

- Doubles funding for the State Police Crime Lab to expand DNA and toxicology testing capacity and better coordinate all forensic science resources.
- \$2 million in earmarks to track level three sex offenders on probation with global positioning systems bracelets.
- 5% increase in funding for District Attorneys to help pay for salary increases for assistant district attorneys, whose average salaries are between \$32, 000 and \$42,000.

A budget Conference Committee is expected to be named in the next week that will begin hammering out differences in the Senate and House budgets.

Local Issues of Importance

- Southcoast Development Partnership- earmarked for \$250,000, continue to serve an important role for economic development in the region.
- International Trade Assistance Center- earmarked for \$185,000, helps businesses in the Southcoast and the Commonwealth as a whole who are interested in expanding their products or services to the global market.
- Advanced Technology and Manufacturing Center- \$1,300,000 appropriated for the capital lease payments of the ATMC
- Umass Center for Business Research- earmarked for \$50,000, continue to provide important marketing and business research to small and large businesses in the Commonwealth
- Approved Inflationary Tuition Rate Increases for C766(Special Education Private Schools)