations, pursuant to chapter 30A, for the
1285 implementation of the Imagination Library of Massachusetts program.

1286 SECTION 4. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
1287 section 2JJJJJ, inserted by section 7 of chapter 248 of the acts of 2024, the following section:-

1288 Section 2KKKKKK. (a) There is hereby established and set up on the books of the
1289 commonwealth a separate, non-budgeted special revenue fund known as the Imagination Library
1290 of Massachusetts Fund that shall be administered by the secretary of education.

1291 (b) There shall be credited to the fund: (i) revenue from appropriations and other money
1292 authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (ii) funds
1293 from public and private sources such as gifts, grants and donations; and (iii) interest earned on
1294 money in the fund. Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended without further
1295 appropriation. No expenditure made from the fund shall cause the fund to be in deficit at any
1296 point. Any money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General
1297 Fund. The fund shall not be subject to section 5C.

1298 (c) Funds shall be made available to provide age-appropriate books on a monthly basis, at
1299 home, to each child registered in the Imagination Library of Massachusetts program, established
1300 pursuant to section 22 of chapter 15D, from birth to their fifth birthday, inclusive, at no cost to
1301 families or guardians, in coordination with Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library.

1302 SECTION 5. Section 2F of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024 is hereby amended by striking
1303 out item 1596-2427 and inserting in place thereof the following item:-

1304 1596-2427 For a transfer to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
1305 workforce and safety reserve established in line item 1599-1971 of section 2 of chapter 126 of
1306 the acts of 2022, for projects to address ongoing safety concerns at the Massachusetts Bay
1307 Transportation Authority related to the interim and final findings of the Federal Transit
1308 Administration’s Safety Management Inspection initiated in April 2022; provided, that the
1309 Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall work in consultation with the Massachusetts

1310 Department of Transportation and the department of public utilities in the planning and
 1311 implementation of said projects funded through this item; provided further, that funds may be
 1312 expended for hiring and retention related to said projects; provided further, that funds may be
 1313 expended to support ongoing costs associated with said projects which shall include preventative
 1314 maintenance, safety, service delivery and capital activities necessary to remain in compliance
 1315 with said findings of said inspection; provided further, that the Massachusetts Department of
 1316 Transportation shall issue monthly reports to the joint committee on transportation and the house
 1317 and senate committees on ways and means detailing the status of the Massachusetts Bay
 1318 Transportation Authority’s progress toward responding to each finding and required action as
 1319 issued by the Federal Transit Administration; and provided further, that said reports shall be
 1320 delineated by special directive and shall include, but shall not be limited to: (i) the funds
 1321 expended from this item and the related purpose for said spending; (ii) the completion date of
 1322 each executed required action; and (iii) the estimated completion date of each pending required
 1323 action.....\$36,000,000

1324 Education and Transportation Fund100%

1325 SECTION 6. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, income surtax
 1326 revenue, as defined in section 2BBBBBB of chapter 29 of the General Laws, collected in the
 1327 fiscal year ending on June 30, 2024 but certified after July 20, 2024, shall be transferred to the
 1328 Education and Transportation Innovation and Capital Fund established in section 2DDDDDD of
 1329 said chapter 29 from the Student Opportunity Act Investment Fund established in section 35RRR
 1330 of chapter 10 of the General Laws, not later than 30 days after the effective date of this act.