



THE GENERAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS
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House Ways & Means FY2025 Closeout Supplemental Budget

Fact Sheet and Highlights

Highlights:

- \$2.25 billion in gross spending, \$750 million in net spending
- \$1.67 billion gross (\$303 million net) for MassHealth
- \$374 million gross (\$236 million net) for Steward Hospital Payments
- \$60.7 million for snow and ice MassDOT expenditures
- \$35 million for Home BASE program
- \$15 million to new Sports and Entertainment Fund
 - Creates a competitive grant program administered by the MA Office of Travel and Tourism for major sports or entertainment events to provide event services, sports development, sports marketing, or construction, functioning and operation of an event.
 - \$10 million set aside to support costs related to 2026 World Cup matches hosted in the Commonwealth
- \$12 million for Universal School Meals Program
- \$10 million for Health Care 4 All to conduct a public awareness campaign to inform vulnerable populations about new Medicaid work requirements put in place by the Federal Government.
- \$10 million transfer to Massachusetts Life Science Center
- \$5 million for Reproductive Health Care Direct Supports
 - Grants to providers who have lost Federal reimbursement funds.
- \$2.5 million for CPCS Indigent Persons Fees and Court Costs
- Provides authority to the DPH Commissioner to determine routine childhood immunizations and determine vaccination schedules rather than relying on the recommendations of the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.
- Changes the MCO assessment to align with federal changes requiring a broad-based and uniform assessment.

- Extends simulcasting from December 15, 2025, to December 15, 2027.
- Ratifies 7 Collective Bargaining Agreements

Sheriffs:

- Withholds funding a majority of the Sheriffs \$162 million deficiency until the Inspector General investigates and reports on sheriff offices by February 27, 2026.
 - The report would include investigations into accounting of expenditures, compliance with state finance law, spending analysis over time and recommendations to ensure compliance moving forward.
 - Section 35 and No Cost Calls programs would be funded in the legislation.
 - \$14 million for section 35 treatment services
 - \$12.5 million for No Cost Calls program

Excess Capital Gains:

- After accounting for spending in the bill, the remainder of Excess Capital Gains will be distributed:
 - 90% to the Transitional Escrow Fund (\$337.7M)
 - 5% State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund (\$18.8M)
 - 5% Commonwealth's Pension Liability Fund;(\$18.8M)