

# State of Rhode Island

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# JOURNAL

-OF THE-

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Forty-fifth Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Friday, June 7, 2024, and is called to order at 3:03 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 74 members present and 1 member absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 74: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

**ABSENT** – 1: Representative Henries

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi presents Representative John G. Edwards who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

## APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Thursday, June 6, 2024 is approved.

**COMMUNICATION**

Representative Brianna E. Henries is unable to attend session today, Friday, June 7, 2024.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

A message from the Honorable Senate transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measures:

**Senate Bill No. 2268 SUB A**

**BY** Lawson, Lauria, DiMario, Euer, Zurier, Cano, Kallman, Murray, Mack, Bissaillon  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- GROCERY STORES (Requires grocery stores to specifically limit the number of self-service checkout units to six (6) units per location. The consumer protection unit of the department of attorney general would have authority to enforce these restrictions.)

{LC3476/A/1}

06/07/2024 Referred to House Corporations

**Senate Bill No. 2644 SUB A**

**BY** McKenney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Creates a process for condominium associations to give notice to and obtain approval from unit mortgage holders for certain association actions.) {LC5380/A/1}

06/07/2024 Referred to House Corporations

**Senate Bill No. 2685**

**BY** Raptakis, McKenney, Burke, LaMountain, Lombardi F, Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING (Prohibits an insurance carrier from assessing a premium surcharge against an insured for making an inquiry regarding the terms of their policy.) {LC3749/1}

06/07/2024 Referred to House Corporations

**Senate Bill No. 2688**

**BY** Ciccone, Lombardi F, DiPalma, Britto, Zurier, Burke, Tikoian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS -- ELECTRICIANS (Establishes an examination on proficiency in solar technology upon renewal of certificate, adds \$72.00 fee.) {LC5345/1}

06/07/2024 Referred to House Corporations

**Senate Bill No. 2709 SUB A**

**BY** Murray, Burke, Pearson, Lauria, Valverde

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- MEDICAL DEBT REPORTING (Prohibits hospitals and other medical providers from reporting medical debt to consumer reporting agencies. A violation of this chapter may be pursued on behalf of the consumer by the attorney general.) {LC5575/A/1}

06/07/2024 Referred to House Judiciary

**Senate Bill No. 2710 SUB A****BY** Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTEREST AND USURY (Provides an interest rate cap on medical debt.) {LC4284/A/1}

06/07/2024 Referred to House Judiciary

**Senate Bill No. 2711 SUB A****BY** Bissaillon, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Prohibits credit reporting, executions, attachments against a principal residence for judgments based on medical debt. Defines medical debt as an amount for the receipt of health care services, products, or devices.) {LC4121/A/1}

06/07/2024 Referred to House Judiciary

**Senate Bill No. 2021****BY** Euer, Lawson, Lombardi F, DiMario, Bissaillon, Acosta, Cano, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Allows individuals employed in domestic service or in or about a private home to be included as an employee, for purposes of minimum wages law.) {LC3557/1}

06/07/2024 Referred to House Labor

**Senate Bill No. 2902 as amended****BY** Cano, Mack, DiPalma, Pearson, DiMario, Zurier, McKenney, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- CONTRACTORS BONDS (Provides that upon application, and good cause, the state may waive the bonding requirement for certified minority business enterprises or women owned businesses.) {LC5642/1}

06/07/2024 Referred to House Labor

**Senate Bill No. 2487 SUB A****BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Prohibits manufacturers of alcoholic beverages from holding or having any interest in a wholesaler license.) {LC4542/A/1}

06/07/2024 Referred to House Committee on Small Business

**Senate Bill No. 2983****BY** Ciccone, Lombardi F, Burke, Picard, Tikoian, Britto, LaMountain, Bell, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION -- STUDENT SUCCESS ACT (Reduces the time, from three (3) years to one year, required for a nonimmigrant foreign national student, who has resided in Rhode Island, to be eligible to pay the same in-state tuition as any other Rhode Island student.) {LC5941/1}

06/07/2024 Referred to House Finance

**Senate Bill No. 3040 SUB A as amended****BY** Ciccone, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING (Increases the maximum amount of credit a video lottery retailer may extend to a patron and would authorize certain amendments to the regulatory agreement involving Bally's Corporation and affiliates of Bally's.) {LC5887/A/1}

06/07/2024 Referred to House Finance

**Senate Bill No. 3122****BY** DiPalma, Ciccone, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (Establishes a seven (7) member public-private partnership infrastructure oversight commission to approve all requests for proposals submitted for public-private partnership construction of qualified facilities.) {LC6065/1}

06/07/2024 Referred to House Finance

**Senate Resolution No. 3138****BY** DiPalma, Picard, de la Cruz, Bell, Lauria**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PAY CERTAIN CLAIMS (Makes appropriation to pay certain claims.) {LC6225/1}

06/07/2024 Referred to House Finance

**Senate Bill No. 2283****BY** Zurier, Bissaillon, Raptakis, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RHODE ISLAND (Creates a civic apprenticeship program for recent Rhode Island high school graduates to gain work experience working in Rhode Island state departments.) {LC4761/1}

06/07/2024 Referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**Senate Bill No. 2811 SUB A**

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**BY** Euer, DiMario, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Provides that the legislature would be the body that negotiates on behalf of the state for all activities occurring in, on and over state submerged land extending beyond twenty-five (25) acres.) {LC4338/A/1}

06/07/2024 Referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**Senate Bill No. 2414****BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (Allows the commissioners of the water and sewer commission for the town of Jamestown to limit its public water system's obligation to supply water only within designated and described area as opposed to the entire land area of the town.)

{LC4483/1}

06/07/2024 Referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**Senate Bill No. 3102****BY** Pearson, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- HAWKERS AND PEDDLERS (Expands the definition of door-to-door salespersons to include those who sell services and authorize the town of Cumberland to license and regulate door-to-door salespersons in the same manner as hawkers and peddlers.) {LC6186/1}

06/07/2024 Referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 8342****BY** McEntee, Cruz, Knight, Craven, Caldwell, Dawson, Batista, Felix, Lombardi J, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS {LC6130/1}

06/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8343****BY** Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the non-commercial real and tangible personal property of Southside Community Land Trust, a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation, located in Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC6011/1}

06/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8344****BY** Solomon, Kazarian, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (Establishes a seven (7) member public-private partnership infrastructure oversight commission to approve all requests for proposals submitted for public-private partnership construction of qualified facilities.)

{LC6244/1}

06/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES  
TRANSFER OF BILLS****COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Chairman Abney, for the Committee on Finance, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Corporations:

**House Bill No. 8344**

**BY** Solomon, Kazarian, Casimiro

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (Establishes a seven (7) member public-private partnership infrastructure oversight commission to approve all requests for proposals submitted for public-private partnership construction of qualified facilities.)

{LC6244/1}

06/07/2024 Committee transferred to House Corporations

**Senate Bill No. 3122**

**BY** DiPalma, Ciccone, Gallo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (Establishes a seven (7) member public-private partnership infrastructure oversight commission to approve all requests for proposals submitted for public-private partnership construction of qualified facilities.)

{LC6065/1}

06/07/2024 Committee transferred to House Corporations

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS IN ORDER FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024 AT 2:30 PM:****1. 2024-H 7225 SUB A**

**BY** Abney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

Article 1; Article 2; Article 3; Article 4; Article 5; Article 6; Article 7; Article 8; Article 9; Article 10; Article 11; Article 12; Article 13; Article 14;

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Chairman Abney moves passage of the article, seconded by Representatives Carson, Cotter, Spears, Donovan, Speakman, Biah, Majority Leader Blazejewski, McGaw, Cardillo, Marszalkowski, Caldwell, Morales, McEntee, Dawson, Desimone, Finkelman, Noret, Vella-

Wilkinson, Shanley, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Handy, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Serpa, Knight, Phillips, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Deputy Speaker Hull, Representatives Tanzi, Felix, McNamara, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman, Representatives Corvese, Kislak, Slater, Diaz, Azzinaro, Floor Manager Edwards, Representatives Bennett, Fellela, Potter, Voas, Giraldo, Stewart, Alzate, Majority Whip Kazarian, Representatives Casimiro, Casey, Solomon, Lima and Craven.

