

SENATE No. 2564

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)
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SENATE, November 3, 2021.

The committee on Senate Ways and Means, to whom was referred the House Bill relative to immediate COVID-19 recovery needs (House, No. 4234); reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2564.

For the committee,
Michael J. Rodrigues

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1 SECTION 1. To provide for supplementing certain items in the general appropriation act
2 and other appropriation acts for fiscal year 2022, the sums set forth in section 2 are hereby
3 appropriated from the Transitional Escrow Fund established in section 16 of chapter 76 of the
4 acts of 2021 unless specifically designated otherwise in this act or in those appropriations acts,
5 for the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this act, and subject to the laws
6 regulating the disbursement of public funds for the fiscal year in which the sums are disbursed.
7 These sums shall be in addition to any amounts previously appropriated and made available for
8 the purposes of those items. The sums set forth in section 2 shall be made available until June 30,
9 2022.

10 SECTION 2.

11 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

12 Department of Revenue

13 1201-0122 \$213,000

14 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

15 Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services

16 1599-6903 \$39,400,000

17 4000-0300 \$300,000

18 4003-0122 \$12,000,000

19 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

20 Municipal Police Training Committee

21 8200-0200 \$500,000

22 SECTION 2A. The sums set forth in section 2A are hereby appropriated from the federal
23 COVID-19 response fund established in section 2JJJJ of chapter 29 of the General Laws and the
24 Transitional Escrow Fund established in section 16 of chapter 76 of the acts of 2021 for the
25 several purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this act, and subject to the laws
26 regulating the disbursement of public funds for the fiscal year in which the sums are disbursed.
27 These sums shall be in addition to any amounts previously appropriated and made available for
28 the purposes of those items. These sums set forth in section 2A shall be made available until June
29 30, 2027.

30 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

31 Reserves

32 1599-2020 For a reserve to create and maintain opportunities for homeownership for
33 residents of communities disproportionately impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic;
34 provided, that funds shall be expended to create and enhance access to homeownership in order
35 to foster a strong, inclusive and equitable recovery with long-term benefits for housing security,

36 health and economic outcomes and to address a systemic homeownership gap that contributed to
37 more severe impacts of the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic in socially disadvantaged
38 communities and among targeted populations; provided further, that funds shall be expended to
39 create opportunities for first-time homebuyers; provided further, that funds may be expended for
40 down payment assistance programs, mortgage insurance programs and mortgage interest subsidy
41 programs administered by the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency and the Massachusetts
42 Housing Partnership; provided further, that funds may be expended to first-time homebuyer
43 counseling and financial literacy programs; and provided further, that not less than 30 days prior
44 to obligations being made from this item, the administering entity shall submit a report to the
45 executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways
46 and means on proposed allocations and spending plans for programs within this item including,
47 but not limited to, any program criteria and guidelines for the distribution of
48 funds.....\$50,000,000

49 1599-2021 For a reserve to support the production of for-sale, below market housing
50 to expand homeownership opportunities for first-time homebuyers in communities
51 disproportionately impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic through the
52 Commonwealth Builder Program administered by the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency;
53 provided, that grants and loans to developers shall be used to facilitate production of affordable
54 homeownership units for households earning between 70 per cent and 120 per cent of the area
55 median income; provided further, that projects with units restricted to households earning 70
56 percent of the area median income shall be prioritized; provided further, that projects that include
57 clean energy and sustainability initiatives, such as electric heat pumps, shall be prioritized;
58 provided further, that funds in this item shall be distributed in a manner that promotes geographic

59 equity; provided further, that preference may be given to projects in communities that have
60 adopted comprehensive zoning changes allowed by simple majority under paragraph 5 of section
61 5 of chapter 40A of the General Laws or otherwise have made zoning or other reforms to
62 encourage the production of affordable or smart growth housing; and provided further, that
63 grants may include a requirement for matching
64 funds.....\$125,000,000

65 1599-2022 For a reserve to support the production and preservation of affordable
66 rental housing for residents of communities disproportionately impacted by the 2019 novel
67 coronavirus pandemic through programs administered by the department of housing and
68 community development directly or through 1 or more of the following: Massachusetts Housing
69 Finance Agency; Massachusetts Housing Partnership; and Community Economic Development
70 Assistance Corporation; provided, that funds shall be expended in the form of grants, loans or
71 other financial assistance to projects receiving federal or state low-income housing tax credits,
72 state tax-exempt bond financing or other state financial assistance in the form of grants or loans;
73 provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, funds from this
74 item may be made available to increase the annual cap by up to \$2,000,000 for the housing
75 development incentive program under chapter 40V of the General Laws; provided further, that
76 projects that include clean energy and sustainability initiatives, such as electric heat pumps, shall
77 be prioritized; provided further, that funds in this item shall be distributed in a manner that
78 promotes geographic equity; provided further, that preference may be given to projects in
79 communities that have adopted comprehensive zoning changes allowed by simple majority under
80 paragraph 5 of section 5 of chapter 40A of the General Laws or otherwise have made zoning or
81 other reforms to encourage the production of affordable or smart growth housing; provided

82 further, that grants may include a requirement for matching funds; and provided further, that not
83 less than 30 days prior to obligations being made from this item, the administering entity shall
84 submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate
85 committees on ways and means on proposed allocations and spending plans for programs within
86 this item including, but not limited to, any program criteria and guidelines for the distribution of
87 funds.....\$125,000,000

88 1599-2023 For a reserve to support the production of permanent supportive housing
89 for individuals and families who may be classified as chronically homeless, individuals and
90 families with behavioral health needs or substance addiction needs, survivors of domestic
91 violence, individuals and families at risk of entering or transitioning out of the foster care
92 system, seniors and veterans through programs administered by the department of housing and
93 community development directly or through 1 or more of the following: Massachusetts Housing
94 Finance Agency; Massachusetts Housing Partnership; and Community Economic Development
95 Assistance Corporation; provided, that funds shall be expended in the form of grants, loans or
96 other financial assistance to projects that will provide stable housing options and supportive
97 services to the populations prioritized in this item; provided further, that funds shall be expended
98 in the form of grants that shall include rental assistance and funding for support services to
99 projects that provide services to support long-term homelessness prevention; provided further,
100 that funds may be expended for the acquisition of temporary housing including, but not limited
101 to, hotels, motels and nursing facilities, to be converted into permanent and affordable supportive
102 housing; provided further, that the department shall consult with Massachusetts Alliance for
103 Supportive Housing LLC on evidence-based and evidence-informed best practices for creating
104 and expanding permanent supportive housing for the populations prioritized in this item;

105 provided further, that not later than March 1, 2022, the department shall submit a report, in
106 consultation with the Massachusetts Alliance for Supportive Housing LLC, to the house and
107 senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on housing on recommendations
108 for creating permanent supportive housing for the populations prioritized in this item to reduce
109 the incidence of chronic and long-term homelessness in the commonwealth; provided further,
110 that not less than \$75,000,000 shall be made available and administered, in consultation with the
111 Massachusetts Alliance for Supportive Housing LLC, for the creation of permanent supportive
112 housing targeted at individuals and families classified as chronically homeless based on the
113 recommendations; provided further, that the department shall prioritize communities
114 disproportionately impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic; and provided further, that
115 the department shall ensure geographic equity when distributing
116 funds.....\$150,000,000

117 1599-2024 For a reserve to rehabilitate and modernize state-aided public housing
118 developments through the funding of infrastructure improvements undertaken pursuant to clause
119 (j) of section 26 of chapter 121B of the General Laws; provided, that funds in this item shall be
120 administered by the department of housing and community development; provided further, that
121 expenditures shall include, but not be limited to, contracts entered into for projects: (i) to replace
122 existing failed and beyond useful-life sewer lines, water lines, heating lines, electrical lines and
123 transformers; (ii) to address failing and unsafe zoned fire alarm systems with addressable
124 systems; (iii) to complete approved projects underfunded due to code triggers and construction
125 multi-phasing; (iv) that were requested based on approved formula funding figures delayed due
126 to increased costs due to the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic; and (v) to mitigate issues relating
127 to flooding and climate hazards; provided further, that the department shall prioritize projects in

128 communities disproportionately impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic when
129 distributing funds; provided further, that the department shall ensure geographic equity when
130 distributing funds; provided further, that when appropriate the department may require a
131 matching grant from the municipality in which a recipient housing development resides; and
132 provided further, that not less than 30 day prior to obligations being made from this item, the
133 department shall provide a distribution methodology to the executive office for administration
134 and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on
135 housing.....\$150,000,000

136 1599-2025 For a reserve to support and enhance the commonwealth’s local and
137 regional public health system; provided, that funds in this item shall be administered by the
138 department of public health; provided further, that the funds shall be expended in a manner that
139 prioritizes the expansion and enhancement of shared public health services among 1 or more
140 municipalities; provided further, that not less than \$118,400,000 shall be expended to establish
141 standardized and unified data systems to increase capacity to collect, analyze and share data to
142 protect the public's health and evaluate system performance; provided further, that such
143 expenditures may include hardware, software and training to support a local public health
144 performance and credential data tracking system and development of an online inspection and
145 permitting system; provided further, that not less than \$37,500,000 shall be expended on training
146 and educational opportunities for local boards of health members and health department staff and
147 the provision of financial assistance to those members and staff to meet workforce education and
148 credentialing standards recommended by the special commission on local and regional public
149 health; provided further, that such expenditures may include funding for the department of public
150 health and the department of environmental protection to procure workforce development and

151 learning management systems; provided further, that not less than \$95,000,000 shall be
152 expended on a 5-year program of direct funding and technical assistance to local boards of health
153 to increase their ability to adequately perform essential functions, including meeting regulatory
154 and statutory obligations, improving population health and addressing health disparities in
155 communities with large populations of socially and economically disadvantaged and historically
156 underrepresented groups; provided further, that not later than March 1, 2022, the department of
157 public health shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and
158 the joint committee on public health with a proposed schedule for distributing funds from this
159 item; provided further, that not less than quarterly, the department shall report to the house and
160 senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on public health on the
161 distribution of funds from this item including, but not limited to: (i) the recipients of such funds;
162 (ii) the amount distributed, by recipient; and (iii) the purpose of the distribution, by recipient;
163 provided further, that funds shall be prioritized for communities with large populations of
164 socially and economically disadvantaged and historically underrepresented groups and for
165 communities disproportionately impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic; and provided
166 further, that the department shall ensure geographic equity when distributing
167 funds.....\$250,900,000

168 1599-2026 For a reserve to enhance and expand access to mental and behavioral
169 health supports and services; provided, that funds in this item shall be administered by the
170 executive office of health and human services; provided further, that not less than \$240,400,000
171 shall be transferred to the Behavioral Health Trust Fund established in section 91; provided
172 further, that funds in this item shall be expended for a loan repayment assistance program for
173 mental health professionals, which shall be administered by the executive office of health and

174 human services or by an organization under contract with the executive office; provided further,
175 that funds for the program shall be expended to enhance existing loan repayment assistance
176 programs, if appropriate; provided further, that the loan repayment assistance program shall
177 include: (i) not less than \$21,000,000 for psychiatrists to provide assistance of up to \$300,000
178 per individual; (ii) not less than \$12,000,000 for physician-level mental health professionals to
179 provide assistance of up to \$150,000 per individual; (iii) not less than \$35,000,000 for master's
180 degree level mental health professionals to provide assistance of up to \$50,000 per individual;
181 (iv) not less than \$20,000,000 for bachelor's degree level mental health professionals to provide
182 assistance of up to \$30,000 per individual; (v) not less than \$14,000,000 for in-patient
183 psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners to provide assistance of up to \$100,000 per
184 individual; and (vi) not less than \$8,000,000 for in-patient mental health workers to provide
185 assistance of up to \$40,000 per individual; provided further, that said program shall prioritize the
186 recruitment and retention of a culturally, ethnically and linguistically diverse behavioral health
187 workforce; provided further, that to be eligible for loan repayment assistance under this item, an
188 individual shall: (a) work in a community health center, a community mental health center or an
189 in-patient psychiatric hospital; (b) have outstanding educational debt; (c) not participate in any
190 other loan repayment program; and (d) be required to enter into a contract with the
191 commonwealth for not less than 4 years; provided further, that the amounts of assistance per
192 individual shall be pro-rated for individuals working on a part-time basis; provided further, that
193 the executive office shall promulgate regulations for the administration and enforcement of the
194 loan repayment assistance program under this item which shall include penalties and repayment
195 procedures if a participating individual fails to comply with the program requirements; provided
196 further, that not less than 45 days prior to the obligation of funds for the loan repayment

