

**Parentage Equality Bills:** [H 4750](#) and [S 2912](#)

- The bill would clarify parentage definitions for families who use reproductive technologies to have children, which is especially important for LGBTQ+ parents.
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**Veteran's Services Bills:** [H 4671](#) and [S 2826](#)

- Tax incentives for veteran
  - Reforms to modernize and increase access to benefits for veterans
    - including expanding access to behavioral health treatment,
    - allowing new local-option property tax exemptions for service members,
    - aligning the state's definition of a veteran with the U.S. Veterans Affairs Department to cover a wider range of former veterans and their family members.
  - License plate fee waiver for disabled veterans and Medal of Liberty recipients
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**Affordable Homes Act**

State wide

- \$2 billion for public housing
- \$800 million for affordable units
- Eviction sealing measure
- Accessory dwelling units by right in single-family zones
- The secretary may designate a municipality as a seasonal community; provided, however, that all municipalities in the counties of Dukes and Nantucket and all municipalities with over 35 per cent seasonal housing units in the county of Barnstable, as determined by the executive office in consultation with the Cape Cod commission established in chapter 716 of the acts of 1989 and all municipalities with more than 40 per cent seasonal housing units in the county of Berkshire, as determined by the executive office in consultation with the Berkshire regional planning commission, shall receive such designation.

Berkshire County

- \$1,000,000 for the renovation of Cassilas Farm for affordable housing units in New Marlborough;
- \$100,000 for a feasibility study of St. Martin Hall on the property of Shakespeare and 550 Company located in the town of Lenox;
- \$5,000,000 for seasonal supportive housing for the non-profit creative economy in Berkshire county;
- \$100,000 for a site identification feasibility study for artist housing for the Barrington Stage Company, Inc. and Berkshire Theatre Group, Inc. in the city of Pittsfield;
- \$1,000,000 to Berkshire Natural Resources Council, Inc. for the construction of new workforce housing and conservation of land and natural resources in the town of Egremont on the 225-acre former Egremont Golf Club property;

- \$1,000,000 to the Community Development Corporation of South Berkshire, Inc. for the redevelopment and remediation costs of new housing projects at the former Thornewood Inn and 100 Bridge street in the town of Great Barrington;
- \$500,000 to Central Berkshire Habitat for Humanity, Inc. for the creation of affordable housing projects in Berkshire county in collaboration with local communities;
- \$500,000 to the North Adams Housing Authority;
- \$500,000 to Westside Legends, Inc. in the city of Pittsfield for the construction of new affordable homeownership units in 5 multifamily residential buildings constructed on a currently vacant lot;

Not passed:

- Senate's Special Commission on Housing Shortages, which would have studied the local option transfer fee and other revenue raising mechanisms for housing
- Local Options Transfer Fee
- \$1 Billion expansion of the MWRA
- \$50 million for rural and small-town housing
- \$50 million for mid-sized communities (under 40,000)
- \$50 million for Seasonal Communities
- \$150 million towards converting unused commercial spaces into residential properties
- \$50 million for a so-called Healthy Homes program to provide grants to address lead paint and other housing health issues,
- apprenticeship program related to the construction industry

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**Revenge Porn, Coercive Control Ban Bills:** [H 4241](#) and [S 2703](#)

- Prohibits sharing sexually explicit images and videos without a subject's consent. The bill prohibits sharing depictions of someone "nude, partially nude or engaged in sexual conduct" without their permission, even if the subject agreed to the creation of an image or recording. The ban extends to artificially generated material purporting to depict a real person, often referred to as "deepfakes," in a sexually explicit manner.
- Creates a new diversion and education program for adolescents who engage in sexting
- Cracks down on coercive control by abusers. It expands the definition of abuse in state law to include "coercive control," or behaviors aimed to limit a victim's safety or autonomy. Actions covered include isolating someone from family, friends or other support networks, controlling a person's movements, threatening animal abuse, and damaging property.
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**Gun Law Reforms Bills:** [H 4139](#) and [S 2584](#)

- Provide law enforcement tools to crack down on untraceable "ghost guns,"

- Ban firearms in additional public spaces like schools, polling places and government buildings,
- Expands the 2018 "red flag" law to allow school administrators and licensed health care providers to petition a court to temporarily take firearms away from someone deemed a threat to themselves or others.
- Consolidate the licensing process
- More tightly regulate modifications and parts that can convert semi-automatic firearms into automatic firearms
- Boost data reporting about firearms
- Align standards for carrying a firearm or hunting while intoxicated with driving under the influence.
- Creates a new criminal offense for firing a gun and striking an occupied building or dwelling
- Strengthens existing penalties for firing within 500 feet of a dwelling without the owner's consent.
- Updates the state's assault weapons ban to expand the definition of "assault weapons" to newly include known assault weapons and other weapons

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**Info-Tech Bond Bills:** [H 4648](#) and [S 2814](#)

- IT investments to make it easier for Bay Staters to interact with government services, including applying for unemployment insurance, completing college financial aid forms, seeking child care financial assistance and accessing health records. \$750 million to improve the quality, consistency, efficiency and delivery of services and programs to the public and interactions between residents and state agencies
- The bill provides \$25 million for AI projects, which Healey said would be augmented by the Legislature's pending
- \$30 million to support the [Municipal Fiber Grant Program](#)
- \$25 million to support the [Community Compact IT Grant Program](#)
- \$150 million for local and regional IT security improvement projects

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**Wage Transparency Bills:** [H 4109](#) and [S 2484](#)

- Requires businesses with 25 or more employees to disclose a salary range when posting a job
- Protects a worker's right to ask their employer for the salary range when applying for a job or seeking a promotion.
- Requires businesses with more than 100 employees to share their federal wage and workforce data reports with the state Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development.

**FY25 Annual Budget Bills:** [H 4601](#) and [S 2800](#)