

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

I am filing herewith for your consideration a bill recommending a supplemental appropriation of \$4.5 million for the Executive Office of Public Safety. These funds will enable the Commonwealth to fully meet its Fiscal Year 1993 obligations to municipalities for the Quinn Bill police educational incentive program.

The Quinn Bill program, established under section 108L of Chapter 41, is a local option statute which provides for participating communities to offer salary increases to police officers who earn higher education credits. The statute provides for the Commonwealth to reimburse to these communities fifty percent of the program costs. Since fiscal year 1988 the state has level funded the program at \$6.7 million, while requests for reimbursements have far exceeded this figure. The state's decision to level fund this account during the fiscal crisis has created an unfortunate financial bind for those communities who participate because most police collective bargaining agreements require the community to pay the full cost of the salary increment while awaiting reimbursement from the state. As our municipal police forces have suffered reductions during the last several years, it is imperative that we provide the necessary resources to meet the meritorious purposes of this law.

I request your careful consideration of this matter, and urge your prompt and favorable action.

Respectfully submitted,

*William F. Weld*  
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Governor

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE TO PROVIDE FOR SUPPLEMENTING A CERTAIN EXISTING APPROPRIATION.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. To provide for supplementing a certain item in  
2 the general appropriation act, the sum set forth in section two and  
3 subject to the conditions specified therein is hereby appropriated  
4 from the General Fund unless specifically designated otherwise  
5 in the item, subject to the provisions of law regulating the  
6 disbursement of public funds and the conditions pertaining to  
7 appropriations in chapter one hundred and thirty-three of the acts  
8 of nineteen hundred and ninety-two and other fiscal year nineteen  
9 hundred and ninety-three appropriation acts, for the fiscal year  
10 ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ninety-three or for  
11 such period as may be specified, the sum so appropriated to be  
12 in addition to any amounts available for the purpose.

1 SECTION 2.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY.**

*Department of State Police.*

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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.