197 assistance program, the executive office shall submit a comprehensive program plan to the
198 executive office for administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and
199 means, the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery and the joint committee
200 on health care financing; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended on a
201 public awareness campaign on the loan repayment assistance program; provided further, that not
202 less than \$10,000,000 shall be made available to supports grants for a program of assertive
203 community treatment; provided further, that of the \$10,000,000, not less than \$5,000,000 shall
204 be made available for individuals under the age of 22 who exhibit symptoms of serious
205 emotional disturbance, demonstrate an inability to consistently use less intensive levels of care in
206 the community and have functional impairment and a history of difficulty functioning safely and
207 successfully in the community, school, home or workplace; provided further, that the program
208 shall: (1) include a team-based approach to service delivery that tailors services to the specific
209 needs and acuity of each individual; (2) provide mental health services and social service
210 assistance through a person-centered approach, which may include, but shall not be limited to,
211 clinical assessment and outreach, medication treatment and outreach, care coordination including
212 with primary care, symptom management, harm reduction, family services, housing support and
213 any other needs that arise in carrying out the acts of daily living; (3) be consistent, to the
214 maximum extent possible, with the evidence-based practice standards for assertive community
215 treatment as found in the United States Department of Health and Human Services' Substance
216 Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Assertive Community Treatment Evidence-
217 Based Practices Kit; and (4) not limit program services to a specific physical location; provided
218 further, that at least 1 grant shall be awarded in each of the 6 executive office of health and
219 human services' regions, which shall include the western, central, northeast, Metrowest,

220 southeast and Boston regions, to ensure access in all areas of the commonwealth; provided
221 further, that annually, not later than April 1, the executive office shall submit a report to the
222 executive office for administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and
223 means, the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery and the joint committee
224 on health care financing that shall detail the: (A) funds distributed, delineated by recipient; and
225 (B) number of new programs created with the funds, delineated by fund recipient, location,
226 number of individuals served and ages of individuals served; provided further, that not less than
227 \$11,600,000 shall be expended for a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner fellowship
228 program to recruit and retain psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners at community health
229 centers; provided further, that annually, not later than April 1, the executive office shall submit a
230 report to the executive office for administration and finance, the house and senate committees on
231 ways and means, the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery and the joint
232 committee on health care financing that shall detail: (I) the number of psychiatric mental health
233 nurse practitioner applicants and participants; (II) participant retention; (III) efforts to diversify
234 the psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners; and (IV) all program expenditures; provided
235 further, that not less than \$15,000,000 shall be expended to establish and expand pre-arrest, co-
236 response programs; provided further, that such programs shall require collaboration between
237 municipal police departments and mental health clinicians; provided further, that funds shall be
238 expended in the form of matching grants to municipalities; provided further, that the executive
239 office shall prioritize municipalities that submit a strategy to utilize evidence-based and
240 evidence-informed approaches to divert individuals from jail where mental health or substance
241 use crisis responses are more appropriate; provided further, that annually, not later than April 1,
242 the executive office shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance,

243 the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on mental health,
244 substance use and recovery and the joint committee on health care financing detailing the grant
245 criteria used, grant applicants, grants recipients and all program expenditures; provided further,
246 that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended to establish an online portal to facilitate the
247 coordination of services for children, adolescents and adults who are being boarded in
248 emergency departments who have mental and behavioral health needs; provided further, that the
249 portal shall enable access to real-time data on emergency department boarding, including length
250 of wait, primary reason for wait, level of care required, type of insurance coverage and available
251 data on patient age, race, ethnicity, preferred spoken language and gender; provided further, that
252 the portal shall include a real-time behavioral health bed search feature that categorizes beds by
253 care level, licensing authority, age restrictions and geographic location; provided further, that not
254 less than \$2,500,000 shall be expended on the development of an inter-operable warehouse to
255 collect and aggregate accurate, real-time data between agencies under the executive office of
256 health and human services; provided further, that the warehouse shall be utilized to help
257 individuals navigate the system of care and find providers for service needs; provided further,
258 that not later than June 1, 2022, the executive office of health and human services shall submit a
259 report to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on health care
260 financing and the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery detailing
261 progress on development of the portal and the warehouse; provided further, that not less than
262 \$5,000,000 shall be expended by the department of public health on a culturally competent,
263 linguistically diverse public awareness campaign to promote the awareness and use of available
264 behavioral health services; and provided further, that the public awareness campaign shall
265 partner with relevant advocacy organizations, employers, institutions of higher education and

266 community-based organizations to ensure that the campaign reaches the populations that are
267 most at risk of encountering barriers to behavioral health
268 services.....\$400,000,000

269 1599-2027 For a reserve to support loan repayment, retention and recruitment
270 programs for human service workers in the commonwealth; provided, that not less than
271 \$30,000,000 shall be made available for a loan repayment assistance program for human service
272 workers; provided further, that eligible program participants shall be employees who provide
273 treatment, support or services to clients or their families through home-based and community-
274 based human service organizations in programs funded by the executive office of health and
275 human services, the executive office of elder affairs, the department of housing and community
276 development or the department of early education and care; provided further, that the program
277 shall be administered by the executive office of health and human services, in collaboration with
278 the executive office of education; provided further, that there shall be a board consisting of
279 representatives from the human services sector to make recommendations on the criteria for the
280 program including, but not limited to: (i) eligible workers; (ii) recipient income requirements;
281 (iii) loan repayment assistance levels; and (iv) work commitments necessary for eligibility;
282 provided further, that the board shall consist of: 3 persons to be appointed by the governor; 2
283 persons to be appointed by the president of the senate; and 2 persons to be appointed by the
284 speaker of the house of representatives; provided further, that not later than April 15, 2022, the
285 executive office of health and human services shall submit a report to the house and senate
286 committees on ways and means, the joint committee on health care financing and the joint
287 committee on higher education detailing the criteria established for the program; provided
288 further, that annually, not later than June 30, the executive office shall provide a report to the

289 house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on health care financing
290 and the joint committee on higher education, detailing expenditures from this item by service
291 category and organization, including average loan repayment per worker; provided further, that
292 not less than \$25,000,000 shall be expended on a grant program for human service organizations
293 to support the retention and recruitment of human service workers; provided further, that the
294 grant program shall be administered by the executive office of health and human services;
295 provided further, that not later than March 1, 2022, the executive office shall establish grant
296 criteria and begin seeking applications; and provided further, that prior to establishing the grant
297 criteria, the executive office shall seek input from stakeholders to consider in establishing grant
298 criteria.....\$55,000,000

299 1599-2028 For a reserve to support acute hospitals impacted by the 2019 novel
300 coronavirus pandemic; provided, that funds in this item shall be administered by the executive
301 office of health and human services; provided further, that funds shall be expended in the form of
302 stabilization grants; provided further, that the executive office, in consultation with the center for
303 health information and analysis, shall establish a methodology for awarding grants through an
304 application process; provided further, that the executive office, in establishing grant criteria, shall
305 prioritize applications that are submitted by non-profit hospitals that identify with at least two of
306 the following criteria: (i) serve communities disproportionately impacted by the 2019 novel
307 coronavirus pandemic, with a particular focus on communities with pre-existing health
308 disparities as a result of race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status; (ii) have a total margin loss in
309 hospital fiscal years 2020, 2021 or 2022, as determined by the center for health information and
310 analysis based on quarterly financial data submitted by the hospital to the center; (iii) are
311 designated by the center for health information and analysis as an independent community

312 hospital or independent teaching hospital; and (iv) have a public payer mix of 65 per cent or
313 higher, as calculated by the center for health information and analysis according to data from the
314 most recent available year; provided further, that in reviewing grant applications, the executive
315 office shall consider: (a) any hospital healthcare-related expenses or lost revenues that are
316 attributable to the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic in hospital fiscal years 2020, 2021 or 2022,
317 using definitions consistent with the federal Provider Relief Fund established by the federal
318 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Public Law 116-136; (b) any federal or
319 state funding related to the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic that a hospital has already
320 received; and (c) the financial health of the hospital; provided further, that a hospital receiving a
321 grant shall not use such grant payment to reimburse expenses or losses that have been
322 reimbursed from another source or that another source is obligated to reimburse; and provided
323 further, that not less than 45 days prior to the distribution of grants, the executive office of health
324 and human services shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means
325 and the joint committee on healthcare financing detailing the: (1) methodology used to determine
326 the grant amounts; and (2) amount to be given to each hospital
327 recipient.....\$200,000,000

328 1599-2029 For a reserve to support capital improvements and workforce retention and
329 recruitment efforts at nursing facilities to enhance care delivery, resident experience and to
330 mitigate and eliminate outbreaks of infectious diseases; provided further, that the executive
331 office of health and human services, in consultation with the Massachusetts Senior Care
332 Association, Inc., shall develop and administer a no interest or forgivable loan program, totaling
333 not less than \$25,000,000, to: (i) support the development of nursing facility specialized care
334 units including, but not limited to: (a) infectious disease isolation; (b) dementia special care; (c)

335 degenerative neurological units; (d) geriatric psychiatry; (e) traumatic brain injury; (f) in-house
336 dialysis treatment; and (g) behavioral health and substance use disorder; (ii) enable facilities to
337 offset the costs of pay-go capital improvements including, but not limited to: (1) heating,
338 ventilation and air conditioning systems and air filtration system upgrades to mitigate the spread
339 of airborne illnesses; (2) roof and other infrastructure replacement and repair projects; (3)
340 alternative energy conversion projects; and (4) elevator renovations to comply with new
341 government requirements; and (iii) fund innovative projects including, but not limited to: (A)
342 conversion of sections within nursing facilities into affordable housing, veterans housing or
343 assisted living units to better accommodate individual needs of residents; (B) converting multi-
344 bed rooms to single occupancy to enhance privacy and dignity; and (C) establishing voluntary
345 nursing facility reconfigurations, including financial incentives to reduce capacity and balance
346 supply and demand based on regional needs; provided further, that the executive office shall
347 prioritize nursing facilities serving residents from communities disproportionately impacted by
348 the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic; provided further, that the executive office shall prioritize
349 nursing facilities with a disproportionate share of high acuity residents enrolled in MassHealth;
350 provided further, that the executive office shall promulgate regulations on the process for loans
351 being forgiven including, but not limited to, the period of time after receiving said loan that each
352 recipient continues operations; provided further, that not later than March 1, 2022, the executive
353 office shall submit grant criteria to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the
354 joint committee on elder affairs; provided further, that not less than \$25,000,000 shall be
355 expended for nursing facility workforce retention and recruitment initiatives; provided further,
356 that the executive office, in consultation with the Massachusetts Senior Care Association, Inc.
357 and 1199SEIU, shall establish a methodology for distributing funds; provided further, that not

358 later than March 1, 2022, the executive office shall submit methodology criteria to the house and
359 senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on elder affairs; and provided
360 further, that funds in this item shall prioritize facilities for which not less than 75 per cent of
361 residents are enrolled in MassHealth.....\$50,000,000

362 1599-2030 For a reserve for investments in publicly-owned lands and lands otherwise
363 protected and conserved for public access, reservations, parks, trails, rivers, lakes, ponds, streams
364 and other waterways, trails, beaches, fishing piers, boat ramps, community gardens, urban farms,
365 working farms and forests and other recreational facilities and open spaces; provided, that funds
366 may be transferred to the executive office of energy and environmental affairs, the department of
367 conservation and recreation, the department of agricultural resources, the department of fish and
368 game and the department of environmental protection for expenditure; provided further, that
369 funds may be made available for land acquisition and the creation of urban open space with a
370 focus on communities disproportionately impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic;
371 provided further, that funds shall be expended to clean, enhance, improve and modernize park
372 and trail facilities; provided further, that a portion of the funds shall be used for conservation and
373 recreation grant programs including, but not limited to, the local acquisitions for natural diversity
374 grant program, parkland acquisitions and renovations for communities grant program, landscape
375 partnership grant program, drinking water supply protection grant program and the MassTrails
376 program; provided further, that funds may be used to increase the cap on grants under the
377 conservation partnership grant program to \$400,000 per project; provided further, that funds
378 shall be prioritized to increase and improve urban open space and trails with preference for
379 climate resilient projects designed to absorb heat and reduce flooding impacts that primarily
380 impact communities disproportionately impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic;

381 provided further, that funds shall be expended to enhance and modernize park facilities or other
382 public or private facilities for outdoor recreation, to steward and conserve natural resources and
383 to improve the resilience of natural and working lands, plants and wildlife in the commonwealth;
384 and provided further, that not less than 30 days prior to obligations being made from this item,
385 the administering entity shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and
386 finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means on proposed allocations and
387 spending plans for programs within this item including, but not limited to, any program criteria
388 and guidelines for the distribution of
389 funds.....\$15,000,000

390 1599-2031 For a reserve for environmental infrastructure; provided, that funds shall
391 be expended for municipal vulnerability preparedness planning and action grants to plan for and
392 address priority projects identified through local vulnerability assessments; provided further, that
393 funds shall be expended for investments and grants consistent with the priorities identified in the
394 state hazard mitigation and climate adaptation plan, particularly those that will enable and
395 facilitate statewide and local adaptation and resilience outcomes, including nature-based
396 solutions as defined in section 1 of chapter 21N of the General Laws; provided further, that funds
397 may be transferred to the executive office of energy and environmental affairs, the department of
398 fish and game, the division of ecological restoration, the division of marine fisheries, the office
399 of coastal zone management and the department of conservation and recreation for expenditure;
400 provided further, that funds may be utilized for river, wetland, river corridor revitalization,
401 ecological restoration and protection of aquatic ecosystems and functions throughout the
402 commonwealth including, but not limited to, dam and barrier removal, in-stream improvements,
403 flow, water quality, riverine habitat, protection of high-quality riparian and wetland habitat,