ARTICLE 1 RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2025

ARTICLE 2 RELATING TO STATE FUNDS

ARTICLE 3 RELATING TO GOVERNMENT REFORM AND REORGANIZATION

ARTICLE 4 RELATING TO DEBT MANAGEMENT ACT JOINT RESOLUTIONS

ARTICLE 5 RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

ARTICLE 6 RELATING TO TAXES AND FEES

ARTICLE 7 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

ARTICLE 8 RELATING TO EDUCATION

ARTICLE 9 RELATING TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

ARTICLE 10 RELATING TO LEASES

ARTICLE 11 RELATING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ARTICLE 12 RELATING TO PENSIONS

ARTICLE 13 RELATING TO MAKING REVISED APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2024

ARTICLE 14 RELATING TO EFFECTIVE DATE

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Chairman Abney discusses the budget.

**ARTICLE 2 RELATING TO STATE FUNDS**

Chairman Abney moves passage of the article, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Marszalkowski, Biah, and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairman Abney discusses the article.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Abney, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Marszalkowski, Majority Whip Kazarian, and Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman, offers a written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025", as follows:

1. In Article 2, page 1, line 7, by deleting the language "to be used to contract with a nonprofit corporation" and by inserting in place thereof the language "who has the authority to enter into a contract".

2. In Article 2, page 1, between lines 23 and 24, by inserting the following language "(e) The general treasurer may promulgate regulations as necessary to effectuate the provisions of this section."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Abney

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LC004146/3  
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Chairman Abney discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**Article 2, as amended** on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:



YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Morgan.

RECUSED - 0:

### **ARTICLE 3 RELATING TO GOVERNMENT REFORM AND REORGANIZATION**

Chairman Abney moves passage of the article, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Diaz, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairman Abney discusses the article.

By unanimous consent, Representative Nardone, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale, Representatives Roberts, Quattrocchi, Rea, Fenton-Fung and Minority Whip Place, offers a written motion to amend.

### **FLOOR AMENDMENT TO**

2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A

### **AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025", as follows:

1. In article 3, page 26, between lines 29 and 30 by inserting the following language:

"SECTION 20. Title 42 of the General Laws entitled "STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

#### **CHAPTER 9.4**

#### **INSPECTOR GENERAL**

##### **42-9.4-1. Purpose.**

The office of inspector general shall be an independent administrative agency charged with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds, whether federal, state, or local, and relating to any and all state programs and operations as well as the procurement of any supplies, services, or construction, by agencies, bureaus, divisions, sections, departments, offices, commissions, institutions and activities of the State of Rhode Island, including those districts, authorities, or political subdivisions created by the general assembly, the governor, and any court, including any city or

town within the State of Rhode Island. Investigations may include the expenditures by nongovernmental agencies of federal, state and local public funds.

42-9.4-2. Powers of office.

The lieutenant governor shall promulgate rules and regulations consistent with chapter 35 of title 42 ("administrative procedures") to govern the proceedings of the office of inspector general and appoint the necessary staff out of the existing full-time employees and resources of the office of the lieutenant governor."

2. In article 3, page 26, line 30, by deleting the language "SECTION 20" and inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 21".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Nardone

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LC004147/3  
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Representative Nardone, Minority Leader Chippendale, Representatives Morgan, Sanchez, Floor Manager Edwards, and Representative Shanley discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 11 members voting in the affirmative and 62 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 11: Representatives Chippendale, Costantino, Fenton-Fung, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez.

NAYS - 62: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, Minority Leader Chippendale, seconded by Representatives Roberts, Quattrocchi, Rea, Minority Whip Place, Representatives Nardone, Fenton-Fung and Morgan. offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025", as follows:

1. In Article 3, page 10, between lines 4 and 5, by inserting the following language:

"SECTION 15. Section 34-18-58 of the General Laws in Chapter 34-18 entitled "Residential Landlord and Tenant Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

34-18-58. Statewide mandatory rental registry Statewide mandatory lead registry.

(a) All landlords who own one or more rental dwelling units built before 1978 shall register with the department of health only if they do not have a valid and current certification of conformance as lead free as defined in § 23-24.6-4. All landlords of pre-1978 rental dwelling units are not required to register if they presently possess valid certificates of conformance. Those landlords required to register shall register the following information with the department of health:

(1) Names of individual landlords or any business entity responsible for leasing to a tenant under this chapter;

(2) An active business address, PO box, or home address;

(3) An active email address;

(4) An active telephone number that would reasonably facilitate communications with the tenant of each dwelling unit;

(5) Any property manager, management company, or agent for service of the property, along with the business address, PO box, or home address of the property manager, management company, or agent and including:

(i) An active email address; and

(ii) An active telephone number, for each such person or legal entity, if applicable, for each dwelling unit; and

(6) Information necessary to identify each dwelling unit.

(b) All landlords who lease a residential property constructed prior to 1978 and that is not exempt from the requirements of chapter 128.1 of title 42 ("lead hazard mitigation") shall, in addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section, for each dwelling unit, provide the department of health with a valid certificate of conformance in accordance with chapter 128.1 of title 42 ("lead hazard mitigation") and regulations derived therefrom, or evidence sufficient to demonstrate that they are exempt from the requirement to obtain a certificate of conformance.

(c) Contingent upon available funding, no later than September 1, 2025, the department of health, or designee, shall create a publicly accessible online database containing ~~the information obtained in accordance with subsections (a) and (b) of this section, no later than nine (9) months following the effective date of this section [June 20, 2023]~~ on all landlords who have not provided the department with a valid certificate of conformance. The database shall contain:

(1) The names of individual landlords or any business entity responsible for leasing to a tenant under this chapter;

(2) The property address; and

(3) Any property manager, management company, or agent for service of the property.

(d) All landlords subject to the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of this section as of September 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, shall register the information required by those subsections no later than October 1, ~~2024~~ 2025.

A landlord who acquires a rental property, or begins leasing a rental property to a new tenant, after September 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, shall register the information required by subsections (a) and (b) of this section within thirty (30) days after the acquisition or lease to a tenant, whichever date is earlier. All landlords subject to the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of this section

shall, following initial registration, re-register by October 1 of each year in order to update any information required to comply with subsections (a) and (b) of this section, or to confirm that the information already supplied remains accurate.

(e) Any person or entity subject to subsections (a) and (b) of this section who fails to comply with the registration provision in subsection (d) of this section, shall be subject to a civil fine of at least fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month for failure to register the information required by subsection (a) of this section, or at least one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125) per month, for failure to register the information required by subsection (b) of this section.

(f) All civil penalties imposed pursuant to subsection (e) of this section shall be payable to the department of health. There is to be established a restricted receipt account to be known as the "rental registry account" which shall be a separate account within the department of health. Penalties received by the department pursuant to the terms of this section shall be deposited into the account. Monies deposited into the account shall be transferred to the department of health and shall be expended for the purpose of administering the provisions of this section or lead hazard mitigation, abatement, enforcement, or poisoning prevention. No penalties shall be levied under this section prior to October 1, ~~2024~~ 2025.

(g) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 34-18-35, a landlord or any agent of a landlord may not commence an action to evict for nonpayment of rent in any court of competent jurisdiction, unless, at the time the action is commenced, the landlord is in compliance with the requirements of subsections (a), (b), and (d) of this section. A landlord must present the court with evidence of compliance with subsections (a), (b), and (d) of this section at the time of filing an action to evict for nonpayment of rent in order to proceed with the civil action.

(h) The department of health may commence an action for injunctive relief and additional civil penalties of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) per violation against any landlord who repeatedly fails to comply with subsection (a) of this section. The attorney general may commence an action for injunctive relief and additional civil penalties of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per violation against any landlord who repeatedly fails to comply with subsection (b) of this section. Any penalties obtained pursuant to this subsection shall be used for the purposes of lead hazard mitigation, abatement, enforcement, or poisoning prevention, or for the purpose of administering the provisions of this section. No penalties shall be levied under this section prior to October 1, ~~2024~~ 2025."

2. In Article 3, page 10, line 5, by deleting the language "SECTION 15", and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 16".

