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SECTION 2E. The sums set forth in this section are hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the trust funds named within each item unless specifically designated otherwise in this section, for the purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this section and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. Items in this section shall not be subject to allotment under section 9B of chapter 29 of the General Laws or reduction under section 9C of said chapter 29, without express authorization from the general court. Notwithstanding section 19A of said chapter 29, any transfer under this section shall be made by the comptroller in accordance with a transfer schedule to be developed for each item by the comptroller, after consulting with the appropriate agency secretary, the secretary of administration and finance and the state treasurer. The schedule for each appropriation shall provide for transfers in increments considered appropriate to meet the cash flow needs of each fund and all transfers under the schedule shall be completed not later than June 30, 2026. Not later than 7 days after the schedules receive final approval by the comptroller, they shall be reported to the house and senate committees on ways and means.

Fiscal Year 2026 Resource Summary (\$000)

| Government Area | FY2026 Budgetary Recommendation |
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| Administration and Finance | 465,000 |
| Energy & Environmental Affairs | 30,000 |
| Health and Human Services | 564,660 |
| Transportation | 1,520,292 |
| Labor & Workforce Development | 10,000 |
| Education | 7,500 |
| Total | 2,597,452 |

Administration and Finance

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| Office of the Secretary of Administration and Finance | 15,000,000 |
| 1595-5450 DISASTER RELIEF AND RESILIENCY FUND | 15,000,000 |
| For an operating transfer to the Disaster Relief and Resiliency Fund established in section 2HHHHHH of chapter 29 of the General Laws; provided that, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, prior to transferring the consolidated net surplus in the budgetary funds for fiscal year 2026 to the Commonwealth Stabilization Fund pursuant to section 5C of chapter 29 of the General Laws, the comptroller shall transfer \$15,000,000 from the General Fund to the Disaster Relief and Resiliency Fund established in section 2HHHHHH of said chapter 29 | |
| Group Insurance Commission | 450,000,000 |
| 1599-6152 STATE RETIREE BENEFITS TRUST FUND | 450,000,000 |
| For an operating transfer to the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund, established pursuant to section 24 of chapter 32A of the General Laws | |

Energy & Environmental Affairs

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| Office of the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs | 30,000,000 |
| 1595-6232 TRANSFER TO MASSCEC | 30,000,000 |
| For the Clean Energy Investment Fund, established in section 15 of chapter 23J of the General Laws; provided, that funds shall be appropriated for investments to support emissions reductions in the energy, transportation, and buildings sectors, as directed by the 2050 Clean Energy and Climate Plan | |

Health and Human Services

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| Department of Public Health | 2,700,000 |
| 1595-4506 CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION TRUST FUND | 2,700,000 |
| For an operating transfer to the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Trust Fund established in section 35MMM of chapter 10 of the General Laws | |
| Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services | 561,960,300 |
| 1595-1068 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND | 547,582,400 |
| For an operating transfer to the MassHealth provider payment account in the Medical Assistance Trust Fund established in section 2QQQ of chapter 29 of the General Laws; provided, that these funds shall be expended for (i) services provided; (ii) public hospital transformation and incentive initiative payments; (iii) health equity incentive payments; or (iv) Medicaid care organization payments under 42 CFR 438.6(c); provided further, that all payments from the Medical Assistance Trust Fund shall be: (i) subject to the availability of federal financial participation; (ii) made only under federally-approved payment methods; (iii) consistent with federal funding requirements and all federal payment limits as determined by the secretary of health and human services; and (iv) subject to the terms and conditions of an agreement with the executive office of health and human services; and provided further, that the secretary of health and human services shall utilize funds from the Medical Assistance Trust Fund to make payments of up to \$493,900,000 to the Cambridge public health commission or to Medicaid care organizations for payment to the Cambridge public health commission if the Cambridge public health commission, in anticipation of receiving such payments, first voluntarily transfers an amount equal to the non-federal share of such payments to the Medical Assistance Trust Fund using a federally-permissible source of funds | |
| 1595-1069 HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TRUST FUND | 14,177,900 |
| For an operating transfer to the Health Information Technology Trust Fund under section 35RR of chapter 10 of the General Laws; provided, that these funds shall be expended for operating costs | |

for the health information exchange; and provided further, that these funds shall be expended for operating costs for the health insurance exchange and integrated eligibility system