404 assessment and mitigation of threats from climate change and restoration of coastal areas,
405 wetlands, salt marshes and cranberry bogs, flooding and improving recreational opportunities;
406 provided further, that funds may be used to provide grants to a municipality or group of
407 municipalities to hire a sustainability coordinator to organize, secure funding, implement and
408 monitor projects related to the state climate adaptation and energy programs; provided further,
409 that funds may be provided to non-profit organizations for water monitoring program grants;
410 provided further, that funds may be used to provide grants through the culvert replacement
411 municipal assistance grant program; provided further, that regional municipal partnerships,
412 regional planning bodies, watershed associations, land trusts, conservation organizations, non-
413 profit organizations and other similar non-profit entities may serve as lawful grantees; provided
414 further, that funds may be expended for the department of environmental protection to develop a
415 statewide hydrology and hydraulic-based culvert and small bridge assessment tool; provided
416 further, that priority shall be given to projects supporting communities disproportionately
417 impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic; provided further, that prioritization in
418 distributing grants shall be given to ensuring geographic equity; provided further, that grants may
419 include a requirement for matching funds; and provided further, that not less than 30 days prior
420 to obligations being made from this item, the administering entity shall submit a report to the
421 executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways
422 and means on proposed allocations and spending plans for programs within this item including,
423 but not limited to, any program criteria and guidelines for the distribution of
424 funds.....\$125,000,000

425 1599-2032 For a reserve for water and sewer infrastructure; provided, that funds shall
426 be expended for sewer separation projects and other methods of remediating combined sewer

427 overflow and other sewage discharges into waterways including, but not limited to, projects to
428 improve water quality in the Merrimack river; provided further, that funds may be transferred to
429 the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the purpose of reducing the principal or interest
430 costs of drinking water improvements under programs administered under the umbrella of the
431 Clean Water Trust; provided further, that funds may be transferred to the Clean Water State
432 Revolving Fund for the purpose of reducing the principal or interest costs of water quality
433 improvements under programs administered under the umbrella of the Clean Water Trust;
434 provided further, that funds may be transferred to the Clean Water Trust for the purpose of
435 providing incentives such as providing principal forgiveness, reducing the principal or interest
436 costs of water quality improvements that employ green infrastructure as defined in section 26A
437 of chapter 21 of the General Laws; provided further, that priority shall be given to projects
438 supporting communities disproportionately impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic;
439 provided further, that prioritization in distributing funds from this item shall be given to ensuring
440 geographic equity; provided further, that funds may be expended for costs associated with
441 connecting municipalities to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority water system;
442 provided further, that funds may be made available to mitigate the debt service obligations of
443 municipalities that have previously undertaken water and sewer projects otherwise eligible under
444 this item; provided further, that grants may include a requirement for matching funds; and
445 provided further, that not less than 30 days prior to obligations being made from this item, the
446 administering entity shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance
447 and the house and senate committees on ways and means on proposed allocations and spending
448 plans for programs within this item including, but not limited to, any program criteria and

449 guidelines for the distribution of
450 funds.....\$175,000,000

451 1599-2033 For a reserve for a forestry and tree planting greening program for projects
452 throughout the commonwealth on publicly-owned land, land owned by non-profit organizations
453 and privately-owned land where landowners agree to maintain any trees planted thereon for not
454 less than 2 years, including, but not be limited to, the evaluation and planning of forestry and tree
455 greening projects, tree stock and planting and the care and protection of trees and forests to be
456 administered by the executive office of energy and environmental affairs in partnership with the
457 department of conservation and recreation urban and community forestry program, the
458 department of energy resources and the department of housing and community development;
459 provided, that funding shall be first prioritized for projects for gateway municipalities as defined
460 in section 3A of chapter 23A of the General Laws, communities disproportionately impacted by
461 the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic and urban and suburban neighborhoods without adequate
462 tree cover and then prioritized for projects for floodplains and riparian areas, areas devastated by
463 catastrophic weather events or widespread insect infestation or in area locations of aquifers,
464 recharge areas, wells, reservoirs and other water bodies that will improve water quality as part of
465 a natural ecosystem; provided further, that the executive office shall provide guidance for
466 planning, prioritization, selection and implementation of projects in furtherance of climate
467 change resilience and adaptation goals and consistent with the integrated state hazard mitigation
468 and climate change adaptation plan and the state clean energy and climate plan; provided further,
469 that grants may include a requirement for matching funds; and provided further, that not less than
470 30 days prior to obligations being made from this item, the administering entity shall submit a
471 report to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees

472 on ways and means on proposed allocations and spending plans for programs within this item
473 including, but not limited to, any program criteria and guidelines for the distribution of
474 funds.....\$20,000,000

475 1599-2034 For a reserve for marine port development; provided, that funds shall be
476 utilized to support the deployment, construction and manufacturing of, or the operation and
477 maintenance of, offshore wind to promote both short-term and long-term economic development;
478 provided further, that funds may be used for the design, construction, reconstruction,
479 improvement, rehabilitation or expansion of port areas with the potential to facilitate economic
480 development activity for the offshore wind industry; and provided further, that not less than 30
481 days prior to obligations being made from this item, the administering entity shall submit a report
482 to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on
483 ways and means on proposed allocations and spending plans for programs within this item
484 including, but not limited to, any program criteria and guidelines for the distribution of
485 funds.....\$100,000,000

486 1599-2035 For a reserve to support a pilot program to retrofit existing low-income
487 and moderate-income housing to be highly energy efficient, use clean heating and cooking
488 technologies and where possible be powered by electricity from on-site renewable energy
489 generating sources; provided further, that funds in this item shall be administered by the
490 department of energy resources, which may contract with the Massachusetts clean energy center;
491 provided further, that funds from this item shall be limited to gateway municipalities as defined
492 in section 3A of chapter 23A of the General Laws, qualified census tracts and municipalities with
493 similar demographics as determined by the department; provided further, that eligible projects
494 shall retrofit not less than 10 existing low-income or moderate-income housing units; provided

495 further, that the department of energy resources, in consultation with the center, the department
496 of housing and community development and the department of public utilities, shall establish an
497 application criteria, including an incentive structure that requires participating property owners to
498 maintain their properties as low-income or moderate-income housing for a certain period after
499 retrofitting projects have been completed; provided further, that municipalities and non-profits
500 shall be eligible to apply for funding from this item; provided further, that the department of
501 energy resources shall collect data and identify best practices for retrofitting low-income and
502 moderate-income housing; provided further, that any grants distributed from this item may
503 include a requirement for matching funds; and provided further, that not later than 6 months after
504 completion of the pilot program, the department of energy resources shall submit a report to the
505 house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on
506 telecommunications, utilities and energy that, for each pilot site, shall include, but not be limited
507 to: (i) energy savings; (ii) utility bill savings; (iii) improvements in indoor and outdoor air
508 quality; (iv) reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants; (v) improvements in
509 resident safety and quality of life; (vi) the most effective retrofitting approaches based on
510 housing type; and (vii) recommendations to expand the
511 program.....\$10,000,000

512 1599-2036 For a reserve to be administered by the Massachusetts clean energy center
513 established in section 2 of chapter 23J of the General Laws to support the implementation of a
514 research project to oversee, collect and analyze data related to the design and operation of
515 geothermal demonstration projects, approved by the department of public utilities and other
516 related projects deemed appropriate by the center; provided, that funding shall be made available
517 to research, non-profit and university entities identified by the center to conduct a thorough

518 evaluation of the demonstration projects and their related technology; and provided further, that
519 those entities, in consultation with the center shall: (i) model the design and hydro-geology of
520 proposed geothermal demonstration project sites; (ii) monitor the thermal energy storage
521 provided by current sites; (iii) create a public data bank of normalized data to compare sites,
522 including cost comparisons; (iv) document and disseminate recommendations and best practices
523 for rapid scaling and optimization; (v) provide projections on the scaled-up impacts of sites on
524 emissions, health, customer bills and other variables; (vi) engage and educate stakeholders in the
525 host communities of potential sites; and (vii) perform feasibility studies for communities
526 interested in projects to better enable shovel-
527 readiness.....\$5,000,000

528 1599-2037 For a reserve to enhance workforce opportunities through workforce and
529 career technical skills training; provided, that not less than \$75,000,000 shall be transferred to
530 the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund established under section 2WWW of chapter 29 of
531 the General Laws; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the
532 contrary, grants funded through this transfer shall prioritize programs for: (i) individuals residing
533 in communities disproportionately impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic; (ii)
534 workers dislocated from the workforce during the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic through
535 layoffs, interruptions to educational opportunities or other economic disruptions with a particular
536 focus on populations that have been historically underrepresented in the workforce; (iii)
537 individuals engaged in adult basic education courses with particular focus on training for English
538 for speakers of other languages; and (iv) communities disproportionately impacted by the
539 criminal justice system with a particular focus on individuals returning to their communities
540 from incarceration during the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic; provided further, that funds

541 may be expended for wraparound services to individuals receiving workforce training; provided
542 further, that not less than 30 days prior to obligations being made from this transfer, the
543 administering entity shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance
544 and the house and senate committees on ways and means on any specific grant criteria for these
545 funds to target the programs prioritized in this item; provided further, that not less than
546 \$25,000,000 shall be expended from this item for the development and operation of career
547 technical institutes in vocational technical schools in partnership with industry and community
548 stakeholders to build out industry recognized credentialing pathways for students and adult
549 learners in technical and trade fields to retrain and grow the workforce; provided further, that
550 funds may be expended to issue competitive, performance-based contracting models to support
551 the start-up and implementation costs of career technical institutes; provided further, that funds
552 may be used for planning and implementation grants for regional and local partnerships to
553 expand existing or develop new career and technical education programs; provided further, that
554 preference in distributing funds from this item shall be given to vocational schools with
555 demonstrable waitlists for admission; and provided further, that annually, not later than June 1,
556 the executive office of labor and workforce development shall submit a report to the house and
557 senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on labor and workforce
558 development that shall include, but not be limited to, the: (a) vocational technical schools that are
559 operating career technical institutes; (b) number of students served by career technical institutes,
560 and the number of adult learners participating in industry recognized credentialing pathways,
561 delineated by training program; and (c) employment outcomes of the graduates of such training
562 programs.....\$100,000,000

563 1599-2038 For a reserve to fund capital improvement grants to vocational high
564 schools and public schools operating career and technical education programs; provided, that
565 grants shall be made available to establish, upgrade and expand career and technical education
566 training programs to meet the workforce demands of regional employers and increase equitable
567 access to career and technical skills training; provided further, that the executive office of
568 education, in consultation with the executive office of labor and workforce development, the
569 executive office of housing and economic development and the Massachusetts School Building
570 Authority shall develop guidelines, as necessary, for the administration of the program; provided
571 further, that grants may support capital improvement projects including, but not limited to: (i) the
572 purchase and installation of equipment; (ii) improvements and renovations to facilities necessary
573 for the installation and use of such equipment; and (iii) facility improvements to increase
574 capacity; provided further, that preference in distributing funds from this item shall be given to
575 vocational schools with demonstrable waiting lists for admission and to districts and
576 municipalities with limited access to career and technical education programs; provided further,
577 that not less than 30 days prior to the disbursement of funds from this item, the executive office
578 of education shall submit the proposed guidelines to the executive office for administration and
579 finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on
580 education; provided further, that annually, not later than June 1, the executive office of education
581 shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance, the house and senate
582 committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education that shall include, but not
583 be limited to, the: (a) vocational technical schools and public schools receiving funds under this
584 item and the amount of such funding; and (b) types of capital improvement projects funded
585 under this item.....\$100,000,000

586 1599-2039 For a reserve to support the commonwealth’s cybersecurity workforce and
587 infrastructure; provided, that funds in this item shall be administered by the Massachusetts
588 Technology Park Corporation established in section 3 of chapter 40J of the General Laws and
589 doing business as the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative; provided further, that funds shall
590 be expended, in collaboration with the commonwealth’s public institutions of higher education,
591 to provide regional security operations center services for the monitoring and detection of cyber
592 threat activity to municipalities, non-profits and small businesses and cyber range services,
593 which shall include opportunities for cybersecurity workforce training; and provided further, that
594 funds expended from this item shall prioritize the expansion of the cybersecurity workforce in
595 the commonwealth with a focus on underserved and underrepresented populations in the
596 cybersecurity
597 sector.....\$15,000,000

598 1599-2041 For a reserve to support high-demand workforce training programs;
599 provided, that the program shall be administered jointly by the Massachusetts Association of
600 Community Colleges and the executive office of education, in consultation with the executive
601 office of labor and workforce development and regional workforce investment boards; provided
602 further, that the program shall support the creation and expansion of training programs at
603 community colleges for high-demand industries, identified by regional labor market blueprints;
604 provided further, that those industries may include, but shall not be limited to, healthcare,
605 education, manufacturing and cybersecurity; provided further, that annually, not later than June
606 1, the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges shall submit a report to the executive
607 office of education, the house and senate committees on ways and means, and the joint
608 committee on higher education that shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) distribution of