3. In Article 3, page 10, line 33, by deleting the language "SECTION 16", and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 17".

4. In Article 3, page 11, line 10, by deleting the language "SECTION 17", and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 18".

5. In Article 3, page 12, line 31, by deleting the language "SECTION 18", and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 19".

6. In Article 3, page 13, line 3, by deleting the language "SECTION 19", and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 20".

7. In Article 3, page 26, line 30, by deleting the language "SECTION 20", and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 21".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Chippendale

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Minority Leader Chippendale, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Minority Whip Place, Representatives Nardone and Alzate discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 13 members voting in the affirmative and 61 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 13: Representatives Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Costantino, Fenton-Fung, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

NAYS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

RECUSED - 0:

Representative Carson and Chairman Abney discuss the article.

**Article 3**, prevails on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**ARTICLE 4 RELATING TO DEBT MANAGEMENT ACT JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

Chairman Abney moves passage of the article, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski Representatives Fogarty and Biah.

Chairman Abney and Representative Morgan discuss the article.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Floor Manager Edwards rises on a point of order for Representative Morgan to stay on the merits of the article.

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi upholds the point of order.

Representative Morgan continues the discussion of the article.

**Article 4**, prevails on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**ARTICLE 5 RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Chairman Slater moves passage of the article, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Carson, Cotter, Speakman, Bia, Abney, McGaw, McEntee, Fogarty, Deputy Speaker Hull, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman, Representatives Kislak, Diaz, Costantino, Cortvriend, Potter, Majority Whip Kazarian, Representatives Casimiro, and Donovan.

Chairman Abney discusses the article.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Slater, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025", as follows:

1. In Article 5, page 1, line 28, by deleting the language "affordable and middle income", and by inserting in place thereof the language "the availability of".

2. In Article 5, page 1, lines 28 through 29, by deleting the language "production and infrastructure".

3. In Article 5, page 2, line 1, by deleting the language "\$90,000,000" and by inserting in place thereof the language "\$80,000,000".

4. In Article 5, page 2, line 2, by deleting the language "ninety" and by inserting in place thereof the language "eighty", by deleting the language "(\$90,000,000)" and by inserting in place thereof the language "(\$80,000,000)", by inserting the language "and preserve the availability of low and moderate income" after the language "to increase", and by deleting the language "affordable" and "production".

5. In Article 5, page 2, line 3, after the word "support", by inserting the language "a new program for".

6. In Article 5, page 2, line 8, by deleting the language "\$10,000,000" and by inserting in place thereof the language "\$20,000,000".

7. In Article 5, page 2, line 9, by deleting the language "ten" and by inserting in place thereof the language "twenty", by deleting the language "(\$10,000,000)" and by inserting in place thereof the language "(\$20,000,000)", by deleting the language "affordable" and by inserting in place thereof the language "low and moderate".

8. In Article 5, page 7, line 16, after the language "to increase", by inserting the language "the availability of housing." and by deleting the language "affordable and middle income housing production and infrastructure".

9. In Article 5, page 7, line 18, by deleting the language "\$90,000,000" and by inserting in place thereof the language "\$80,000,000".

10. In Article 5, page 7, line 19, by deleting the language "ninety" and by inserting in place thereof the language "eighty", by deleting the language "(\$90,000,000)" and by inserting in place thereof the language "(\$80,000,000)", by inserting after the word "increase", the language "and preserve the availability of low and moderate income housing", and by deleting the language "affordable housing, production".

11. In Article 5, page 7, line 20, after the language "support", by inserting the language "a new program for".

12. In Article 5, page 7, line 25, by deleting the language "\$10,000,000" and by inserting in place thereof the language "\$20,000,000".

13. In Article 5, page 7, line 26, by deleting the language "ten" and inserting in place

thereof the language “twenty”, by deleting the language “(\$10,000,000)” and inserting in place thereof the language “(\$20,000,000)”, and by deleting the language “to increase production of affordable” and inserting in place thereof the language “to increase production of low and moderate”.

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Abney

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Chairman Slater discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Representative Sanchez, Minority Whip Place and Representative Cotter discuss the amended article.

By unanimous consent, Representative Morgan, seconded by Representatives Quattrocchi, Roberts and Nardone, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled “AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025”, as follows:



1. In Article 5, on page 11, between lines 19 and 20, by inserting the following language:  
"SECTION 13. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Joint Resolution.

WHEREAS, Point Judith Harbor breakwater is a partial border between the communities of Narragansett and South Kingstown, and connects Point Judith Harbor with the Atlantic by a narrow waterway that cuts through the beaches and sandy shoreline; and

WHEREAS, Used by a large fishing fleet and local and transient recreational craft, Point Judith Harbor handles a large amount of passenger traffic, primarily during the summer; and

WHEREAS, Original work on the breakwater for the Point Judith Harbor dates back to 1905, and in 1914, additional breakwater projects were completed, with updates in 1950 and 1977; and

WHEREAS, The breakwater work consists of a 6,970-foot-long main stone breakwater in Point Judith Harbor, a 2,240-foot-long stone breakwater extending southwesterly from Point Judith, and a 3,640-foot-long stone breakwater extending southerly from the entrance to Point Judith Pond. These three structures provide shelter for refuge, search and rescue operations, a commercial harbor, and a sandy, recreational shoreline; and

WHEREAS, When first constructed, the structure reached over 8-10 feet above the water line but is now easily overwhelmed by waves, leaving the surrounding area inadequately protected from storms and rising sea levels; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 46 years, these barriers have received no maintenance or repair and have suffered significant damage due to wave erosion and neglect, leaving them in a severely damaged state, and with questionable functional efficiency compared to the as-built condition; and

WHEREAS, The safety of our State’s fishing fleet, docks and the surrounding homes and businesses are threatened by the degradation of the barrier structure; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby requests that the US Army Corps of Engineers revisit the Pt. Judith breakwater and restore it to the benefit of the area and to our State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the New England District, US Army Corps of Engineers."

2. In Article 5, on page 11, line 20, by deleting the language "SECTION 13" and inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 14".

3. In Article 5, page 11, line 20, by deleting the language "and this Section 13" and inserting in place thereof the language ", 13 and 14".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Morgan

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Representative Morgan discusses the amendment.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Majority Leader Blazejewski rises on a point of order for Representative Morgan to stay on the merits of the amendment.

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi upholds the point of order and asks Representative Morgan to speak on the merits of the amendment.

Representative Morgan and Majority Whip Kazarian continues the discussion on the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 9 members voting in the affirmative and 65 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 9: Representatives Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Morgan, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Tanzi.

NAYS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

RECUSED - 0:

**Article 5, as amended** on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 6: Representatives Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

## **ARTICLE 6 RELATING TO TAXES AND FEES**

Chairman Marszalkowski moves passage of the article, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representative Vella-Wilkinson, Majority Whip Kazarian, Representative Noret, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman, Representatives Tanzi, Corvese, and Floor Manager Edwards.

Chairman Marszalkowski discusses the article.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Marszalkowski, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025", as follows:

1. In Article 6, page 7, line 17, by deleting the language "October 1, 2024", and by inserting in place thereof the language "January 1, 2025".

2. In Article 6, page 16, line 4, by deleting the language "December 21, 2023", and by inserting in place thereof the language "December 31, 2023".

3. In Article 6, page 24, line 5, by deleting the language "purchases", and by inserting in place thereof the language "purchasers".

4. In Article 6, page 26, line 12, after the word "products", by inserting the language ", except for cigars,".

5. In Article 6, page 26, line 28, by deleting the language "October 1, 2024", and by inserting in place thereof the language "January 1, 2025".

6. In Article 6, page 27, line 15, by deleting the language "manufacturer", and by inserting in place thereof the language "manufacturer's".

7. In Article 6, page 27, line 17, after the language "affix stamps, the", by inserting the word "application".

8. In Article 6, page 27, line 18, by deleting the language "a fee", and by inserting in place thereof the language "an application fee".

9. In Article 6, page 27, line 31, after the language "tobacco products", by inserting the language "and/or any electronic nicotine-delivery system products".

10. In Article 6, page 28, line 32, after the language "Expiration, duration", by inserting the language ", and renewal".