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| 1595-1071 | COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRUST FUND TRANSFER For an operating transfer to the Community Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention Trust Fund established pursuant to section 35GGG of chapter 10 of the General Laws, inserted by section 7 of chapter 208 of the acts of 2018 | 200,000 |
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Transportation

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| Department of Transportation | | 1,520,291,970 |
| 1595-6368 | MASSACHUSETTS TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund, established under section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the registrar of motor vehicles shall provide quarterly reports to the commissioner of correction detailing the number of identity cards processed pursuant to the enhanced state identity card program for citizens released from department of correction facilities; provider further, that the report shall also provide a summary and detail of the registry of motor vehicles fees associated with the transactions and that, upon receipt and verification by the department of correction of the accuracy of the transactions reported in each quarterly report, the commissioner of correction shall submit a request to the comptroller for an operating transfer of the full amount of said registry of motor vehicles fees to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund established by Section 2ZZZ of Chapter 29 of the General Laws; and provided further, that the transfer request shall include the department of correction account from which the transfer shall be made and the quarterly report from the registrar of motor vehicles as supporting documentation Commonwealth Transportation Fund..... 100% | 617,620,163 |

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| 1595-6369 | COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND TRANSFER TO THE MBTA For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority under clause (1) of subsection (d) of section 2ZZZ of chapter 29 of the General Laws; provided, that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall submit quarterly reports to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means which shall include an accounting of the funds provided for in this item including: (i) the amount of money received under this transfer; (ii) the amount of money expended under this transfer; (iii) a description of items and services for which funds have been expended; and (iv) the status of ongoing and planned capital projects under the purview of the authority; provided further, that the authority shall submit these | 687,000,000 |
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reports on a quarterly basis not later than 30 days following the last day of the quarter; and provided further, that funds included in this item may be used for: (a) an income eligible, reduced fares program under the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority for riders of all modes with low-incomes; (b) to operate ferry services; and (c) the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority academy program to establish a pipeline for a skilled workforce
Commonwealth Transportation Fund..... 100%

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| 1595-6370 | <p>COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND TRANSFER TO RTAS</p> <p>For an operating transfer to the regional transit authorities organized pursuant to chapter 161B of the General Laws or predecessor statutes pursuant to clause (2) of subsection (d) of section 2ZZZ of chapter 29 of the General Laws; provided, that each regional transit authority receiving assistance under this item shall deliver, not later than October 2, 2025, a copy of its most recent audited financial statement to the chief financial officer of the department of transportation, the secretary of administration and finance, the state treasurer, the state comptroller, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on transportation; provided further, that not less than \$66,000,000 shall be expended by regional transit authorities to support operational enhancements and improvements, including expanded service hours, weekend services, and route expansions; provided further, that funds provided under this item in fiscal year 2025 to provide more equitable distribution of contract assistance to regional transit authorities under section 23 of chapter 161B of the General Laws shall be incorporated into each recipient's baseline funding calculation for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that funds not allocated under the preceding proviso shall be expended for operating assistance to regional transit authorities based on the following formula: (i) 60 per cent based on total transit ridership as reported on the most recent certified national transit data base report; (ii) 30 per cent based on population of its member communities from the most recent census; and (iii) 10 per cent based on service coverage area determined by the total square miles of its member communities; provided further, that not less than \$30,000,000 shall be expended on grants for fare equity programs to be administered by the regional transit authorities; provided further, that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall oversee the distribution of said grants and shall establish grant criteria including, but not limited to, the prioritization of: (a) opportunities for increased ridership; and (b) increased service accessibility to low-income individuals; provided further, that said grants shall be distributed in a geographically equitable manner; provided further, that not later than April 1, 2026, the department shall submit a report to the joint committee on transportation and the house and senate committees on ways and means including, but not limited to: (1) grant criteria used by the department; (2) a list of grant applicants; (3) a list of successful grant applicants; (4) summaries of successful grant proposals; (5) ridership and fare data for such pilot programs; and (6) details on</p> | 204,000,000 |
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the mechanisms being utilized to track ridership and fare data for said pilot programs; provided further, that not less than \$10,000,000 shall be expended on grants to regional transit authorities for the creation or altering of routes that advance connectivity between existing public transportation routes including, but not limited to: (A) regional transit authority bus routes; and (B) Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority routes; provided further, that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall oversee the distribution of said grants to the authorities and shall establish grant criteria including, but not limited to, the prioritization of: (I) opportunities for increased ridership; (II) opportunities for increased total mileage covered in a single trip; (III) opportunities to reach low-income individuals; and (IV) geographic equity; and provided further, that not less than \$4,000,000 shall be expended for grants to transit providers to support expanded mobility options for older adults, people with disabilities and low-income individuals through the Community Transit Grant Program