609 funding from this item to the community colleges; (ii) number of students enrolled in high-
610 demand workforce training programs; and (iii) employment outcomes of the individuals enrolled
611 in the programs.....\$30,000,000

612 1599-2042 For a reserve to support small businesses impacted by the 2019 novel
613 coronavirus pandemic; provided, that not less than \$50,000,000 shall be transferred to the
614 Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation established in chapter 40W of the General Laws for
615 grants to support small businesses negatively impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic;
616 provided further, that the grants shall be expended to: (i) businesses that focus on reaching
617 markets predominantly made up of socially and economically disadvantaged and historically
618 underrepresented groups; and (ii) diverse businesses owned by socially and economically
619 disadvantaged and historically underrepresented groups; and provided further, that the
620 corporation shall consult with the board designated to make recommendations for the community
621 empowerment and reinvestment grant program in item 7002-2021 in section 2 of chapter 227 of
622 the acts of 2020 to establish a grant
623 criteria.....\$50,000,000

624 1599-2043 For a reserve for cultural and tourism assets; provided, that the funds in
625 this item shall be made available to the Massachusetts cultural council to administer a grant
626 program for the purposes of assisting cultural organizations recover from the 2019 novel
627 coronavirus pandemic; provided further, that grants shall be made available for, but not be
628 limited to: (i) facility upgrades, including costs associated with programmatic adaptation due to
629 the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic; (ii) technology and infrastructure costs for safe reopening
630 of facilities; and (iii) direct financial support to assist with staffing and other operational needs;
631 provided further, that the council shall consider racial, geographic and programmatic diversity

632 and equity within the cultural sector when establishing grant criteria; provided further, that the
633 council shall consider and prioritize those applicants with the largest demonstrated economic
634 need as a result of the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic, as well as the applicant’s demonstrated
635 economic impact in terms of job creation and tourism generated; provided further, that funds
636 may be transferred to the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund established in section 42 of
637 chapter 23G of the General Laws for the purposes of this item; provided further, that the council
638 may include a match requirement for recipient organizations; provided further, that not later than
639 March 1, 2022, the council shall submit grant application criteria to the executive office for
640 administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint
641 committee on tourism, arts and cultural development; provided further, that annually, not later
642 than June 1, the council shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and
643 finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on
644 tourism, arts and cultural development that shall include, but not be limited to: (a) a list of the
645 grant recipients, including the sector of each recipient; (b) a list of applicants that did not receive
646 a grant, including the sector of each applicant; (c) the amount of grants provided to each grant
647 recipient; (d) the geographic distribution of said grants; (e) efforts to promote a diverse art and
648 cultural sector through the grants; and (f) any adjustments to the grant application
649 criteria.....\$75,000,000

650 1599-2044 For a reserve to support the commonwealth’s agricultural, commercial
651 fishing and cranberry-growing industries; provided, that grants from this program shall be
652 allocated equally for each industry; provided further, that the executive office of energy and
653 environmental affairs shall establish the grant program and application criteria in consultation
654 with the department of agricultural resources and the division of marine fisheries; provided

655 further, that the executive office shall prioritize grant applicants focused on innovative
656 approaches to enhance environmental benefits and encourage increased economic activity in its
657 respective sector including, but not limited to: (i) capital infrastructure improvements that
658 promote energy efficiency; (ii) the purchase or expanded use of renewable energy technologies;
659 (iii) tools to address barriers to economic growth, including business management technical
660 assistance and the purchase of more efficient equipment and technology; or (iv) tools and
661 technologies to facilitate sustainability and new product development; provided further, that no
662 grant recipient shall receive more than \$100,000 from the grant program; provided further, that
663 not later than March 30, 2022, the executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate
664 committees on ways and means detailing the status of the grant program that shall include, but
665 not be limited to: (a) the number of grant applications, by industry; (b) the number of successful
666 grant applicants, by industry; (c) the amount of grant funding allocated for each successful
667 applicant; (d) each successful grant applicant’s proposed use of grant funding; and (e) the criteria
668 used to determine successful applications; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be
669 transferred to the Agricultural Innovation Fund established in section 35KKK of chapter 10 of
670 the General Laws; and provided further, that funds transferred in this item shall support
671 cranberry bog renovation and water management infrastructure improvements and system
672 upgrades.....\$8,000,000

673 1599-2045 For a reserve to close the digital divide by facilitating broadband and
674 internet access to be administered by the Massachusetts Broadband Institute at the Massachusetts
675 Technology Park Corporation established in section 3 of chapter 40J of the General Laws and
676 doing business as the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative; provided, that funds shall be
677 expended to promote broadband adoption and digital literacy; provided further, that funds may

678 be expended on targeted infrastructure projects to improve service in unserved and underserved
679 areas; provided further, that funds may be expended to provide devices, digital literacy services
680 and internet service plan support, including subsidies, to targeted populations including, but not
681 limited to, low-income households eligible for or receiving benefits from the federal
682 supplemental nutrition assistance program, the temporary assistance for needy families program
683 or Medicaid; provided further, that funds may be made available to expand the Mass Internet
684 Connect program to provide technology supports, service and internet connections necessary to
685 individuals seeking employment; provided further, that funds may be prioritized for regionally
686 coordinated, low-cost broadband initiatives; provided further, that prior to expending funds from
687 this item, the institute shall consult with the special commission on equity and access to
688 telecommunications services created under section 105 of 227 of the acts of 2020, or the report
689 thereof; provided further, that not later than March 1, 2022, the collaborative, in consultation
690 with the special commission, or the report thereof, shall submit recommendations for expending
691 funds from this item to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and
692 senate committees on ways and means; and provided further, that any grants distributed from this
693 item may include a requirement for matching
694 funds.....\$75,000,000

695 1599-2046 For the purposes of continuing the implementation of section 15E of
696 chapter 15A of the General Laws to encourage private fundraising by the commonwealth’s
697 public institutions of higher education for the endowments and capital outlay programs of those
698 institutions, including, but not limited to, endowed scholarship funds, endowed professorships,
699 endowed STEM programming, endowed research positions, endowed programming in the arts
700 and humanities, endowed funds to increase diversity and inclusion on public higher education

701 campuses, endowed funds that increase persistence and completion rates, endowed funds that
702 encourage innovative financial aid strategies, including income-sharing arrangements, endowed
703 early college programs and such other purposes as the board shall determine to be consistent
704 with system-wide and campus mission statements and with measurable goals and metrics tied to
705 those missions; provided further, that the board of higher education shall implement the program
706 in a manner that ensures that each institution shall have an equal opportunity to secure matching
707 funds from this item; provided further, that not less than \$18,000,000 shall be allocated to the
708 University of Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than \$6,000,000 shall be allocated to
709 state universities; provided further, that not less than \$6,000,000 shall be allocated to community
710 colleges; provided further, that not later than January 31, 2022, the board shall issue a
711 preliminary report on the initial allocation of matching dollars and any guidelines adopted for the
712 distribution and use of such funding; provided further, that the board shall report annually, not
713 later than December 1, on the efficacy of the program in securing additional donations for public
714 higher education, along with a description of all programmatic improvements made possible by
715 the funds; and provided further, that the interim report and the annual report shall be submitted to
716 the joint committee on higher education and the house and senate committees on ways and
717 means.....\$30,000,000

718 1599-2047 For a reserve to provide workforce development and capital assistance
719 grants to the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc. and the Alliance of
720 Massachusetts YMCAs, Inc.; provided, that the funds shall be administered by the department of
721 housing and community development in consultation with the executive office of health and
722 human services; provided further, that the department shall award not less than \$10,000,000 to
723 the Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs, Inc., which shall be distributed among the alliance's

724 member organizations based on criteria developed by the Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs,
725 Inc.; provided further, that YMCA member organizations shall have a specified percentage of
726 funding secured prior to applying for capital grants; provided further, that the department shall
727 award not less than \$10,000,000 to the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc.,
728 which shall be distributed among its member organizations based on criteria developed by the
729 Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc.; provided further, that funds may be used to
730 support workforce development and capital improvement projects including, but not limited to:
731 (i) the repair, renovation, improvement, expansion and construction of indoor and outdoor
732 facilities; (ii) information technology infrastructure improvements to enhance virtual learning
733 and connectivity; and (iii) heating, ventilation and air conditioning system upgrades; provided
734 further, that not later than March 1, 2022, the Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs, Inc. and the
735 Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc. shall each submit a report to the house and
736 senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (a) the grant
737 application criteria for the distribution of funds to the member organizations of the
738 Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc. and the Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs,
739 Inc.; (b) a list of grant recipients to date, including the amount of the grant award provided to
740 each grant recipient; (c) descriptions of the capital improvement projects supported by the grants;
741 and (d) the geographic distribution of the grants; provided further, that grants may include a
742 requirement for matching funds; and provided further, that priority shall be given to capital
743 improvement projects in communities disproportionately impacted by the 2019 novel
744 coronavirus pandemic.....\$20,000,000

745 1599-2048 For a grant program focused on community violence prevention in
746 communities disproportionately impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic and the

747 criminal justice system; provided, that the grant program shall be administered by the executive
748 office of health and human services, in consultation with the office of the commissioner of
749 probation; provided further, that the grant program shall provide multi-year grants through a
750 competitive grant program to non-profit, community-based organizations that: (i) serve
751 communities that are disproportionately impacted by community violence; (ii) seek to interrupt
752 cycles of violence, trauma and retaliation in order to reduce the incidence of community
753 violence, including decreasing the disproportionate impact of violence on historically
754 marginalized communities; (iii) focus on providing violence intervention services to the small
755 segment of the population that is identified as having the highest risk of perpetrating or being
756 victimized by violence and experiencing resulting trauma currently or in the near future; (iv)
757 have an established track record of working with individuals returning to their communities after
758 incarceration with a focus on those at high risk of recidivism for violent crimes; provided further,
759 that eligible expenses that may qualify for such grants shall include, but not be limited to: (a)
760 evidence-based and evidence-informed pilot programs for direct services; (b) support for pay-go
761 capital projects to expand physical capacity; (c) human capital initiatives, including diversity,
762 equity and inclusion initiatives, training and professional development, human resources and
763 other sustainability initiatives; (d) impact and evaluation studies; (e) organizing work focused on
764 creating systemic change or advancing racial and social equity; (f) emergency housing relocation
765 and stabilization; and (g) other direct intervention services; provided further, that organizations
766 receiving such grants shall systematically engage individuals disproportionately impacted by the
767 criminal justice system in the planning, development, leadership, oversight and quality
768 improvement of the program's services; provided further, that grants shall prioritize
769 organizations working in communities with high rates of individuals returning to their

770 communities from state or county correction facilities over the course of the 2019 novel
771 coronavirus pandemic; provided further, that not later than March 1, 2022, the executive office,
772 in consultation with the office of the commissioner of probation, shall establish grant criteria and
773 begin seeking applications; provided further, that prior to establishing grant criteria, the
774 executive office and the office of the commissioner of probation shall seek input from
775 stakeholders and communities on evidence-based and evidence-informed best practices to
776 consider in establishing grant criteria; and provided further, that all grant recipients shall be
777 required to submit detailed best practices and initiatives undertaken through funds received from
778 this item.....\$25,000,000

779 1599-2049 For a reserve to support food security initiatives and supports; provided,
780 that funds in this item shall support grants to fund the costs of immediate and projected
781 infrastructure needs for farms, retailers, fisheries, food system businesses and food distribution
782 channels including, but not limited to, food banks, farm stands, food hubs, elder services and
783 community supported agriculture farms; provided further, that the program shall take into
784 account the unique needs of rural and urban areas, including gateway municipalities as defined in
785 section 3A of chapter 23A of the General Laws, to respond to the disruptions caused by the 2019
786 novel coronavirus pandemic and to provide greater access to local food in ways that support
787 public health recommendations; provided further, that grants may be awarded to food banks and
788 other parts of the food distribution channel to expand services and address urgently needed
789 capital projects including, but not limited to: (i) information technology needs, including the
790 development of online markets and delivery systems, including an online system to link food
791 system channels to identify and match agricultural and fishery products to consumers and
792 markets, particularly to benefit food insecure communities; (ii) facility adaptation to new safety

793 guidelines, including new signage and the installation of handwashing stations; (iii) expansion of
794 storage and food preparation areas for food banks, food pantries and other food distribution
795 organizations; (iv) the purchase or lease of point-of-sale devices to provide to retailers at no cost
796 to provide curbside pick-up and curbside payment service, including payment using Electronic
797 Benefits Transfer cards; and (v) storage and processing equipment to adapt to supply chain
798 disruptions, including cold and ambient storage and vehicles for distribution; and provided
799 further, that prioritization of funds shall be given to local hunger
800 organizations.....\$60,000,000

801 1599-2050 For a reserve to meet the costs of oversight functions in the office of the
802 state auditor, the office of the attorney general, the office of the inspector general and the office
803 of the comptroller related to the expenditure of federal 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic-related
804 funding; provided, that oversight functions shall include audits, investigations, reviews,
805 prevention, education, enforcement and prosecution related to funding from such funding;
806 provided further, that the secretary of administration and finance may transfer funds from this
807 item to the state agencies listed in this item; provided further, that any such transfers shall occur
808 on a schedule to be determined by the secretary, in consultation with the relative state agency,
809 based on the expected oversight costs; provided further, that transfers shall be made in
810 accordance with executed interagency service agreements between the secretary and the state
811 agency receiving the funds; provided further, that the secretary shall submit quarterly reports to
812 the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing any transfers from this item;
813 provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be made available for the federal funds equity
814 and accountability review panel established in section 92; and provided further, that funds in this

815 item shall be made available until December 31,
816 2022.....\$2,000,000

817 1599-2051 For a reserve to support local and regional 2019 novel coronavirus
818 pandemic response and recovery
819 initiatives.....\$100,000

820 SECTION 3. Section 35FF of chapter 10 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
821 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 73, the words “section 45 of chapter
822 75” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- section 12 of chapter 40G.

