



**Legislative and Budget Update  
for MGFOA  
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# FY 2024 Budget

|            | FY23 Final | Governor's Proposal (H.1) | House Bill (H.3900) | Senate W&M (S.3)  |
|------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| UGGA       | \$1.23B    | \$1.255B<br>(2%)          | \$1.250B<br>(1.6%)  | \$1.27B<br>(3.2%) |
| Chapter 70 | \$5.98B    | \$6.58B                   | \$6.58B             | \$6.59B           |

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Min. Aid Increase</b>          | <b>\$60/pp</b>    |                                  | <b>\$7.8M (\$60/pp)</b>    | <b>\$60/pp</b>              |
| <b>Req. Local Contrib. Relief</b> |                   | <b>\$10M</b>                     | <b>n/a</b>                 | <b>n/a</b>                  |

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|------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Special Education Circuit Breaker  | \$441M     | \$503M                    | \$506M              | \$503.8M         |
| Charter School Mitigation Payments | \$243M     | \$243M                    | \$230M              | \$230M           |

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|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Rural School Aid</b> | <b>\$5.5M</b>     | <b>\$7.5M</b>                    | <b>\$10M</b>               | <b>\$15M</b>                |
| <b>PILOT</b>            | <b>\$45M</b>      | <b>\$51.4M</b>                   | <b>\$51.4M</b>             | <b>\$51.5M</b>              |

# FY 2024 Budget - School Transportation (reimbursement rates)

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|---|----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Regional<br/>School<br/>Transportation</b> | <b>\$82M</b>   | <b>\$97M<br/>(90%)</b>          | <b>\$107M<br/>(100%)</b>  | <b>\$97.1M<br/>(90%)</b>  |
| <b>OOD Voc'l</b>                              | <b>\$250K</b>  | <b>\$5.1M<br/>(90%)</b>         | <b>\$0</b>                | <b>\$5.1M<br/>(90%)</b>   |
| <b>McKinney-<br/>Vento</b>                    | <b>\$22.9M</b> | <b>\$28.6M<br/>(100%)</b>       | <b>\$28.6M<br/>(100%)</b> | <b>\$28.6M<br/>(100%)</b> |

# Fair Share - Governor Budget Total

- 
- **Education: \$510M**
    - **Early Education & Care - \$140M**
      - Childcare Grants to Providers - \$100M
      - Income Eligible Waitlist - \$25M
      - CPPI Pre-K Initiative - \$15M
    - **K-12 Education - \$10M**
      - Early College and Innovation Pathways - \$10M
    - **Higher Education - \$360M**
      - Financial Aid Expansion: MASSGrant Plus - \$93M
      - Tuition & Fee Stabilization - \$59M
      - Student Support Services - \$30M
      - Higher Education Capital Funding - \$140M
      - MassReconnect - \$20M
      - UMASS & State University Equity & Inclusion Initiatives - \$18M

# Fair Share - Governor Budget Total

- 
- **Transportation: \$490M**
    - Municipal Assistance - **\$100M**
      - Municipal Partnership Programs - **\$100M**
    - **MassDOT Highway - \$164M**
      - Federal Matching Funds - **\$50M**
      - Highway Bridge Preservation - **\$100M**
      - Roadside Maintenance and Beautification - **\$14M**
    - **MBTA - \$186M**
      - Capital Investments - **\$181M**
      - Means-Tested Fares - **\$5M**
    - **MassDOT Rail and Transit - \$40M**
      - Regional Transit Funding & Grants - **\$25M**
      - Palmer and Pittsfield Rail Projects - **\$12.5M**
      - Water Transportation - **\$2.5M**



# Fair Share - House Budget Total

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- **Education: \$500M**
    - Universal school meals - **\$161M**
    - Green School Works - **\$100M**
    - Financial aid expansions - **\$84M**
    - High Demand Targeted Scholarships - **\$50M**
    - Childcare grants to providers - **\$40M**
    - Early Education and Care's income eligible waitlist - **\$25M**
    - MassReconnect - **\$20M**
    - Endowment matching grants - **\$20M**
  - **Transportation: \$500M**
    - MBTA capital investments - **\$250M**
    - Highway and bridge repair - **\$100M**
    - Regional transit funding and grants - **\$70M**
    - MBTA workforce safety reserve - **\$65M**
    - Water transportation services - **\$10M**
    - MBTA means-tested fares - **\$5M**

# Fair Share - Senate Budget Total

- 
- **Education: \$500M**
    - Higher Education Capital Funding - **\$125M**
    - Financial Aid Expansion - **\$100M**
    - MSBA Capital Supports - **\$100M**
    - Student Support Services - **\$30M**
    - Income-Eligible Childcare Waitlist - **\$25M**
    - Early Education and Care Capital Investments - **\$25M**
    - MassReconnect - **\$20M**
    - Nursing Program Free Community College - **\$20M**
    - Free Community College Implementation supports - **\$15M**
    - CCPI Pre-K Initiative - **\$15M**
    - Early Education Workforce Aid - **\$15M**
    - Early College and Innovation pathways - **\$10M**

# Fair Share - Senate Budget Total

- 
- **Transportation: \$500M**
    - MBTA capital Investments - \$190M
    - Regional Transit Funding and Grants - \$100M
    - RTAS - \$56M
    - Innovation Grant Program - \$25M
    - Fare Free pilot program grants - \$15M
    - Community Transit Grant Program - \$4M
    - Roads and Bridges Supplemental Aid - \$100M
    - Federal Matching Funds - \$50M
    - Highway Bridge Preservation - \$50M
    - MBTA Means Tested Fares - \$5M
    - Water Transportation - \$5M

# iLottery

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- House Ways & Means budget includes a section to create and iLottery, with proceeds dedicated to Early Education and Care
- Several bills on iLottery before Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
- Proposed amendment in Senate budget- 25% to MSBA, 25% to Special Education, 50% to UGGA
- MMA continues to reiterate our position on iLottery proceeds going to UGGA

# Special Education Costs Update

- Re: OSD decision in Fall 2022 to raise rates for OOD Special Education private school tuitions by 14%, cost would fall to school districts
- Gov filed FY23 Supp budget with \$75M, but confusing language, wouldn't benefit all districts
- Bill is with HWM currently; Senate cannot act until House does

# FY 2024 Budget - What's Next



- Senate debate, Senate final bill vote, likely by May 26
- Conference Committee to reconcile differences
- Final bill to Governor



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# Questions & Comments



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