11. In Article 6, page 28, line 34, by deleting the language "October 1, 2024", and by inserting in place thereof the language "January 1, 2025".

12. In Article 6, page 29, line 5, after the language "importer," by deleting the word "or".

13. In Article 6, page 29, between lines 25 and 26, by inserting the language "Provided, however, this section shall not apply to cigars."

14. In Article 6, page 29, line 34, by deleting the language "Prior to January 1, 2025", and by inserting in place thereof the language "For all other tobacco products, smokeless tobacco, cigars, and pipe tobacco products,"

15. In Article 6, page 30, lines 9 through 34, by deleting all the language contained thereon, and by inserting in place thereof the following language:

"(4) Effective January 1, 2025:

(i) For electronic nicotine-delivery system products that are prefilled, sealed by the manufacturer, and not refillable, at the rate of fifty cents per milliliter (\$0.50/mL) of the e-liquid and/or e-liquid products contained therein; and

(ii) For any other electronic nicotine-delivery system products, at the rate of ten percent (10%) of the wholesale cost of such products, whether or not sold at wholesale, and if not sold, then at the same rate upon the use by the wholesaler.

(iii) Existing Inventory Floor Tax. For all electronic nicotine-delivery system products held by licensed electronic nicotine-delivery system products retailers as of January 1, 2025: Each person engaging in the business of selling electronic nicotine-delivery system products at retail in this state shall pay a tax measured by the volume of e-liquid and/or e-liquid products contained in electronic nicotine-delivery system products that are prefilled, sealed by the manufacturer, and not refillable and the wholesale cost of all other electronic nicotine-delivery system products held by the person in this state at 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2025, and is computed for electronic nicotine-delivery system products that are prefilled, sealed by the manufacturer, and not refillable, at the rate of fifty cents per milliliter (\$0.50/mL) of the e-liquid and/or e-liquid products contained therein and for any other electronic nicotine-delivery system products at the rate of ten percent (10%) of the wholesale cost of such products on January 1, 2025. Each person subject to the payment of the tax imposed by this section shall, on or before January 16, 2025, file a return, under oath or certified under the penalties of perjury, with the administrator on forms furnished by the administrator, showing the volume of e-liquid and/or e-liquid products contained in electronic nicotine-delivery system products which are prefilled, sealed by the manufacturer, and not refillable and the wholesale cost of all other electronic nicotine-delivery system products in that person's possession in this state at 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2025, as described in this section, and the amount of tax due, and shall at the time of filing the return pay the tax to the administrator. Failure to obtain forms shall not be an excuse for the failure to make a return containing the information required by the administrator.

(iv) For all electronic nicotine-delivery system products sold by licensed electronic nicotine-delivery system products distributors, manufacturers and/or importers in Rhode Island as of January 1, 2025: any person engaging in the business of distributing at wholesale electronic nicotine-delivery system products in this state shall pay a tax measured by the volume of e-liquid and/or e-liquid products contained in electronic nicotine-delivery system products that are prefilled, sealed by the manufacturer, and not refillable computed at the rate of fifty cents per milliliter (\$0.50/mL) of the e-liquid and/or e-liquid products contained therein and for all other electronic nicotine-delivery system products at the rate of ten percent (10%) of the wholesale cost of such products."

16. In Article 6, page 31, lines 9 through 15, by deleting all the language thereon, and by inserting in place thereof the following language:

"(2) Effective January 1, 2025, all other tobacco products, except for cigars, and electronic nicotine-delivery system products sold at wholesale in Rhode Island must be sold by a Rhode Island licensed distributor, manufacturer or importer, and purchases of other tobacco products, except for cigars, and/or electronic nicotine-delivery system products, from an unlicensed distributor, manufacturer or importer are prohibited. Any other tobacco products, except for cigars, and/or electronic nicotine-delivery system products purchased and/or obtained from an unlicensed person shall be subject to the terms of this chapter including, but not limited to, § 44-20-15 and shall be taxed pursuant to § 44-20-13.2."

17. In Article 6, page 31, between lines 15 and 16, by inserting the following language:

"(3) Effective January 1, 2025, any dealer having in their possession any cigars with respect to the storage or use of which a tax is imposed by this section shall, within five (5) days after coming into possession of cigars in this state, file a return with the tax administrator in a form prescribed by the tax administrator. The return shall be accompanied by a payment of the amount of the tax shown on the form to be due. Records required under this section shall be preserved on the premises described in the relevant license in such a manner as to ensure permanency and accessibility for inspection at reasonable hours by authorized personnel of the administrator."

18. In Article 6, page 35, line 20, after the word "tobacco", by inserting the language "or menthol".

19. In Article 6, page 35, line 30, after the word "tobacco", by inserting the language "or menthol".

20. In Article 6, page 42, line 27, after the language "January 1, 2024", by inserting a comma " , ".

21. In Article 6, page 43, line 4, after the language "January 1, 2024", by inserting a comma " , ".

22. In Article 6, page 43, line 13, after the language "January 1, 2024", by inserting a comma " , ".

23. In Article 6, page 47, lines 15 through 17, by deleting the language "Sections 5, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, which shall be effective October 1, 2024, and Sections 7, 8, 11, 12, 20, 21 and 22 which shall be effective on January 1, 2025.", and by inserting in place thereof the language "Sections 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 which shall be effective on January 1, 2025."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Abney

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Chairman Marszalkowski discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 71 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Newberry, Place.

RECUSED - 0:

Minority Whip Place requests that Section 10, Page 15, lines 25 through page 16, line 15 be voted on separately. Speaker Shekarchi rules that they are divisible.

Minority Whip Place, Representative Nardone continues the discussion on the amended article.

By unanimous consent, Representative Morgan, seconded by Representatives Quattrocchi and Nardone, offer a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025", as follows:

1. In Article 6, page 35, line 34, by deleting the word "consumers", and by inserting in place thereof the language "individuals under twenty-one (21) years of age".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Morgan

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Representative Morgan discusses the amendment.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Floor Manager Edwards rises on a point of order for Representative Morgan to stay on the merits of the amendment.

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi upholds the point of order and asks Representative Morgan to speak on the amendment's merits.

Representatives Morgan, Solomon, Sanchez, Handy, Tanzi, Minority Whip Place and Chairman Marszalkowski continue the discussion on the amendment.

Representative Newberry continues the discussion on the amended article.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 13 members voting in the affirmative and 59 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 13: Representatives Casey, Chippendale, Dawson, Felix, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez.

NAYS - 59: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell,

Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

RECUSED - 0:

**Sections 10, page15, lines 25 through page 16, line 15**, prevail on a roll call vote 63 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 8: Representatives Chippendale, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

**The remainder of Article 6, as amended** prevails on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 4: Representatives Morgan, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

## **ARTICLE 7 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING**

Chairman Marszalkowski moves passage of the article, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives McEntee, Biah, Abney, Speakman, Donovan, Carson, Kislak, Majority Deputy Whip Ackerman, Representatives Cortvriend, Shallcross Smith, Majority Whip Kazarian, Representative Fogarty and Floor Manager Edwards.

Chairman Marszalkowski discusses the article.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Marszalkowski, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025", as follows:

1. In Article 7, page 8, line 4, by deleting the language "**Effective January 1, 2024.**".
2. In Article 7, page 22, line 6, by deleting the language "**Effective January 1, 2024.**".
3. In Article 7, page 25, line 16, by deleting the language "**Effective January 1, 2024.**".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Abney

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Chairman Marszalkowski discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 72 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Costantino.

RECUSED - 0:

Representatives Carson and Morales discuss the amended article.

By unanimous consent, Representative Morgan, seconded by Representatives Quattrocchi, Roberts and Nardone offers a written motion to amend.



FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025", as follows:

1. In Article 7, page 31, line 6, by deleting the language "2029" and inserting in place thereof the language "2024".

2. In Article 7, page 31, line 7, by deleting the language "2029" and inserting in place thereof the language "2024".

3. In Article 7, page 31, between lines 7 and 8 by inserting the language "No new fund applications shall be granted and no credits shall be authorized to be reserved pursuant to this chapter after June 30, 2024. All funds otherwise saved by the sunset of the credit pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be applied to the elimination or off-set of the gross earnings tax imposed on electric utility customers for residential electricity use."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Morgan

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Representatives Morgan, Brien, Nardone and Floor Manager Edwards discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 7 members voting in the affirmative and 61 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Morgan, Nardone, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

NAYS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Newberry, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

RECUSED - 0:

**Article 7, as amended** on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Rea, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

### **ARTICLE 8 RELATING EDUCATION**

Chairman Slater moves passage of the article, seconded by The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Cotter, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Potter, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

Chairman Slater discusses the article.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Slater, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski offers a written motion to amend.

### **FLOOR AMENDMENT TO 2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A**

#### **AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025", as follows:

1. In Article 8, page 2, line 19, after the language "secondary education.", by inserting the following language: "Local education agencies shall report annually to the department of elementary and secondary education by September 1, outlining the planned and prior year use of all funding pursuant to this subsection to provide services to MLL students in accordance with requirements set forth by the commissioner of elementary and secondary education. The

department shall review the use of funds to ensure consistency with established best practices."

2. In Article 8, page 7, between lines 16 and 17, by inserting the following language:

"SECTION 3. Section 16-7-22 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-7 entitled "Foundation Level School Support [See Title 16 Chapter 97 — The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is hereby amended to read as follows:

16-7-22. Determination of average daily membership.

Each community shall be paid pursuant to the provisions of § 16-7-17 an amount based upon the following provisions:

(1) On or before September 1 of each year the average daily membership of each city and town for the reference year shall be determined by the commissioner of elementary and secondary education from data supplied by the school committee in each community in the following manner: The aggregate number of days of membership of all pupils enrolled full time in grade twelve (12) and below, except that pupils below grade one who are not full time shall be counted on a full-time equivalent basis: (i) Increased by the aggregate number of days of membership of pupils residing in the particular city or town whose tuition in schools approved by the department of elementary and secondary education in other cities and towns is paid by the particular city or town; and (ii) Decreased by the aggregate number of days of membership of nonresident pupils enrolled in the public schools of the particular city or town and further decreased by the aggregate number of days of membership equal to the number of group home beds calculated for the purposes of reimbursement pursuant to § 16-64-1.1; and (iii) Decreased further, in the case of a city or town that is a member of a regional school district during the first year of operation of the regional school district by the aggregate number of days of membership of pupils residing in the city or town who would have attended the public schools in the regional school district if the regional school district had been operating during the previous year, divided by the number of days during which the schools were officially in session during the reference year. The resulting figures shall be the average, daily membership for the city or town for the reference year. For purposes of calculating the permanent foundation education aid as described in § 16-7.2-3(1) and (2), the average, daily membership for school districts shall exclude charter school and state school students, and beginning in school year 2014-2015, include an estimate to ensure that districts converting from a half-day to a full-day kindergarten program pursuant to § 16-99-4 are credited on a full-time basis beginning in the first year of enrollment and are funded notwithstanding the transition plan pursuant to § 16-7.2-7.

(2) The average daily membership of pupils attending public schools shall apply for the purposes of determining the percentage of the state's share under the provisions of §§ 16-7-16(3), 16-7-16(10), 16-7-18, 16-7-19, 16-7-20, 16-7-21 and 16-7.2-4.

(3) In the case of regional school districts, the aggregate number of days of membership by which each city or town is decreased in subdivision (1)(iii) of this section, divided by the number of days during which the schools attended by the pupils were officially in session, shall determine the average daily membership for the regional school district during the first year of operation. After the first year of operation, the average, daily membership of each regional school district, except the Chariho regional high school district, shall be determined by the commissioner of elementary and secondary education from data supplied by the school committee of each regional school district for the reference year in the manner provided in subdivision (1) of this section.

(4) For all fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2024, notwithstanding subsection (1)(ii) above, the decrease for group home beds shall not apply to residential facility "beds" located or associated with the CRAFT program pursuant to § 16-64-1.1."

3. In Article 8, page 7, line 17, by deleting the language "SECTION 3" and inserting in

place thereof the language "SECTION 4".

4. In Article 8, page 13, line 1, by deleting all the language contained thereon and by inserting in place thereof the language "(2) Retains eligibility through the academic year in which the student reaches their twenty-third birthday;".

5. In Article 8, page 13, line 15, by deleting all the language contained thereon and by inserting in place thereof the language "(2) Retains eligibility through the academic year in which the student reaches their twenty-third birthday;".

6. In Article 8, page 8, line 23, by deleting the language "SECTION 4" and inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 5".

7. In Article 8, page 8, line 31, by deleting the language "SECTION 5" and inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 6".

8. In Article 8, page 10, line 4, by deleting the language "SECTION 6" and inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 7".

9. In Article 8, page 11, line 17, by deleting the language "SECTION 7" and inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 8".

10. In Article 8, page 12, line 27, by deleting the language "SECTION 8" and inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 9".

11. In Article 8, page 13, line 24, by deleting the language "SECTION 9" and inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 10".

12. In Article 8, page 14, line 26, by deleting the language "SECTION 10" and inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 11".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Abney

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Chairman Slater discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Representatives Morales and Fenton-Fung discuss the amended article.

**Article 8, as amended** on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

### **ARTICLE 9 RELATING TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

Chairwoman Tanzi moves passage of the article, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, O'Brien, Perez, Potter, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

Chairwoman Tanzi discusses the article.

By unanimous consent, Chairwoman Tanzi, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski offers a written motion to amend.

### **FLOOR AMENDMENT TO**

2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A

### **AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025", as follows:

1. In Article 9, page 3, line 12 after the number "2025" by inserting the language "against state-government owned and operated hospitals in the state as defined herein".

2. In Article 9, page 14, between line 8 and 9, by inserting the language "(1) The creation of Pool C which allots no more than nineteen million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$19,900,000) to Medicaid eligible government-owned hospitals;"

3. In Article 9, page 14, line 9, by deleting the language "(1)", and by inserting in place thereof the language "(2)".

- 4. In Article 9, page 14, line 10, after the word "Pool" by inserting the language "C and".
- 5. In Article 9, page 14, line 11, by deleting the word "component", and by inserting in place thereof the word "components".
- 6. In Article 9, page 14, line 11, by deleting the word "and".
- 7. In Article 9, page 14, line 12, by deleting the language "(2)" and by inserting in place thereof the language "(3)".
- 8. In Article 9, page 14, line 20, by deleting the period "." and by inserting the language "; and".
- 9. In Article 9, page 14, between lines 20 and 21 by inserting the language "(4) That the Pool C allotment shall be distributed among the participating hospitals in direct proportion to the individual participating hospital's uncompensated-care costs for the base year, inflated by the uncompensated-care index to the total uncompensated-care cost for the base year inflated by the uncompensated-care index of all participating hospitals. The disproportionate share payments shall be made on or before June 30, 2025, and are expressly conditioned upon approval on or before June 23, 2025, by the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, or their authorized representative, of all Medicaid state plan amendments necessary to secure for the state the benefit of federal financial participating in federal fiscal year 2025 for the disproportionate share payments;"
- 10. In Article 9, page 16, line 24, by deleting the language "of poverty" and by inserting in place thereof the language "of the federal benefit care for SSI".
- 11. In Article 9, page 17, line 2, by deleting the language "(OOPS)" and by inserting in place thereof the language "(OPPS)".
- 12. In Article 9, page 17, line 2, by deleting the word "January", after the word "of" and by deleting the word "January" after the word "Beginning" and by inserting in place thereof for both the word "July".
- 13. In Article 9, page 17, line 3, by deleting the language "OOPS" and by inserting in place thereof the language "OPPS".
- 14. In Article 9, page 17, line 10, after the language "Initiative.", by inserting the language "at any time during or after the formal waiver approval process, limited to the state appropriation."
- 15. In Article 9, page 17, between lines 24 and 25 by inserting the language "(m) Expansion of Qualified Individuals Program. The secretary of the executive office of health and human services is authorized to pursue and implement any waiver amendments, state plan amendments, and/or changes to the applicable department's rules, regulations, and procedures required to implement income disregards for the Qualified Individuals Medicare Savings Program to increase eligibility up to one hundred and eighty-five percent (185%) of FPL, effective January 1, 2025. In the event that all necessary federal funding is not available, EOHHS shall prioritize eligibility at the lowest income levels such that no state funds are required."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Abney

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Chairwoman Tanzi discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 73 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Newberry.