823 SECTION 4. Subsection (l) of section 8 of chapter 15D of the General Laws, as
824 appearing in section 4 of chapter 29 of the acts of 2021, is hereby amended by striking out the
825 words “fingerprint background check service fee charged by the Federal Bureau of
826 Investigation” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- actual costs for the processing
827 and administration of the fingerprint background check.

828 SECTION 5. Section 5 of chapter 21E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
829 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

830 (m) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the commonwealth shall not be
831 liable under this chapter for response actions taken or arranged by the department at any time for
832 the purpose of implementing or enforcing the commonwealth’s rights or responsibilities pursuant
833 to this chapter.

834 SECTION 6. Section 10B of chapter 23A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
835 amended by striking out, in lines 17 and 18, the words “executive director of the Massachusetts

836 Technology Transfer Center” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- president of
837 the Massachusetts Technology Development Corporation.

838 SECTION 7. Section 56 of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
839 striking out, in line 37, the words “chapter 75” and inserting in place thereof the following
840 words:- section 12 of chapter 40G.

841 SECTION 8. Section 27 of chapter 23G of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
842 amended by striking out, in line 73, the words “45 of chapter 75” and inserting in place thereof
843 the following words:- 12 of chapter 40G.

844 SECTION 9. The first paragraph of subsection (a) of section 28 of said chapter 23G, as
845 so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence.

846 SECTION 10. Section 6 of chapter 23I of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
847 amended by striking out, in lines 106 and 107, the words “45 of chapter 75” and inserting in
848 place thereof the following words:- 12 of chapter 40G.

849 SECTION 11. Section 12 of said chapter 23I, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
850 striking out, in lines 10 and 11, the words “executive director of the Massachusetts Technology
851 Transfer Center and” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- president of the
852 Massachusetts Technology Development Corporation or the president’s designee.

853 SECTION 12. Section 2DDDDD of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
854 hereby amended by inserting after the word “expended”, in line 15, the following words:- by the
855 state fire marshal as the head of the department of fire services, who shall act as co-
856 administrator,.

857 SECTION 13. The second paragraph of said section 2DDDDD of said chapter 29, as so
858 appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- The department of fire services
859 shall assist the technical rescue coordinating council established pursuant to said section 6 of said
860 chapter 22D with the administration of the fund, including, but not limited to, the collection and
861 expenditure of amounts for the purposes set forth in this paragraph.

862 SECTION 14. Section 64 of said chapter 29, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
863 adding the following paragraph:-

864 The state treasurer, on behalf of the commonwealth's deferred compensation program,
865 may adopt annual budgets and supplemental budgets as necessary. Said budgets may include
866 salaries for treasury employees working on or administering the commonwealth's deferred
867 compensation program; provided, however, that said budgets may be funded from the
868 administrative expense account of the commonwealth's deferred compensation program. Any
869 such treasury employee whose compensation is sourced from the commonwealth's deferred
870 compensation program shall be an "employee" as defined in section 1 of chapter 32 and shall be
871 a member of the state employees' retirement system.

872 SECTION 15. Section 6A of chapter 31 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
873 amended by striking out the third paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following
874 paragraph:-

875 Such evaluation system shall include, but not be limited to, the following general
876 provisions:

877 (i) all performance evaluations may be in writing or a printable electronic format and
878 shall be maintained as part of the employee's records by the employee's appointing authority

879 until the employee leaves civil service employment or as otherwise prescribed by the
880 administrator;

881 (ii) prior to each evaluation period, the immediate supervisor shall inform the employee
882 of the general performance dimensions and the procedures to be utilized in evaluating the
883 employee's performance; provided, however, that the supervisor shall also inform the employee
884 that the evaluation may be utilized by the department or the appointing authority in future
885 personnel determinations; and

886 (iii) after the evaluation has been conducted, the immediate supervisor shall confer with
887 the employee concerning the evaluation; provided, however, that upon the completion of the
888 employee's review of the evaluation, the employee shall acknowledge receipt of the evaluation
889 and indicate whether the employee agrees or disagrees with the evaluation; provided further, that
890 upon request, the employee, or, with the employee's consent, the employee's collective
891 bargaining agent, may be provided a copy of the evaluation.

892 SECTION 16. Section 1 of chapter 40G of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
893 amended by inserting after the definition of "Board" the following definition:-

894 "Center", the Massachusetts Technology Transfer Center established in section 12.

895 SECTION 17. Said chapter 40G is hereby further amended by inserting after section 4B
896 the following section:-

897 Section 4C. The center shall administer the Innovation Commercialization Seed Fund
898 established in section 45B of chapter 75.

899 SECTION 18. Said chapter 40G is hereby further amended by adding the following
900 section:-

901 Section 12. (a) There shall be within the corporation, and subject to the board's oversight
902 and control, a Massachusetts Technology Transfer Center to facilitate the transfer of technology
903 from the commonwealth's research institutions to the commonwealth's industries for productive
904 use by such industries. The center shall provide advice and assistance to public and private
905 research institutions on strategies for technology transfer including, but not limited to, advice and
906 assistance in: (i) assessing the viability and value of developing technologies; (ii) defining and
907 exploiting potential markets for such technologies; (iii) commercialization strategies; (iv)
908 intellectual property issues, including licensing strategies; and (v) business development. The
909 center shall be governed by the board and subject to the board's oversight and control. The
910 president of the corporation may hire such staff as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes
911 of the center.

912 (b) The corporation shall report annually to the Massachusetts office of business
913 development on the number of technology transfer transactions or projects that have been
914 consummated with the assistance of the center, the names and geographic locations of the
915 recipient industries and the estimated number of new jobs created as a result of such transactions
916 or projects.

917 SECTION 19. Section 20 of chapter 44 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
918 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the fifth sentence and inserting in place
919 thereof the following 3 sentences:-

920 Any premium received upon the sale of notes, less the cost of preparing, issuing and
921 marketing the notes, and any accrued interest received upon the delivery of the notes, shall be
922 applied to the first payment of interest on the note. Any premium received upon the sale of
923 bonds, less the cost of preparing, issuing and marketing the bonds, and any accrued interest
924 received upon the delivery of bonds shall be: (i) in the case of bonds sold by a city or town that
925 have been excluded under section 21C of chapter 59 or bonds sold by a regional school district
926 for which 1 or more member cities or towns have so excluded their share of the bond, applied by
927 the treasurer to pay costs of the project being financed by the bonds and to reduce the amount
928 authorized to be borrowed for the project by like amount; or (ii) in the case of any other bonds,
929 applied by the treasurer to pay costs of the project being financed by the bonds and to reduce the
930 amount authorized to be borrowed for the project by like amount; provided, however, that in the
931 case of a bond under clause (ii), if any such premium or accrued interest is not so applied, any
932 such premium or accrued interest shall be appropriated to pay costs of a project for which the
933 city, town or district has authorized a borrowing or may authorize a borrowing. Notwithstanding
934 this section, any premium and accrued interest received on account of an issue of bonds, less the
935 cost of preparing, issuing and marketing the bonds, not in excess of \$50,000 may be applied,
936 with the approval of the chief executive officer in a city of town, for the payment of
937 indebtedness.

938 SECTION 20. Section 28A of said chapter 44, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
939 inserting after the word “notes”, in line 5, the following words:- , the provisions of section 21C
940 relating to lease purchase financing agreements.

941 SECTION 21. Section 31 of said chapter 44, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
942 inserting after the word “section”, in line 14, the following words:- for such an emergency.

943 SECTION 22. Said section 31 of said chapter 44, as so appearing, is hereby further
944 amended by striking out, in lines 39 and 40, the words “judgments, awards or payments” and
945 inserting in place thereof the following words:- judgments, which shall mean final awards or
946 payments,.

947 SECTION 23. Said section 31 of said chapter 44, as so appearing, is hereby further
948 amended by striking out, in line 42, the word “council” and inserting in place thereof the
949 following word:- counsel.

950 SECTION 24. Said section 31 of said chapter 44, as so appearing, is hereby further
951 amended by striking out, in line 49, the words “otherwise made provision therefor” and inserting
952 in place thereof the following words:- made provision therefor by borrowing under section 7 or
953 otherwise.

954 SECTION 25. Section 63 of said chapter 44, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
955 striking out, in line 11, the words “clause (3) of section seven” and inserting in place thereof the
956 following words:- section 7 to purchase land, or interests in land, or to construct or enlarge
957 buildings, including the cost of original equipment and furnishings of the buildings or
958 enlargements.

959 SECTION 26. Section 18 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
960 amended by striking out, in line 71, the words “an executor or administrator” and inserting in
961 place thereof the following words:- a personal representative.

962 SECTION 27. Said section 18 of said chapter 59, as so appearing, is hereby further
963 amended by striking out, in lines 72 and 73, the words “executor or administrator” and inserting
964 in place thereof the following words:- personal representative.

965 SECTION 28. Section 2A of chapter 61A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
966 amended by striking out, in line 6, the figure “25” and inserting in place thereof the following
967 figure:- 25A.

968 SECTION 29. Subsection (x) of section 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as added by
969 section 29 of chapter 24 of the acts of 2021, is hereby amended by inserting after the first
970 sentence the following 2 sentences:- With respect to a taxpayer who is a nonresident for part of
971 the taxable year, the credit shall be further limited to the amount of allowable credit multiplied
972 by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the number of days in the taxable year the person
973 resided in the commonwealth and the denominator of which shall be the number of days in the
974 taxable year. A person who is a nonresident for the entire taxable year shall not be allowed the
975 credit.

976 SECTION 30. The last sentence of said subsection (x) of said section 6 of said chapter
977 62, as so added, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “excess”, the second time it
978 appears, the following words:- without interest.

979 SECTION 31. Subsection (y) of said section 6 of said chapter 62, as so added, is hereby
980 amended by inserting after the first sentence the following 2 sentences:- With respect to a
981 taxpayer who is a nonresident for part of the taxable year, the credit shall be further limited to the
982 amount of allowable credit multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the number
983 of days in the taxable year the person resided in the commonwealth and the denominator of
984 which shall be the number of days in the taxable year. A person who is a nonresident for the
985 entire taxable year shall not be allowed the credit.

986 SECTION 32. The last sentence of said subsection (y) of said section 6 of said chapter
987 62, as so added, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “excess”, the second time it
988 appears, the following words:- without interest.

989 SECTION 33. Said chapter 75 is hereby further amended by striking out section 45, as
990 appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

991 Section 45. There shall be within the McCormack graduate school of policy and global
992 studies at the University of Massachusetts at Boston, the Edward J. Collins, Jr. center for public
993 management. The center shall analyze and study economic trends in the commonwealth and shall
994 provide its analysis to elected officials. The center shall continuously research and inform elected
995 officials on the following subject areas:

996 (i) the effectiveness of the commonwealth’s economic development incentive programs,
997 including, but not limited to, tax credits, loan and matching grant programs;

998 (ii) job creation programs;

999 (iii) tax policy;

1000 (iv) workforce training and development programs; and

1001 (v) the regional and national competitiveness of the state’s economy.

1002 The center shall work with existing research entities within the University of
1003 Massachusetts system and other public agencies to prepare timely analysis of the economy of the
1004 commonwealth and other economic indicators.

1005 SECTION 34. Section 45A of chapter 75 of the General Laws is hereby repealed.

1006 SECTION 35. Section 45B of said chapter 75, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,
1007 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 7, the words “section 45” and inserting in place thereof
1008 the following words:- section 12 of chapter 40G.

1009 SECTION 36. Section 7E of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
1010 amended by inserting after the word “buses”, in line 3, the following words:- , emergency
1011 vehicles operated by the department of fire services.

1012 SECTION 37. Said section 7E of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further
1013 amended by inserting after the word “service”, in line 17, the following words:- or full-time
1014 employees or contract employees employed by or under contract to the department of fire
1015 services.

1016 SECTION 38. Section 37 of chapter 130 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
1017 amended by striking out the third paragraph.

1018 SECTION 39. Section 42 of chapter 132 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
1019 amended by striking out, in lines 3 and 4, the words “by certified mail or hand deliver” and
1020 inserting in place thereof the following words:- in accordance with guidelines posted by the
1021 department.

1022 SECTION 40. Said section 42 of said chapter 132, as so appearing, is hereby further
1023 amended by striking out, in lines 8 and 9, the words “by certified mail or hand deliver,” and
1024 inserting in place thereof the following words:- in accordance with guidelines posted by the
1025 department.

