



THE GENERAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, 02133-1053

House Ways & Means FY2026 Closeout Supplemental Budget

Fact Sheet and Highlights

\$2.35 billion gross/\$1.52 billion net spend

Highlights:

- \$1.8 billion gross (\$1.03 billion net) for MassHealth
- \$159 million for snow and ice costs incurred during winter storms in the beginning of 2026
- \$78.9 for unemployment insurance interest repayments
- \$56 million to increase the nursing home facilitates rates
- \$54.5 million to support hiring additional DTA caseworkers
- \$22.5 million for No Cost calls for both DOC and Sheriffs
- \$18.5 million for Early Childcare rate reserve
- \$13.8 million towards MOVA to help offset Federal cuts
- \$10 million transfer to Massachusetts Life Science Center
- \$5.6 million to help implement new cannabis legislation enacted earlier this year
- \$4 million to support Rest Homes in the Commonwealth
- \$2.25 million for Maternal Health needs
 - Includes \$250K towards the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Program's (MCPAP) Moms Statewide program that addresses mental health concerns of pregnant and postpartum people.

Outside Sections

- Constitutional Officers Advertising
 - Prohibits constitutional officers from knowingly spending or authorizing the use of public funds of the Commonwealth to appear in any advertisement or promotion using the officer's name, voice, or likeness to establish recognition for the constitutional officer,

including, but not limited to, television, radio, social media, billboards, road signs, stickers, decals or other signage.

- This prohibition shall not limit a constitutional officer's ability to provide information or awareness on programs offered in the commonwealth that are not related to establishing recognition of a constitutional officer's name, voice or likeness.
- Synthetic Media in Political Advertising
 - Prohibits a person, candidate, campaign committee, political action committee, political issues committee, political party or other entity from distributing with actual malice, within 90 days of an election.
 - Requires that any political audio or video communication which is intended to influence voting in an election or primary and contains synthetic media must disclose that within the ad itself.
- Online Lottery Technical Updates
 - Allows Online Lottery revenues to be distributed to Early Education grant fund.
- MSBA
 - Increases the grant limit from \$1.2B to \$1.3B and allows up to 10% additional grants over the limit each fiscal year.
- Excess Capital Gains Revenue
 - Transfers remaining excess capital gains tax towards:
 - 85% towards the Transitional Escrow Fund (Estimated \$207.7 million)
 - 15% towards the Commonwealth Stabilization Fund (Estimated \$36.6 million)
- Eliminates \$10 surcharge imposed on car-sharing organization rentals.
- Ratifies 2 additional collective bargaining agreements.