RECUSED - 0:

Representatives Potter, Morgan, Tanzi, Nardone, and Spears discuss the amended article.

**Article 9, as amended** on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

## **ARTICLE 10 RELATING TO LEASES**

Chairman Slater moves passage of the article, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Slater discusses the article.

**Article 10**, prevails on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty,

Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

### **ARTICLE 11 RELATING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Chairwoman Tanzi moves passage of the article, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Morales, Noret, Perez, Potter, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson.

Chairwoman Tanzi discusses the article.

By unanimous consent, Chairwoman Tanzi, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski offers a written motion to amend.

### **FLOOR AMENDMENT TO 2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A**

### **AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025", as follows:

1. In Article 11, page 1, line 5, by deleting the language "17.39" and by inserting the language "17.29".
2. In Article 11, page 1, line 7, by deleting the language "23-17.39-1" and by inserting the language "23-17.29-1".
3. In Article 11, page 1, line 10, by deleting the language "23-17.39-2" and by inserting the language "23-17.29-2".
4. In Article 11, page 1, line 14, by deleting the language "7(b)" and by inserting the language "4".
5. In Article 11, page 2, line 1, by deleting the language "23-17.39-3" and by inserting the language "23-17.29-3".
6. In Article 11, page 2, line 20, by deleting the language "23-17.39-4" and by inserting the language "23-17.29-4".
7. In Article 11, page 2, line 34, by deleting the language "23-17.39-5" and by inserting the language "23-17.29-5".
8. In Article 11, page 3, line 3, by deleting the language "23-17.39-6" and by inserting the



language "23-17.29-6".

9. In Article 11, page 3, line 7, by deleting the language "23-17.39-7" and by inserting the language "23-17.29-7".

10. In Article 11, page 18, line 15, by striking the language "two hundred" and by inserting the language "two hundred sixty-one".

11. In Article 11, page 18, line 16, by striking the language "(200%)" and by inserting the language "(261%)".

12. In Article 11, page 20, lines 27 through 34, by deleting all the language thereon.

13. In Article 11, pages 21 through 28, by deleting all the language thereon.

14. In Article 11, page 29, lines 1 through 7, by deleting all the language thereon.

15. In Article 11, page 32, line 16, by deleting the numeral "2025" and by inserting the numeral "2024".

16. In Article 11, page 33, line 29, by deleting the language "Section 2 of this article shall take effect January 1, 2025.", and by inserting in place thereof the language: "Section 3 of this article shall take effect January 1, 2025, except for the provisions of § 40-5.2-20(k) which shall take effect July 1, 2024."

17. In Article 11, page 33, line 30, by deleting the numeral "2025" and by inserting the numeral "2024".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Abney

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Chairwoman Tanzi discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Representatives Morgan, Tanzi and Diaz discuss the amended article.

**Article 11 as amended** prevails on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Morgan.

RECUSED - 0:

### **ARTICLE 12 RELATING TO PENSIONS**

Chairman Marszalkowski moves passage of the article, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson.

Chairman Marszalkowski discusses the article.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Marszalkowski, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski offers a written motion to amend.

### **FLOOR AMENDMENT TO**

2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A

### **AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025", as follows:

1. In Article 12, by deleting all the language after the title "RELATING TO PENSIONS", and by inserting in place thereof the following language:

"SECTION 1. Section 8-3-15 of the General Laws in Chapter 8-3 entitled "Justices of Supreme, Superior, and Family Courts" is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### 8-3-15. Cost-of-living allowance.

(a) All justices of the supreme court, superior court, family court, or district court, or their surviving spouses or domestic partners, who retire after January 1, 1970, and who receive a retirement allowance pursuant to the provisions of this title shall, on the first day of January next following the third anniversary date of retirement, receive a cost-of-living retirement adjustment in addition to his or her retirement allowance in an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the

original retirement allowance. In each succeeding year thereafter during the month of January, the retirement allowance shall be increased an additional three percent (3%) of the original allowance, not compounded, to be continued during the lifetime of the justice or his or her surviving spouse or domestic partner. For the purpose of such computation, credit shall be given for a full calendar year regardless of the effective date of the retirement allowance.

(b) Any justice who retired prior to January 31, 1977, shall be deemed for the purpose of this section to have retired on January 1, 1977.

(c) For justices not eligible to retire as of September 30, 2009, and not eligible upon passage of this article, and for their beneficiaries, the cost of living adjustment described in subsection (a) above shall only apply to the first thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) of retirement allowance, indexed annually, and shall commence upon the third (3rd) anniversary of the date of retirement or when the retiree reaches age sixty-five (65), whichever is later. The thirty-five thousand dollar (\$35,000) limit shall increase annually by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumer (CPI-U) as published by the United States Department of Labor Statistics determined as of September 30 of the prior calendar year or three percent (3%), whichever is less. The first thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000), as indexed, of retirement allowance shall be multiplied by the percentage of increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as published by the United States Department of Labor Statistics determined as of September 30 of the prior calendar year or three percent (3%), whichever is less, on the month following the anniversary date of each succeeding year. For justices eligible to retire as of September 30, 2009, or eligible upon passage of this article, and for their beneficiaries, the provisions of this subsection (c) shall not apply.

(d) This subsection (d) shall be effective for the period July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2015.

(1) Notwithstanding the prior paragraphs of this section, and subject to paragraph (d)(2) below, for all present and former justices, active and retired justices, and beneficiaries receiving any retirement, disability, or death allowance or benefit of any kind, whether provided for or on behalf of justices engaged on or prior to December 31, 1989, as a non-contributory justice or engaged after December 31, 1989, as a contributory justice, the annual benefit adjustment provided in any calendar year under this section shall be equal to (A) multiplied by (B) where (A) is equal to the percentage determined by subtracting five and one-half percent (5.5%) (the "subtrahend") from the Five-Year Average Investment Return of the retirement system determined as of the last day of the plan year preceding the calendar year in which the adjustment is granted, said percentage not to exceed four percent (4%) and not to be less than zero percent (0%), and (B) is equal to the lesser of the justice's retirement allowance or the first twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of retirement allowance, such twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) amount to be indexed annually in the same percentage as determined under (d)(1)(A) above. The "Five-Year Average Investment Return" shall mean the average of the investment return of the most recent five (5) plan years as determined by the retirement board. Subject to paragraph (d)(2) below, the benefit adjustment provided by this paragraph shall commence upon the third (3rd) anniversary of the date of retirement or the date on which the retiree reaches his or her Social Security retirement age, whichever is later. In the event the retirement board adjusts the actuarially assumed rate of return for the system, either upward or downward, the subtrahend shall be adjusted either upward or downward in the same amount.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (d)(3), the benefit adjustments under this section for any plan year shall be suspended in their entirety unless the Funded Ratio of the Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island, the Judicial Retirement Benefits Trust, and the State Police Retirement Benefits Trust, calculated by the system's actuary on an aggregate basis, exceeds

eighty percent (80%) in which event the benefit adjustment will be reinstated for all justices for such plan year.

In determining whether a funding level under this paragraph (d)(2) has been achieved, the actuary shall calculate the funding percentage after taking into account the reinstatement of any current or future benefit adjustment provided under this section.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (d)(2), in each fifth plan year commencing after June 30, 2012, commencing with the plan year ending June 30, 2017, and subsequently at intervals of five (5) plan years, a benefit adjustment shall be calculated and made in accordance with paragraph (d)(1) above until the Funded Ratio of the Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island, the Judicial Retirement Benefits Trust, and the State Police Retirement Benefits Trust, calculated by the system's actuary on an aggregate basis, exceeds eighty percent (80%).

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the provisions of this paragraph (d) of § 8-3-15 shall become effective July 1, 2012, and shall apply to any benefit adjustment not granted on or prior to June 30, 2012.

(e) This subsection (e) shall become effective July 1, 2015.