1026 SECTION 41. Section 21 of chapter 218 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
1027 amended by striking out, in line 9, the words “or an” and inserting in place thereof the following
1028 words:- in any amount or any other.

1029 SECTION 42. Said section 21 of said chapter 218, as so appearing, is hereby further
1030 amended by striking out, in lines 43 and 44, the words “or an action by a city or town which shall
1031 not exceed \$15,000” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- in any amount or any
1032 other action by a city or town which shall not exceed \$15,000 or an action.

1033 SECTION 43. Section 2 of chapter 112 of the acts of 2018 is hereby amended by striking
1034 out the figure “7002-0015” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 7002-0016.

1035 SECTION 44. Section 11 of said chapter 112 is hereby amended by striking out the
1036 figure “7002-0015” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 7002-0016.

1037 SECTION 45. Section 2 of chapter 209 of the acts of 2018 is hereby amended by striking
1038 out the figure “2800-7031” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2800-7033.

1039 SECTION 46. Item 2000-7081 of section 2A of said chapter 209 is hereby amended by
1040 striking out the words “cities and towns” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the
1041 commonwealth’s political subdivisions, including, but not limited to, cities, towns, counties, and
1042 districts, federally-recognized and state-recognized tribes and any authority, commission, board
1043 or instrumentality thereof.

1044 SECTION 47. Said item 2000-7081 of said section 2A of said chapter 209 is hereby
1045 further amended by striking out the words “all the members of the city council in a city having a
1046 Plan D or Plan E charter, the vote of the city council in a city not having such a charter, subject

1047 to the charter of such a city, and the majority vote of the selectboard in a town” and inserting in
1048 place thereof the following words:- the grantee’s legislative body, board of directors or
1049 equivalent entity.

1050 SECTION 48. Section 2C of said chapter 209 is hereby amended by striking out the
1051 figure “2000-7061” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2000-7065.

1052 SECTION 49. Section 85 of said chapter 209 is hereby amended by striking out the
1053 figure “2800-7031” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2800-7033.

1054 SECTION 50. Said section 85 of said chapter 209 is hereby further amended by striking
1055 out the figure “2000-7061” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2800-7065.

1056 SECTION 51. Section 2A of chapter 228 of the acts of 2018 is hereby amended by
1057 striking out the figure “6720-1351” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 7002-
1058 1351.

1059 SECTION 52. Said section 2A of said chapter 228 is hereby further amended by striking
1060 out the figure “7002-1501” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 7002-1521.

1061 SECTION 53. Said section 2A of said chapter 228 is hereby further amended by striking
1062 out the figure “7002-8006” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 7002-8024.

1063 SECTION 54. Said section 2A of said chapter 228 is hereby further amended by striking
1064 out the figure “7002-8007” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 7002-8025.

1065 SECTION 55. Said section 2A of said chapter 228 is hereby further amended by striking
1066 out the figure “7002-8019” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 7002-8026.

1067 SECTION 56. Section 2B of said chapter 228 is hereby amended by striking out the
1068 figure “7009-2005” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 7009-2007.

1069 SECTION 57. Said section 2B of said chapter 228 is hereby further amended by striking
1070 out the figure “0640-0302” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 0640-0304.

1071 SECTION 58. Subsection (b) of section 103 of chapter 253 of the acts of 2020 is hereby
1072 amended by striking out the words “by the chief justice of the supreme judicial court” and
1073 inserting in place thereof the following words:- by the civil rights and social justice section
1074 council of the Massachusetts Bar Association.

1075 SECTION 59. Subsection (d) of section 108 of said chapter 253 is hereby amended by
1076 striking out the figure “2021” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2022.

1077 SECTION 60. Subsection (b) of section 2 of chapter 355 of the acts of 2020 is hereby
1078 amended by striking out the words “1 year” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-
1079 2 years.

1080 SECTION 61. Subsection (c) of said section 2 of said chapter 355 is hereby amended by
1081 striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- The
1082 survey plan shall be subject to the approval of the division and recorded in the Hampshire district
1083 registry of deeds within 2 years of the acceptance by the board and approval by the division.

1084 SECTION 62. Section 3 of said chapter 355 is hereby amended by striking out the first 2
1085 sentences and inserting in place thereof the following 2 sentences:- There shall be established
1086 and set up on the books of the commonwealth a non-budgeted special revenue fund called the

1087 Lampson Brook Farm Fund. Expenditures from the fund shall not be subject to appropriation and
1088 shall be administered by the board consistent with the management plan.

1089 SECTION 63. Said section 3 of said chapter 355 is hereby further amended by striking
1090 out, in line 4, the words “bond revenues or”.

1091 SECTION 64. Said section 3 of said chapter 355 is hereby further amended by striking
1092 out, in lines 7 and 8, the words “including, but not limited to, any ground lease payments from
1093 the enterprise zone parcel or” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- and.

1094 SECTION 65. Said section 3 of said chapter 355 is hereby further amended by striking
1095 out, in line 14, the words “shall be held in an expendable trust and”.

1096 SECTION 66. Said section 3 of said chapter 355 is hereby further amended by striking
1097 out the fifth sentence.

1098 SECTION 67. Section 4 of said chapter 355 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4
1099 to 8, inclusive, the words “. The division shall certify that the plans are sufficient to ensure the
1100 permanent protection and ownership of all parcels comprising the Lampson Brook Farm. The
1101 division shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means of its certification of
1102 the plans. Parcels not transferred by the board pursuant to this act on or before the division
1103 notifies the house and senate committees on ways and means of its certification of the survey and
1104 management plans” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- and the house and senate
1105 committees on ways and means. The parcels comprising Lampson Brook Farm.

1106 SECTION 68. Said section 4 of said chapter 355 is hereby further amended by inserting
1107 after the word “board”, in line 10, the following words:- , unless and until conveyed as provided
1108 for in this act.

1109 SECTION 69. Subsection (a) of section 5 of said chapter 355 is hereby amended by
1110 striking out the first 3 sentences and inserting in place thereof the following 3 sentences:-
1111 Notwithstanding sections 32 to 37, inclusive, of chapter 7C of the General Laws or any general
1112 or special law to the contrary, the division, with the approval of the board and consistent with the
1113 recommendations of the management plan, shall seek proposals and select nonprofit
1114 organizations to receive the fee interest in the community farm parcel and the forest parcel and a
1115 conservation and preservation restriction upon the community farm parcel through a competitive
1116 process. Preference shall be given to those qualified applicants that propose to own both the
1117 community farm and forest parcels and provide farm management services that most closely
1118 meets the recommendations of the management plan and that offer the most experience in
1119 resource stewardship. The value of the community farm parcel and the forest parcel shall be
1120 determined as restricted by the associated conservation and preservation restrictions and
1121 applicants may utilize appropriate private, state or federal grants to pay for the restricted value as
1122 determined by an independent appraisal, prepared in accordance with the usual and customary
1123 professional appraisal practices, by a qualified appraiser commissioned by the division.

1124 SECTION 70. Subsection (b) of said section 5 of said chapter 355 is hereby amended by
1125 striking out the first 2 sentences and inserting in place thereof the following 2 sentences:-
1126 Notwithstanding sections 32 to 37, inclusive, of chapter 7C of the General Laws or any general
1127 or special law to the contrary, the division may convey the fee interest in the community farm
1128 parcel to the nonprofit organization selected pursuant to subsection (a); provided, however, that

1129 such nonprofit organization shall have at least the following purposes: (i) historic preservation;
1130 (ii) passive recreation; (iii) promotion of small-scale farming, local food production and food
1131 system development; and (iv) farm management services. Notwithstanding said sections 32 to
1132 37, inclusive, of said chapter 7C or any general or special law to the contrary, the division may
1133 convey a conservation and preservation restriction, within the meaning of section 31 of chapter
1134 184 of the General Laws and subject to section 32 of said chapter 184, on the community farm
1135 parcel to a qualified organization selected under said subsection (a) that is organized for purposes
1136 that include farmland conservation and historic preservation.

1137 SECTION 71. Said section 5 of said chapter 355 is hereby further amended by striking
1138 out subsection (c) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

1139 (c) Notwithstanding sections 32 to 37, inclusive, of chapter 7C of the General Laws or
1140 any general or special law to the contrary, the division may convey the forest parcel to the
1141 nonprofit organization selected pursuant to subsection (a); provided, however, that such
1142 organization shall be organized for at least forest conservation and management purposes. The
1143 division shall retain or convey, as applicable, a conservation restriction upon the forest parcel,
1144 within the meaning of section 31 of chapter 184 of the General Laws and subject to section 32 of
1145 said chapter 184, which shall be under the joint care and control of the department of
1146 conservation and recreation and the conservation commission of the town of Belchertown
1147 created pursuant to section 8C of chapter 40 of the General Laws.

1148 SECTION 72. Section 6 of said chapter 355 is hereby amended by striking out the first 2
1149 sentences and inserting in place thereof the following 2 sentences:- Notwithstanding sections 32
1150 to 37, inclusive, of chapter 7C of the General Laws or any general or special law to the contrary,

1151 the division, with the approval of the board, shall convey the Jepson farmstead parcel, for no
1152 consideration other than the performance of the obligations under this act, to the New England
1153 Small Farm Institute, Inc. or its successor organization; provided, however, that any transfer to a
1154 successor organization shall be approved by the board. Notwithstanding said sections 32 to 37,
1155 inclusive, of said chapter 7C or any general or special law to the contrary, the division may
1156 convey a preservation restriction, within the meaning of section 31 of chapter 184 of the General
1157 Laws and subject to section 32 of said chapter 184, on the Jepson farmstead parcel to a qualified
1158 entity selected under subsection (a) of section 5.

1159 SECTION 73. Said chapter 355 is hereby further amended by striking out section 7 and
1160 inserting in place thereof the following section:-

1161 Section 7. Notwithstanding sections 32 to 37, inclusive, of chapter 7C of the General
1162 Laws or any general or special law to the contrary, the division, with the approval of the board
1163 and consistent with the recommendations of the management plan, is authorized to sell the
1164 enterprise zone parcel to a nonprofit organization or a private entity through a competitive
1165 process. The selection shall be based on: (i) the total amount of the proposed purchase payment;
1166 (ii) the compatibility of the proposal with the management plan; (iii) the applicant's ability to
1167 steward the parcel; and (iv) any other criteria as determined by the board. The board may utilize
1168 the fund to restore or partially restore the enterprise zone parcel to successfully complete the
1169 transition from the former dairy farm into sustainable natural resource-based enterprises
1170 compatible with the management plan with provision for public access, tourism and public
1171 education value and public benefits. Sale proceeds shall be deposited into the fund. The owner of
1172 the enterprise zone parcel shall manage the parcel in compliance with the management plan and
1173 the deed shall include a provision requiring compliance with the management plan.

1174 SECTION 74. Section 8 of said chapter 355 is hereby amended by inserting after the
1175 word “complete”, in line 4, the following words:- and implement.

1176 SECTION 75. Said section 8 of said chapter 355 is hereby further amended by striking
1177 out, in line 12, the words “historic”.

1178 SECTION 76. Said chapter 355 is hereby further amended by striking out section 9 and
1179 inserting in place thereof the following section:-

1180 Section 9. Notwithstanding sections 32 to 37, inclusive, of chapter 7C of the General
1181 Laws or any general or special law to the contrary, the division may grant a permanent access
1182 easement to or enter into an agreement with the Snowmobile Association of Massachusetts, in
1183 consultation with the Mill Valley Snowmobile Club, Inc., for the snowmobile trail that crosses
1184 the Lampson Brook Farm as described in the management plan and subject to the conservation
1185 restriction.

1186 SECTION 77. Section 10 of said chapter 355 is hereby amended by striking out the
1187 second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- The division may sell or
1188 lease that parcel to a purchaser or lessee selected through a competitive process as determined by
1189 the division, which shall include consideration of the impact any such sale or lease may have on
1190 adjacent property.

1191 SECTION 78. Section 12 of said chapter 355 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3,
1192 the first time it appears, the word “state” and inserting in place thereof the following word:-
1193 central.

1194 SECTION 79. Said chapter 355 is hereby further amended by adding the following
1195 section:-

1196 SECTION 13. Notwithstanding sections 32 to 37, inclusive, of chapter 7C of the General
1197 Laws, the division of capital asset management and maintenance may transfer care and control of
1198 the commercial agricultural parcel to the department of agricultural resources.

1199 SECTION 80. Section 2A of chapter 358 of the acts of 2020 is hereby amended by
1200 striking out the figure “0640-0304” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 0640-
1201 0306.

1202 SECTION 81. Subsection (b) of section 93 of said chapter 358 is hereby amended by
1203 striking out the words “the chairs of the joint committee on community development and small
1204 business, who shall serve as co-chairs; 1 member of the house of representatives appointed by
1205 the speaker; 1 member of the senate appointed by the senate president” and inserting in place
1206 thereof the following words:- 2 members of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall serve
1207 as co-chair; 2 members of the senate, 1 of whom shall be the senate chair of the joint committee
1208 on community development and small businesses and shall serve as co-chair.