Commonwealth Transportation Fund..... 100%

1595-6379 MERIT RATING BOARD 11,671,807

For the operation of the motor vehicle insurance merit rating board, including the rent, related parking and utility expenses of the board; provided, that the amount appropriated in this item, and the associated fringe benefits, shall be borne by insurance companies doing motor vehicle insurance business within the commonwealth, under section 57A of chapter 6C of the General Laws; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no safe driver insurance plan shall require the payment of an unsafe driver point surcharge for the first offense for non-criminal motor vehicle traffic violations as described in chapter 90C of the General Laws

Commonwealth Transportation Fund..... 100%

Labor & Workforce Development

Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development 10,000,000

1595-1075 TRANSFER TO WORKFORCE COMPETITIVENESS TRUST FUND 10,000,000

For an operating transfer to the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund established in section 2WWW of chapter 29 of the General Laws

Gaming Economic Development Fund 100%

Education

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education 6,500,000

1595-0035 21ST CENTURY EDUCATION TRUST FUND 1,000,000

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For an operating transfer to the Twenty-First Century Education Trust Fund established in section 35NNN of chapter 10 of the General Laws; provided, that funds may be used for effective and sustainable improvement initiatives in public schools designated as in need of assistance pursuant to the school accountability system established by the board of elementary and secondary education, and for the purpose of addressing persistent disparities in achievement among student subgroups, improving educational opportunities for all students, sharing best practices for improving classroom learning and supporting efficiencies within and across school districts

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| 1595-0115 | CIVICS EDUCATION TRUST FUND For the Civics Project Trust Fund; provided, that funds shall be appropriated for the Civics Project Trust Fund to promote civics education in the commonwealth | 2,500,000 |
| 1595-0116 | GENOCIDE EDUCATION TRUST FUND For the Genocide Education Trust Fund, as established in section 2MMMMM of chapter 29 of the General Laws, inserted by chapter 98 of the acts of 2021; provided, that said funds shall be distributed by the commissioner of the department of elementary and secondary education for the purposes related to the instruction of middle and high school students on the history of genocide, including but not limited to: (i) development of curricular materials detailing the underlying causes, international reaction, progression and aftermath of genocide; and (ii) professional development training, including the provision of trainings, seminars, conferences and materials, for educators to use in the teaching of genocide | 3,000,000 |
| Office of the Secretary of Education | | 1,000,000 |
| 1595-7066 | STEM PIPELINE FUND For the support of the Massachusetts Science, Technology Engineering, and Mathematics Grant Fund established pursuant to section 2MMM of chapter 29 of the General Laws | 1,000,000 |