(1)(A) As soon as administratively reasonable following the enactment into law of this subsection (e)(1)(A), a one-time benefit adjustment shall be provided to justices and/or beneficiaries of justices who retired on or before June 30, 2012, in the amount of two percent (2%) of the lesser of either the justice's retirement allowance or the first twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of the justice's retirement allowance. This one-time benefit adjustment shall be provided without regard to the retiree's age or number of years since retirement.

(B) Notwithstanding the prior subsections of this section, for all present and former justices, active and retired justices, and beneficiaries receiving any retirement, disability or death allowance or benefit of any kind, whether provided for or on behalf of justices engaged on or prior to December 31, 1989, as a non-contributory justice or engaged after December 31, 1989, as a contributory justice, the annual benefit adjustment provided in any calendar year under this section for adjustments on and after January 1, 2016, and subject to subsection (e)(2) below, shall be equal to (I) multiplied by (II):

(I) Shall equal the sum of fifty percent (50%) of (i) plus fifty percent (50%) of (ii) where:

(i) Is equal to the percentage determined by subtracting five and one-half percent (5.5%) (the "subtrahend") from the five-year average investment return of the retirement system determined as of the last day of the plan year preceding the calendar year in which the adjustment is granted, said percentage not to exceed four percent (4%) and not to be less than zero percent (0%). The "five-year average investment return" shall mean the average of the investment returns of the most recent five (5) plan years as determined by the retirement board. In the event the retirement board adjusts the actuarially assumed rate of return for the system, either upward or downward, the subtrahend shall be adjusted either upward or downward in the same amount.

(ii) Is equal to the lesser of three percent (3%) or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as published by the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics determined as of September 30 of the prior calendar year. In no event shall the sum of (i) plus (ii) exceed three and one-half percent (3.5%) or be less than zero percent (0%).

(II) Is equal to the lesser of either the justice's retirement allowance or the first twenty-five thousand eight hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$25,855) of retirement allowance, such amount to be indexed annually in the same percentage as determined under subsection (e)(1)(B)(I) above.

The benefit adjustments provided by this subsection (e)(1)(B) shall be provided to all retirees entitled to receive a benefit adjustment as of June 30, 2012, under the law then in effect,

and for all other retirees the benefit adjustments shall commence upon the third anniversary of the date of retirement or the date on which the retiree reaches his or her Social Security retirement age, whichever is later.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (e)(3), the benefit adjustments under subsection (e)(1)(B) for any plan year shall be suspended in their entirety unless the funded ratio of the employees' retirement system of Rhode Island, the judicial retirement benefits trust, and the state police retirement benefits trust, calculated by the system's actuary on an aggregate basis, exceeds eighty percent (80%) in which event the benefit adjustment will be reinstated for all justices for such plan year. Effective July 1, 2024, the funded ratio of the employees' retirement system of Rhode Island, the judicial retirement benefits trust and the state police retirement benefits trust, calculated by the system's actuary on an aggregate basis, of exceeding eighty percent (80%) for the benefit adjustment to be reinstated for all members for such plan year shall be replaced with seventy-five percent (75%).

In determining whether a funding level under this subsection (e)(2) has been achieved, the actuary shall calculate the funding percentage after taking into account the reinstatement of any current or future benefit adjustment provided under this section.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (e)(2), in each fourth plan year commencing after June 30, 2012, commencing with the plan year ending June 30, 2016, and subsequently at intervals of four plan years: (i) A benefit adjustment shall be calculated and made in accordance with paragraph (e)(1)(B) above; and (ii) Effective for members and/or beneficiaries of members who retired on or before June 30, 2015, the dollar amount in subsection (e)(1)(B)(II) of twenty-five thousand eight hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$25,855) shall be replaced with thirty-one thousand and twenty-six dollars (\$31,026) until the funded ratio of the employees' retirement system of Rhode Island, the judicial retirement benefits trust, and the state police retirement benefits trust, calculated by the system's actuary on an aggregate basis, exceeds eighty percent (80%). Effective July 1, 2024, the funded ratio of the employees' retirement system of Rhode Island, the judicial retirement benefits trust and the state police retirement benefits trust, calculated by the system's actuary on an aggregate basis, of exceeding eighty percent (80%) shall be replaced with seventy-five percent (75%).

(A) Effective for members and or beneficiaries of members who have retired on or before July 1, 2015, a one-time stipend of five hundred dollars (\$500) shall be payable within sixty (60) days following the enactment of the legislation implementing this provision, and a second one-time stipend of five hundred dollars (\$500) in the same month of the following year. These stipends shall be payable to all retired members or beneficiaries receiving a benefit as of the applicable payment date and shall not be considered cost of living adjustments under the prior provisions of this § 8-3-15.

SECTION 2. Section 8-8.2-12 of the General Laws in Chapter 8-8.2 entitled "Traffic Tribunal" is hereby amended to read as follows:

8-8.2-12. Additional benefits payable to retired judges and their surviving spouses or domestic partners.

(a) All judges of the administrative adjudication court and all judges of the administrative adjudication court who have been reassigned to the traffic tribunal, or their surviving spouses or domestic partners, who retire after January 1, 1970 and who receive a retirement allowance pursuant to the provisions of this title, shall, on the first day of January, next following the third anniversary of the retirement, receive a cost of living retirement adjustment in addition to his or her retirement allowance in an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the original retirement allowance. In each succeeding year thereafter during the month of January, the retirement allowance shall be increased an additional three percent (3%) of the original allowance,

compounded annually from the year cost of living adjustment was first payable to be continued during the lifetime of the judge or his or her surviving spouse or domestic partner. For the purpose of such computation, credit shall be given for a full calendar year regardless of the effective date of the retirement allowance.

(b) Any judge who retired prior to January 31, 1980, shall be deemed for the purpose of this section to have retired on January 1, 1980.

(c) For judges not eligible to retire as of September 30, 2009, and not eligible upon passage of this article, and for their beneficiaries, the cost of living adjustment described in subsection (a) above shall only apply to the first thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) of retirement allowance, indexed annually, and shall commence upon the third (3rd) anniversary of the date of retirement or when the retiree reaches age sixty-five (65), whichever is later. The thirty-five thousand dollar (\$35,000) limit shall increase annually by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as published by the United States Department of Labor Statistics determined as of September 30 of the prior calendar year or three percent (3%), whichever is less. The first thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000), as indexed, of retirement allowance shall be multiplied by the percentage of increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as published by the United States Department of Labor Statistics determined as of September 30 of the prior calendar year or three percent (3%), whichever is less on the month following the anniversary date of each succeeding year. For judges eligible to retire as of September 30, 2009, or eligible upon passage of this article, and for their beneficiaries, the provisions of this subsection (c) shall not apply.

(d) This subsection (d) shall be effective for the period July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2015.

(d)(1) Notwithstanding the prior paragraphs of this section, and subject to paragraph (d)(2) below, for all present and former justices, active and retired justices, and beneficiaries receiving any retirement, disability or death allowance or benefit of any kind, whether provided for or on behalf of justices engaged on or prior to December 31, 1989 as a non-contributory justice or engaged after December 31, 1989 as a contributory justice, the annual benefit adjustment provided in any calendar year under this section shall be equal to (A) multiplied by (B) where (A) is equal to the percentage determined by subtracting five and one-half percent (5.5%) (the "subtrahend") from the Five-Year Average Investment Return of the retirement system determined as of the last day of the plan year preceding the calendar year in which the adjustment is granted, said percentage not to exceed four percent (4%) and not to be less than zero percent (0%), and (B) is equal to the lesser of the justice's retirement allowance or the first twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of retirement allowance, such twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) amount to be indexed annually in the same percentage as determined under (d)(1)(A) above. The "Five-Year Average Investment Return" shall mean the average of the investment return of the most recent five (5) plan years as determined by the retirement board. Subject to paragraph (d)(2) below, the benefit adjustment provided by this paragraph shall commence upon the third (3rd) anniversary of the date of retirement or the date on which the retiree reaches his or her Social Security retirement age, whichever is later. In the event the retirement board adjusts the actuarially assumed rate of return for the system, either upward or downward, the subtrahend shall be adjusted either upward or downward in the same amount.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (d)(3), the benefit adjustments under this section for any plan year shall be suspended in their entirety unless the Funded Ratio of the Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island, the Judicial Retirement Benefits Trust, and the State Police Retirements Benefits Trust, calculated by the system's actuary on an aggregate basis, exceeds eighty percent (80%) in which even the benefit adjustment will be reinstated for all justices for

such plan year.