1209 SECTION 82. Section 2 of chapter 24 of the acts of 2021 is hereby amended by inserting
1210 after item 1599-7106 the following item:-

1211 1599-9817 For a reserve to enhance, expand and strengthen Medicaid home and
1212 community-based services; provided, that the secretary of administration and finance, in
1213 consultation with the secretary of health and human services, may transfer funds from this item
1214 to state agencies as defined under section 1 of chapter 29 of the General Laws.....\$300,000,000

1215 Home and Community-Based Services Federal Investment Fund.....100%

1216 SECTION 83. Item 4000-0300 of said section 2 of said chapter 24 is hereby amended by
1217 inserting after the word “disorder”, the fourth time it appears, the following words:- ; provided
1218 further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for the operation of the special legislative
1219 commission to study poverty in the commonwealth established in chapter 74 of the acts of 2021
1220 for expenses including, but not limited to, costs related to personnel, research, public hearings
1221 and forums and document preparation.

1222 SECTION 84. Item 4003-0122 of said section 2 of said chapter 24 is hereby amended by
1223 inserting after the word “adults”, the second time it appears, the following words:- ; provided
1224 further, that not less than \$12,000,000 shall be expended for the resettlement agencies in the
1225 commonwealth set forth herein that contract with the United States Department of State to
1226 resettle refugees and immigrants and to support the evacuees of the crisis in Afghanistan;
1227 provided further, that not less than \$5,000 shall be allocated per Afghan arrival to each agency
1228 through the office for refugees and immigrants within 30 days of the agreement each agency
1229 signs with a national voluntary agency to receive Afghan parolees in the commonwealth, of
1230 which 75 per cent shall be spent on direct assistance for the individual, at the discretion of the
1231 agency, and 25 per cent shall be to support the infrastructure of the resettlement agencies;
1232 provided further, that not less than \$4,500,000 of said funds shall be allocated to the resettlement
1233 agencies to assist humanitarian parolees from Afghanistan with obtaining a secure immigration
1234 status in the United States.

1235 SECTION 85. Item 8200-0200 of said section 2 of said chapter 24 is hereby amended by
1236 inserting after the figure “2020” the following words:- ; provided further, that not less than

1237 \$500,000 shall be expended for a needs-based scholarship pilot program to provide financial
1238 assistance to police recruits who actively enroll in a training program conducted by the municipal
1239 police training committee; provided, that scholarships shall be used to: (i) promote diversity,
1240 equity and inclusion in the hiring of police recruits; (ii) defray the upfront costs for qualified
1241 underrepresented and economically-disadvantaged individuals enrolled in the training program;
1242 and (iii) increase municipal police employment opportunities for underrepresented and
1243 economically-disadvantaged populations; provided, that the amount of the scholarship awarded
1244 under this item shall be \$5,000 per eligible trainee or recruit; provided further, that funds in this
1245 item shall be used to directly reimburse recruits enrolled in the training program; provided,
1246 further that scholarships shall be disbursed to eligible recruits under this item in a regionally
1247 equitable manner; provided further, that not later than April 15, 2022, the executive office of
1248 public safety and security shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and
1249 means and the joint committee on public safety and homeland security detailing the needs-based
1250 criteria established for creating the scholarships; and provided further, that not later than June 30
1251 of each year of this item, the executive office shall provide a report to the house and senate
1252 committees on ways and means and the joint committee on public safety and homeland security
1253 detailing expenditures from this item and the status of the scholarship program including, but not
1254 be limited to: (a) the number of scholarship applications; (b) the number of successful scholar
1255 applicants; and (c) the needs-based criteria used to determine successful applications.

1256 SECTION 86. Subsection (c) of section 130 of said chapter 24 is hereby amended by
1257 striking out the words “December 1, 2021” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-
1258 June 1, 2022.

1259 SECTION 87. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a
1260 separate fund known as the Home and Community-Based Services Federal Investment Fund.
1261 The fund shall be credited with an amount equal to the amount of federal financial participation
1262 received by the commonwealth pursuant to section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of
1263 2021, P.L. 117-2, hereinafter referred to as “ARPA”. Amounts credited to the fund shall be
1264 expended, subject to appropriation, to support: (i) the home and community-based services
1265 workforce; (ii) access to and promotion of home and community-based services and supports;
1266 and (iii) home and community-based services technology and infrastructure. Expenditures from
1267 the fund shall be governed by requirements established in ARPA and any guidance related to
1268 ARPA issued by the federal government. The fund shall not be subject to section 5C of chapter
1269 29 of the General Laws.

1270 SECTION 88. There shall be established a fund known as the COVID-19 Essential
1271 Employee Premium Pay Fund to be administered by the executive office for administration and
1272 finance. The purpose of the fund shall be to issue direct financial support to eligible essential
1273 workers for in-person work performed during the state of emergency declared by the governor on
1274 March 10, 2020. There shall be credited to the fund all amounts that are transferred or authorized
1275 to be transferred thereto or directed to be deposited therein, and all amounts received as gifts,
1276 grants or contributions for the purposes of the fund. Amounts credited to the fund shall not be
1277 subject to appropriation and any money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not
1278 be part of the consolidated net surplus for purposes of section 5C of chapter 29 of the General
1279 Laws and shall not revert to the General Fund.

1280 SECTION 89. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, to address
1281 disruptions caused by the outbreak of the 2019 novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, and

1282 the effects of the governor's March 10, 2020 declaration of a state of emergency, the executive
1283 office for administration and finance shall administer a COVID-19 Essential Employee Premium
1284 Pay Program to provide direct financial support to essential workers. The executive office for
1285 administration and finance, in consultation with the premium pay advisory panel established in
1286 subsection (b), shall determine: (i) eligibility for the program; (ii) the amount of financial support
1287 to be provided; and (iii) the method of payment of the financial support, which may include, but
1288 shall not be limited to, direct cash payments to eligible essential workers or refundable tax
1289 credits; provided, however, that financial support shall be not more than \$2,000 per essential
1290 worker; provided further, that an essential worker shall only be eligible if: (a) their household
1291 income is not more than 300 per cent of the federal poverty level as calculated by the United
1292 States Department of Health and Human Services; and (b) they worked in person during the state
1293 of emergency declared by the governor on March 10, 2020.

1294 (b) (1) There shall be a premium pay advisory panel to make recommendations to the
1295 secretary of administration and finance on the COVID-19 Essential Employee Premium Pay
1296 Program. The panel shall consist of: 3 members of the senate, 2 of whom shall be appointed by
1297 the senate president and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 3
1298 members of the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the
1299 house of representatives and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of
1300 representatives; 6 members appointed by the governor, 2 of whom shall represent the interests of
1301 essential workers, 4 of whom shall be from recognized labor organizations advocating on behalf
1302 of essential workers; 1 member appointed by the attorney general; 1 member appointed by the
1303 state auditor; 3 members appointed by the Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO; 1
1304 member appointed by the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, Inc.; 1 member appointed by

1305 the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts, Inc.; 1 member appointed by the Massachusetts
1306 Taxpayers Foundation, Inc.; 1 member appointed by the Center for State Policy Analysis at Tufts
1307 University's Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life; 1 member appointed by the Massachusetts
1308 Budget and Policy Center, Inc.; 1 member appointed by the Massachusetts Council of Human
1309 Service Providers, Inc.; and 1 member appointed by the Association of Behavioral Healthcare.
1310 The panel shall elect co-chairs from among its members.

1311 (2) The panel shall make recommendations to the secretary of administration and finance
1312 on the eligibility for, and issuance of, direct financial support to private and public essential
1313 workers, which may include, but shall not be limited to: (i) health care, behavioral health and
1314 homecare workers; (ii) long-term care workers; (iii) public health staff; (iv) childcare workers,
1315 educators and other education staff; (v) social service and human services staff; (vi) workers at
1316 farms, food production facilities, grocery stores and other service workers; (vii) transportation
1317 workers; (viii) utility workers and technicians; and (ix) foster care parents. The recommendations
1318 shall include eligibility criteria and the proposed amount and method of payment of financial
1319 support. The recommendations shall prioritize lower-income essential workers who performed
1320 essential duties in-person since the start of the state of emergency declared by the governor on
1321 March 10, 2020. The panel shall also consider factors including, but not limited to, an essential
1322 worker's increased financial burden and increased risk of exposure to the 2019 novel
1323 coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, due to the nature of their work and any bonuses or
1324 hazard pay a worker has already received for their work during the COVID-19 pandemic and the
1325 amount thereof. The recommendations shall, to the extent feasible, seek to comply with rules and
1326 guidance pertaining to eligible uses of coronavirus state and local fiscal recovery funds under the
1327 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, 42 U.S.C. 802(c).

1328 (3) Not later than February 1, 2022, the secretary of administration and finance shall
1329 consult with the panel and the panel shall provide its recommendations to the secretary of
1330 administration and finance.

1331 (c)(1) The executive office for administration and finance may structure the payment of
1332 financial support to eligible essential workers in the form of a 1-time refundable tax credit
1333 against the tax liability imposed by chapter 62 of the General Laws. To claim the credit, a
1334 taxpayer shall make the applicable attestation on the return required under section 6 of chapter
1335 62C of the General Laws. The amount of the credit shall be equal to a set amount per return in an
1336 amount to be determined by the executive office that is not more than \$2,000; provided,
1337 however, that the amount of the credit may be doubled if 2 eligible essential workers are filing a
1338 joint return. If the amount of the credit exceeds the taxpayer's tax liability, the commissioner of
1339 revenue shall treat the excess as an overpayment and shall pay the taxpayer the entire amount of
1340 the excess without interest. A taxpayer who claims the credit shall maintain records sufficient to
1341 document eligibility for the credit.

1342 (2) The commissioner of revenue may prescribe regulations or other guidance necessary
1343 for the implementation and administration of the credit.

1344 (d) The commissioner of revenue may disclose information necessary for the
1345 administration of the COVID-19 Essential Employee Premium Pay Program to the executive
1346 office for administration and finance or any department or agency thereof designated by the
1347 executive office. The disclosure of such information shall not be subject to the prohibition
1348 provided by subsection (a) of section 21 of Chapter 62C of the General Laws; provided,
1349 however, that any document disclosed pursuant to this section shall remain confidential and shall

1350 not be public record under clause Twenty-sixth of section 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws or
1351 under chapter 66 of the General Laws.

1352 (e) The executive office for administration and finance shall establish a public
1353 information campaign to provide notice and promote awareness of the availability financial
1354 support for essential workers eligible under this section.

1355 SECTION 90. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the special
1356 commission established in section 105 of 227 of the acts of 2020 is hereby revived and continued
1357 to March 31, 2022. The special commission shall file its report and recommendations with the
1358 clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the chairs of the joint committee on
1359 advanced information technology, the internet and cybersecurity not later than March 31, 2022.

1360 SECTION 91. (a) There shall be a Behavioral Health Trust Fund that shall be
1361 administered by the commissioner of public health, who shall expend the funds, subject to
1362 appropriation, for the purpose of addressing barriers to the delivery of an equitable, culturally-
1363 competent, affordable and clinically-appropriate continuum of behavioral health care and
1364 services. There shall be credited to the fund all amounts that are transferred, or authorized to be
1365 transferred thereto, or directed to be deposited therein, and all amounts received as gifts, grants
1366 or contributions for the purposes of the fund. Amounts credited to the fund shall not be subject to
1367 further appropriation and any money remaining in the fund at the close of a fiscal year shall not
1368 revert to the General Fund.

1369 (b)(1) There shall be a behavioral health advisory commission to make recommendations
1370 to the legislature on the disbursement of the money in the fund. The commission shall consist of:
1371 the chairs of the joint committee on mental health, substance use disorder and recovery, who

1372 shall serve as co-chairs; the chairs of the joint committee on racial equity, civil rights, and
1373 inclusion; 3 members appointed by the senate president who work in the behavioral health field,
1374 1 of whom shall be a professional in the field of children’s mental health; 3 members appointed
1375 by the speaker of the house of representatives who work in the behavioral health field, 1 of
1376 whom shall be a professional in the field of children’s mental health; 1 member appointed by the
1377 minority leader of the senate; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the house of
1378 representatives; the secretary of health and human services; the president of the Massachusetts
1379 Association for Mental Health, Inc., or a designee; the president of the Association for
1380 Behavioral Healthcare, Inc., or a designee; the executive director of the National Alliance on
1381 Mental Illness of Massachusetts, Inc., or a designee; the executive director of Massachusetts
1382 Association of Behavioral Health Systems, Inc. or a designee; the executive director of
1383 Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery, Inc. or a designee; the executive director of
1384 Massachusetts chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, Inc. or a designee; and 2
1385 members appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall have expertise in developing behavioral
1386 health workforce training education and 1 of whom shall have expertise in addressing disparities
1387 in access to mental and behavioral health care for populations disproportionately experiencing
1388 barriers to care.

