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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

We are filing for your consideration the attached legislative proposal, previously submitted on October 31, 1994, entitled "An Act Providing for a Capital Outlay Program for Women's Athletic Programs at the University of Massachusetts."

This legislation will enable us to improve the quality of the women's athletic programs at all four University of Massachusetts campuses. Organized sports programs are an integral part of a complete undergraduate education program; it is critical that we provide all students with the facilities needed for sport, exercise and recreation.

Women are entitled to gymnasiums, fields, and training facilities comparable in quality to those we provide to men. This legislation will provide the financing for such facilities. We respectfully request your prompt and favorable consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

*William F. Weld*

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*Argeo Paul Cellucci*

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Lieutenant Governor

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

### AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A CAPITAL OUTLAY PROGRAM FOR WOMEN'S ATHLETIC PROGRAMS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS.

1     *Whereas*, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat  
2 its purpose, which is to immediately provide funds for a capital  
3 outlay program to improve equity in women's athletics at the  
4 University of Massachusetts, therefore it is hereby declared to be  
5 an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of  
6 the public convenience.

*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 a program of capital improvements  
2 in order to improve equity in women's athletics at the University  
3 of Massachusetts, including planning and study, preparation of  
4 plans and specifications, construction, renovation, reconstruction,  
5 alteration, improvement, demolition, expansion, and repair,  
6 including furnishings and equipment, and athletic equipment, of  
7 these various institutions and properties, and related administra-  
8 tive costs, the sums set forth in section two, for the several  
9 purposes and subject to the conditions in this act, are hereby made  
10 available, subject to the provisions of law regulating the disburse-  
11 ment of public funds and the approval thereof.

#### 1     SECTION 2.

*University of Massachusetts, Amherst.*

7410-0956	For artificial turf and lighting for the women's field hockey and soccer fields, including any necessary study, design, field tests and borings .....	1,878,000
7410-0957	For relocation of the women's softball field, and construction of a press box and softball dugouts; and renovation and improvement of locker rooms for the women's athletic teams .....	610,000
7410-0958	For shells, launches, and motors for the women's crew .....	204,000

*University of Massachusetts, Boston.*

7416-1951	For plan, design, and construction of an addition to the Clark Athletic Center, including locker rooms, training rooms and meeting rooms for women athletes, and office space for women's varsity program staff .....	1,100,000
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*University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.*

7310-1954	For plan, design, and construction of an addition to the athletic facility, including women's lockers, showers, training room, aerobic room, fitness and weight training room, as well as outside storage for women's teams .....	1,975,000
7310-1955	For plan, design and construction of women's softball and soccer fields including lights and bleachers .....	850,000

*University of Massachusetts, Lowell.*

7220-2950	For renovation and improvement to the women's athletic fields, including lighting, field hockey scoreboard and fences, softball dugouts, press box and spectator seating, and soccer field irrigation system .....	610,000
7220-2951	For plan, design, and construction of women's athletic facility additions or improvements including renovation of track and soccer locker room and showers, renovation of field hockey/softball locker room and showers, improvements to soccer, field hockey and softball training facility and construction of office space for women's coaches .....	200,000

1 SECTION 3. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying  
 2 out the provisions of section two of this act, the state treasurer  
 3 shall, upon the request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the  
 4 commonwealth, in an amount specified by the governor from time  
 5 to time, not to exceed in the aggregate seven million, four hundred  
 6 and twenty-seven thousand dollars. All bonds issued by the com-  
 7 monwealth, as aforesaid, shall be designated on their face,  
 8 Women's Athletic Facilities Loan, Act of 1995, and shall be  
 9 issued for a maximum term not exceeding twenty years, as the  
 10 governor may recommend. to the general court pursuant to  
 11 Section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution  
 12 of the Commonwealth; provided, however, that all such bonds  
 13 shall be payable no later than June thirtieth, in the year two thou-  
 14 sand and twenty-one. All interest and payments on account of  
 15 principal of such obligations shall be payable from the General  
 16 Fund, unless otherwise specified. Bonds and interest thereon  
 17 issued under the authority of this section, notwithstanding any  
 18 other provision of this Act, shall be general obligations of the  
 19 commonwealth.



1 SECTION 4. The state treasurer may borrow from time to time  
2 on the credit of the commonwealth such sums of money as may be  
3 necessary for the purpose of meeting payments authorized by sec-  
4 tion two of this act and may issue and renew from time to time  
5 notes of the commonwealth therefor, bearing interest payable at  
6 such time and at such rates as shall be fixed by the state treasurer.  
7 Such notes shall be issued and may be renewed one or more times  
8 for such term, not exceeding one year, as the governor may rec-  
9 ommend to the general court in accordance with Section 3 of  
10 Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the  
11 Commonwealth, but the final maturities of the notes, whether  
12 original or renewal, shall not be later than June thirtieth, in the  
13 year two thousand and one. Notes and interest thereon issued  
14 under the authority of this section, notwithstanding any other  
15 provision of this Act, shall be general obligations of the common-  
16 wealth. All interest and payments on account of principal of such  
17 obligations shall be payable from the General Fund, unless other-  
18 wise specified.

1 SECTION 5. The commissioner of the division of capital plan-  
2 ning and operations is hereby authorized to acquire by purchase,  
3 or by eminent domain pursuant to chapter seventy-nine of the  
4 General Laws, or otherwise, easements for drainage, access,  
5 utilities, environmental mitigation, and other purposes, as deemed  
6 necessary by the commissioner of the division of capital planning  
7 and operations to carry out the purposes of this act.