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**Memorandum**

**To:** The Honorable Raymond E. Gallison, Jr.  
 Chairman, House Finance Committee

The Honorable Daniel DaPonte  
 Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

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**Date:** April 13, 2015

**Subject:** Amendments to Article 7 of the FY 2016 Appropriations Act (15-H-5900)

The Governor requests that several amendments be made to Article 7, entitled "Relating to Higher Education," specifically changes to sections 2, 6, and 7. The changes requested are listed in the attachment and explained below.

In Section 2, RIGL 16-41-3 has been amended so the Governor will make appointments to the New England Board of Higher Education.

In Section 6, RIGL 16-57-4 has been amended to specify that title for the building owned by the higher education assistance authority will pass to the council on postsecondary education to be held in trust for the state. RIGL 16-57-7 has been amended to specify that the council on postsecondary education will be the employer of record for the division of higher education assistance. In addition, three typographical corrections have been made.

In Section 7, RIGL 16-59-1 has been amended to specify that the council on postsecondary education shall be the employer of record for the division of higher education assistance. RIGL 16-59-4 has been amended to specify that the council on postsecondary education is empowered to hold and operate property in trust for the state that formerly was held by the higher education assistance authority.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please feel free to call me or my staff at 222-6300.

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Attachment

cc: Sharon Reynolds Ferland, House Fiscal Advisor  
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## Amendments to Article 7

### Section 2

Page 58, line 5            Replace the underlined words “commissioner of postsecondary education” with the underlined word “governor”

Page 58, line 7            Replace the underlined words “commissioner of postsecondary education” with the underlined word “governor”

### Section 6

Page 68, line 24:        Correct drafting error by eliminating the strikethrough of the word “~~instrumentality~~”

Page 71, line 4:        Insert the following new underlined words after “§ 16-57-6.1” and before the “.”: “, and except for any real property held by the authority, the legal title to which is hereby passed to and vested in (in trust for the state) the council on postsecondary education”

Page 72, line 4:        Insert the underlined word “remaining” between the words “All” and “proceeds”

Page 75, line 14:        Insert the following new underlined sentence at the end of line 14: “The council on postsecondary education shall be the employer of record for the division of higher education assistance.”

Page 78, line 22        Insert the underlined word “the” between the words “in” and “guaranty”

### Section 7

Page 79, insert after  
line 28:                “(e) The council on postsecondary education shall be the employer of record for the division of higher education assistance.”

Page 83, insert after  
line 18:                “(22) To hold and operate property previously held by the higher education assistance authority in trust for the state, and to acquire, hold, and dispose of the property and other like property as deemed necessary for the execution of its corporate purposes.”