1389 (2) The commission shall identify and assess: (i) current behavioral health workforce
1390 challenges including, but not limited to: (A) existing workforce pipeline issues; (B) emerging
1391 workforce needs; and (C) the availability of trauma-informed supports and services for
1392 behavioral health practitioners and related staff; (ii) racial and ethnic disparities in mental and
1393 behavioral health care; (iii) economic barriers to treatment; (iv) access to early intervention
1394 services; (v) diversion for people with mental illness and substance use disorder from the

1395 criminal legal system; (vi) access to community-based services; and (vii) any other factors the
1396 commission deems relevant for addressing barriers to the delivery of an equitable, culturally-
1397 competent, affordable and clinically-appropriate continuum of behavioral health care and
1398 services. Based on the commission's findings, the commission shall make recommendations for
1399 the disbursement of money in the fund. The commission's recommendations shall prioritize the
1400 needs of communities disproportionately impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic and
1401 comply with rules and guidance pertaining to eligible uses of coronavirus state and local fiscal
1402 recovery funds under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, 42 U.S.C. 802(c).

1403 (3) The commission shall submit its findings and recommendations to the clerks of the
1404 senate and house of representatives, the joint committee on mental health, substance use and
1405 recovery and the senate and house committees on ways and means not later than March 1, 2022.

1406 (c) Annually, not later than October 1, the commissioner shall file a report with the clerks
1407 of the senate and house of representatives, the joint committee on mental health, substance use
1408 and recovery and the house and senate committees on ways and means on the fund's activities,
1409 which shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the source and amount of funds received; and (ii)
1410 the expenditures made from the fund and the purposes of such expenditures.

1411 SECTION 92. (a) There shall be within the executive office for administration and
1412 finance, but not subject to the control of the office, a federal funds equity and accountability
1413 review panel. The panel shall consist of: 1 member appointed by the secretary of administration
1414 and finance, who shall serve as co-chair; 1 member appointed by the Coalition for an Equitable
1415 Economy, who shall serve as co-chair; 1 member appointed by the state auditor; 1 member
1416 appointed by the comptroller; 1 member appointed by the inspector general; 1 member appointed

1417 by the executive director of the supplier diversity office; the chief data officer for the
1418 commonwealth or a designee; the chief digital officer for the commonwealth or a designee; 2
1419 members appointed by the Massachusetts Nonprofit Network, Inc. with expertise in the non-
1420 profit and human services sector serving communities disproportionately impacted the 2019
1421 novel coronavirus pandemic; 1 member appointed by the commission on the status of women; 1
1422 member appointed by Common Cause Massachusetts; 1 member appointed by the Center for
1423 Women and Enterprise, Inc.; 1 member appointed by the Massachusetts Association of
1424 Community Development Corporations; 1 member appointed by the commission on the status of
1425 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; 1 member appointed by the commission on the status of
1426 African Americans; 1 member appointed by the commission on the status of persons with
1427 disabilities; and 1 member appointed by the commission on the status of Latinos and Latinas.
1428 The panel shall meet publicly not less than monthly and appointments shall be made not later
1429 than December 31, 2021. The panel shall hold its first meeting not later than 90 days after the
1430 effective date of this act. The executive office for administration and finance shall provide
1431 administrative support to the panel as appropriate.

1432 (b) The panel shall, in collaboration with the secretary of administration and finance,
1433 create a public user-friendly database and website to track in near real-time the amount and
1434 percentage, by spending category, of funds from the federal COVID-19 response fund,
1435 established in section 2JJJJ of chapter 29 of the General Laws, spent in communities that were
1436 disproportionately impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic, including, but not limited
1437 to: (i) spending received by environmental justice populations as defined in section 62 of chapter
1438 30 of the General Laws or communities that score in the top half of the federal Centers for
1439 Disease Control and Prevention’s social vulnerability index; (ii) a breakdown of contract and

1440 sub-contract dollars awarded to diverse businesses, as defined in section 58 of chapter 7 of the
1441 General Laws, disaggregated by the category of the business owners of such enterprises; (iii) a
1442 breakdown of spending by zip code and statewide; and (iv) any other data or analysis the panel
1443 deems necessary to carry out its charge. Information on the database shall be made available in a
1444 machine-readable, downloadable format. The database shall be maintained and regularly updated
1445 by the executive office for administration and finance.

1446 (c) All state and municipal agencies receiving funds appropriated from the federal
1447 COVID-19 response fund, established in section 2JJJJ of chapter 29 of the General Laws, or
1448 funds expended pursuant to section 4 of chapter 22 of the acts of 2021, shall submit the data
1449 required under this section in a timeframe established by the panel and shall comply with any
1450 request from the panel for information and data necessary to achieve the purposes of this section.
1451 Not later than March 31, 2022, the panel shall create and make available to funding recipients
1452 standardized electronic reporting forms for different categories of funding to track the geography
1453 and demography of end recipients of funding.

1454 (d) Not later than July 1, 2022, the database and website required under subsection (a)
1455 shall be operative and publicly available on the website of the executive office for administration
1456 and finance.

1457 (e) The panel shall dissolve on January 1, 2027 or upon a vote of the majority of the
1458 members of the panel that the panel has completed its work, whichever is sooner.

1459 SECTION 93. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, every state
1460 authority and state agency, as defined in section 1 of chapter 29 of the General Laws, that issues
1461 a request for proposals using funds received by the commonwealth under the American Rescue

1462 Plan Act of 2021, 42 U.S.C. 802, and appropriated under this act shall, in consultation with the
1463 supplier diversity office established under section 58A of chapter 7 of the General Laws and the
1464 federal funds equity and accountability review panel established in section 92, promulgate rules
1465 or regulations to ensure the fair participation of diverse businesses, as defined in section 58 of
1466 said chapter 7, for all such requests.

1467 The rules or regulations shall, consistent with state and federal law, require the
1468 establishment of participation goals for diverse businesses that are equal to or exceed the
1469 combined participation goals for such enterprises established pursuant to section 6 of chapter 7C
1470 of the General Laws. All requests for proposals issued by a state authority or state agency shall
1471 include a scoring factor to encourage meeting the participation goals required under this
1472 paragraph.

1473 SECTION 94. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for any taxable
1474 year beginning on or after January 1, 2021, the following items shall be deducted from federal
1475 gross income for the purpose of determining Massachusetts gross income under section 2 of
1476 chapter 62 of the General Laws: (i) an amount that, but for this section, would be included in the
1477 gross income, in whole or in part, of an eligible recipient, as described in subsection (a) of
1478 section 1102 of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, P.L. 116-136,
1479 because of the forgiveness described in subsection (b) of section 1106 of said federal
1480 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, P.L. 116-136; (ii) an amount of an advance
1481 received pursuant to subsection (e) of section 1110 of said federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and
1482 Economic Security Act, P.L. 116-136; (iii) an amount of any payment described in subsection (c)
1483 of section 1112 of said federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, P.L. 116-
1484 136; (iv) an amount of funding received pursuant to section 331 of the federal Economic Aid to

1485 Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act, P.L. 116-260; (v) any grant made under
1486 section 324 of the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act,
1487 P.L. 116-260; and (vi) any amount received from the Administrator of the Small Business
1488 Administration in the form of a restaurant revitalization grant under section 5003 of the
1489 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2.

1490 SECTION 95. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for any taxable
1491 year beginning on or after January 1, 2021, any amount received from a small business relief
1492 program administered through the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation after March 10,
1493 2020, for purposes of providing emergency COVID-19 relief, including grants and any portion
1494 of a loan subsequently forgiven, shall be deducted from federal gross income for the purpose of
1495 determining Massachusetts gross income under section 2 of chapter 62 of the General Laws and
1496 from federal gross income for purposes of determining Massachusetts gross income under
1497 section 30 of chapter 63 of the General Laws.

1498 SECTION 96. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, items funded
1499 in this act, including appropriations in section 2A and all other authorized uses, shall be
1500 supported through the following resources: (i) up to \$2,500,000,000 from the federal COVID-19
1501 response fund established in section 2JJJJ of chapter 29 of the General Laws; and (ii) up to
1502 \$1,450,000,000 from the Transitional Escrow Fund established in section 16 of chapter 76 of the
1503 acts of 2021; provided, however, that the secretary of administration and finance shall ensure that
1504 the coronavirus state fiscal recovery fund moneys received under the American Rescue Plan Act
1505 of 2021, 42 U.S.C. 802, comply with applicable federal law, including statutes, regulations and
1506 sub-regulatory guidance; provided further, that the appropriations in the items funded in said
1507 section 2A shall not be used to supplant existing appropriations. The secretary shall, beginning

1508 with the quarter ending on March 31, 2022, provide quarterly reports to the senate and house
1509 committees on ways and means detailing the source of revenue matched to each item in this act
1510 for all expenditures made during that quarter.

1511 SECTION 97. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, not later than
1512 14 days after the effective date of this act, \$500,000,000 shall be transferred from either the
1513 federal COVID-19 response fund established in section 2JJJJ of chapter 29 of the General Laws
1514 or the Transitional Escrow Fund established in section 16 of chapter 76 of the acts of 2021 to the
1515 COVID-19 Essential Employee Premium Pay Fund established in section 88; provided, however,
1516 that \$40,000,000 shall be distributed by the secretary of administration and finance for 1-time
1517 payments not to exceed \$2,000 to front-line state employees required to work in-person during
1518 the winter of 2020 to 2021; and provided further, that the secretary of administration and finance
1519 may authorize the transfer of funds for the 1-time payments to the items necessary to meet the
1520 necessary costs of those payments.

1521 SECTION 98. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the
1522 comptroller shall transfer: (i) an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 from the Transitional Escrow
1523 Fund established in section 16 of chapter 76 of the acts of 2021 to the Massachusetts Life
1524 Sciences Investment Fund established in section 6 of chapter 23I of the General Laws; and (ii) an
1525 amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 from the Transitional Escrow Fund established in section 16
1526 of chapter 76 of the acts of 2021 to the Massachusetts Community Preservation Trust Fund
1527 established in section 9 of chapter 44B of the General Laws.

1528 SECTION 99. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the
1529 comptroller shall transfer \$500,000,000 to the Unemployment Compensation Fund established in
1530 section 48 of chapter 151A of the General Laws.

1531 SECTION 100. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the special
1532 commission established in section 22 of chapter 132 of the acts of 2019 is hereby revived and
1533 continued to March 31, 2022. The special commission shall file its report and recommendations
1534 pursuant to subsection (c) of said section 22 of said chapter 132 with the clerks of the house of
1535 representatives and the senate, the chairs of the joint committee on education and the rural policy
1536 advisory commission not later than March 31, 2022.

1537 SECTION 101. Notwithstanding the February 1, 2018 reporting deadline established in
1538 section 135 of chapter 47 of the acts of 2017 or any other general or special law to the contrary,
1539 the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives shall receive a report of the former
1540 special commission established by said section 135 of said chapter 47 to study and report on
1541 childhood vision and eye health.

1542 SECTION 102. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary and to the
1543 extent allowed by federal law, the secretary may: (i) transfer funds authorized for expenditure in
1544 this act to agencies charged with implementation of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of
1545 2021; (ii) incur expenditures for charges related to the administrative costs of the federal
1546 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and (iii) ensure that the commonwealth meets the efficient
1547 administration and statewide accountability requirements in the federal American Rescue Plan
1548 Act of 2021. Administrative charges shall be based on rates approved in accordance relevant

1549 guidance, if any, issued by the United States Office of Management and Budget applicable to
1550 federal funds provided under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

1551 SECTION 103. For the purposes identified in the items in section 2A, the secretary of
1552 administration and finance shall transfer funds to departments and other public entities.

1553 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary shall: (i) require that all
1554 expenditures of Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund allocated to the commonwealth
1555 pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, 42 U.S.C. 802 be spent in compliance with
1556 applicable federal law, including statutes, regulations and sub-regulatory guidance; (ii) endeavor
1557 to maximize federal revenue available to the commonwealth and to minimize the risk that federal
1558 funds are returned or left unspent due to noncompliance with federal requirements; (iii) require
1559 that departments administering such funds and all recipients and sub-recipients shall receive
1560 funds conditioned on their cooperation with applicable federal reporting and compliance
1561 requirements; and (iv) approve the transfer of funds from reserves appropriated in this act only
1562 upon confirmation that they will be spent exclusively on allowable purposes under relevant
1563 federal law. The secretary may direct the use of General Fund money for purposes authorized
1564 under this act where the secretary has determined that reimbursement from the Federal
1565 Emergency Management Agency or another federal source is available to reimburse spending.

1566 SECTION 104. The secretary of administration and finance, in consultation with the
1567 office of the comptroller, shall provide reporting on expenditures made by the commonwealth for
1568 the purposes identified in section 2A in the manner described by chapter 288 of the acts of 2020;
1569 provided, however, that the reporting shall, to the extent practicable, provide a narrative
1570 explanation of each program or project supported by the funds organized in a user-friendly
1571 format that enables the public to easily identify programs or projects by category of spending.

1572 SECTION 105. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, upon
1573 calculating the extent of the commonwealth's reduction in revenue pursuant to federal guidance
1574 related to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, 42 U.S.C. 802(c)(1)(C), the secretary of
1575 administration and finance shall submit the calculation, including the methodology used to
1576 determine said calculation, to the senate and house committees on ways and means; provided,
1577 however, that the calculation and methodology shall be submitted in accordance with this section
1578 for any year that the calculations are required to be calculated in accordance with federal
1579 guidance.

1580 SECTION 106. Section 82 shall take effect on July 1, 2021.