In determining whether a funding level under this paragraph (d)(2) has been achieved, the actuary shall calculate the funding percentage after taking into account the reinstatement of any current or future benefit adjustment provided under this section.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (d)(2), in each fifth plan year commencing after June 30, 2012, commencing with the plan year ending June 30, 2017, and subsequently at intervals of five (5) plan years, a benefit adjustment shall be calculated and made in accordance with paragraph (d)(1) above until the Funded Ratio of the Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island, the Judicial Retirement Benefits Trust, and the State Police Retirement Benefits Trust, calculated by the system's actuary on an aggregate basis, exceeds eighty percent (80%).

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the provisions of this paragraph (d) of § 8-8.2-12 shall become effective July 1, 2012, and shall apply to any benefit adjustment not granted on or prior to June 30, 2012.

(e) This subsection (e) shall become effective July 1, 2015.

(1)(A) As soon as administratively reasonable following the enactment into law of this subsection (e)(1)(A), a one-time benefit adjustment shall be provided to justices and/or beneficiaries of justices who retired on or before June 30, 2012, in the amount of two percent (2%) of the lesser of either the justice's retirement allowance or the first twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of the justice's retirement allowance. This one-time benefit adjustment shall be provided without regard to the retiree's age or number of years since retirement.

(B) Notwithstanding the prior subsections of this section, for all present and former justices, active and retired justices, and beneficiaries receiving any retirement, disability or death allowance or benefit of any kind, whether provided for or on behalf of justices engaged on or prior to December 31, 1989 as a non-contributory justice or engaged after December 31, 1989 as a contributory justice, the annual benefit adjustment provided in any calendar year under this section for adjustments on and after January 1, 2016, and subject to subsection (e)(2) below, shall be equal to (I) multiplied by (II):

(I) Shall equal the sum of fifty percent (50%) of (i) plus fifty percent (50%) of (ii) where:

(i) Is equal to the percentage determined by subtracting five and one-half percent (5.5%) (the "subtrahend") from the five-year average investment return of the retirement system determined as of the last day of the plan year preceding the calendar year in which the adjustment is granted, said percentage not to exceed four percent (4%) and not to be less than zero percent (0%). The "five-year average investment return" shall mean the average of the investment returns of the most recent five (5) plan years as determined by the retirement board. In the event the retirement board adjusts the actuarially assumed rate of return for the system, either upward or downward, the subtrahend shall be adjusted either upward or downward in the same amount.

(ii) Is equal to the lesser of three percent (3%) or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as published by the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics determined as of September 30 of the prior calendar year.

In no event shall the sum of (i) plus (ii) exceed three and one-half percent (3.5%) or be less than zero percent (0%).

(II) Is equal to the lesser of either the justice's retirement allowance or the first twenty-five thousand eight hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$25,855) of retirement allowance, such amount to be indexed annually in the same percentage as determined under subsection (e)(1)(B)(I) above.

The benefit adjustments provided by this subsection (e)(1)(B) shall be provided to all retirees entitled to receive a benefit adjustment as of June 30, 2012, under the law then in effect,

and for all other retirees the benefit adjustments shall commence upon the third anniversary of the date of retirement or the date on which the retiree reaches his or her Social Security retirement age, whichever is later.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (e)(3), the benefit adjustments under subsection (e)(1)(B) for any plan year shall be suspended in their entirety unless the funded ratio of the employees' retirement system of Rhode Island, the judicial retirement benefits trust, and the state police retirement benefits trust, calculated by the system's actuary on an aggregate basis, exceeds eighty percent (80%) in which event the benefit adjustment will be reinstated for all justices for such plan year. Effective July 1, 2024, the funded ratio of the employees' retirement system of Rhode Island, the judicial retirement benefits trust and the state police retirement benefits trust, calculated by the system's actuary on an aggregate basis, of exceeding eighty percent (80%) for the benefit adjustment to be reinstated for all members for such plan year shall be replaced with seventy-five percent (75%).

In determining whether a funding level under this subsection (e)(2) has been achieved, the actuary shall calculate the funding percentage after taking into account the reinstatement of any current or future benefit adjustment provided under this section.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (e)(2), effective for members and/or beneficiaries of members who retired on or before June 30, 2015, in each fourth plan year commencing after June 30, 2012, commencing with the plan year ending June 30, 2016, and subsequently at intervals of four plan years: (i) A benefit adjustment shall be calculated and made in accordance with subsection (e)(1)(B) above; and (ii) The dollar amount in subsection (e)(1)(B)(II) of twenty-five thousand eight hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$25,855) shall be replaced with thirty-one thousand and twenty-six dollars (\$31,026) until the funded ratio of the employees' retirement system of Rhode Island, the judicial retirement benefits trust, and the state police retirement benefits trust, calculated by the system's actuary on an aggregate basis, exceeds eighty percent (80%). Effective July 1, 2024, the funded ratio of the employees' retirement system of Rhode Island, the judicial retirement benefits trust and the state police retirement benefits trust, calculated by the system's actuary on an aggregate basis, of exceeding eighty percent (80%) shall be replaced with seventy-five percent (75%).

(A) Effective for members and or beneficiaries of members who have retired on or before July 1, 2015, a one-time stipend of five hundred dollars (\$500) shall be payable within sixty (60) days following the enactment of the legislation implementing this provision, and a second one-time stipend of five hundred dollars (\$500) in the same month of the following year. These stipends shall be payable to all retired members or beneficiaries receiving a benefit as of the applicable payment date and shall not be considered cost of living adjustments under the prior provisions of this § 8-8.2-12.

SECTION 3. Sections 16-16-1, 16-16-13, 16-16-24.2 and 16-16-40 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-16 entitled "Teachers' Retirement [See Title 16 Chapter 97 — The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" are hereby amended to read as follows:

16-16-1. Definitions.

(a) The following words and phrases used in this chapter, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, have the following meanings:

(1) "Active member" means any teacher as defined in this section for whom the retirement system is currently receiving regular contributions pursuant to §§ 16-16-22 and 16-16-22.1.

Except as otherwise provided in this section, the words and phrases used in this chapter, so far as applicable, have the same meanings as they have in chapters 8 to 10 of title 36.

(2) "Beneficiary" means any person in receipt of annuity, benefit, or retirement allowance



from the retirement system as provided in this chapter.

(3) "Child" includes a stepchild of a deceased member who has been a stepchild for at least one year immediately preceding the date on which the member died or an adopted child of a deceased member without regard to the length of time the child has been adopted.

(4) "Former spouse divorced" means a person divorced from a deceased member, but only if the person meets one of the following conditions:

(i) Is the mother or father of the deceased member's child(ren);

(ii) Legally adopted the deceased member's child(ren) while married to the deceased member and while the child(ren) was under the age of eighteen (18) years;

(iii) Was married to the deceased member at the time both of them legally adopted a child(ren) under the age of eighteen (18) years; or

(iv) Was married to the deceased member for ten (10) or more years and to whom the deceased member was required by a court order to contribute post-divorce support.

(5) "Member" means any person included in the membership of the retirement system under the provisions of this chapter.

(6) "Prior service" means service as a teacher rendered prior to the first day of July, 1949, certified on the teacher's prior service certificate and allowable as prior service under the provisions of this chapter.

(7) "Retired teacher" means any teacher who retired prior to July 1, 1949, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. 1938, ch. 195, as amended, and who on June 30, 1949, was in receipt of a pension under the provisions of that chapter.

(8) "Retirement system" and "system" means the employees' retirement system of the state of Rhode Island created by chapter 8 of title 36, and "retirement board" means the board established under that chapter.

(9) "Salary" or "compensation" includes any and all salary paid for teaching services regardless of whether any part of the salary or compensation is derived from any state or federal grant or appropriation for teachers' salaries, as the term is defined in § 36-8-1(8). "Average compensation" shall be defined in accordance with section 36-8-1(5)(a)(b).

(10) "Service" means service as a teacher as described in subdivision (12) of this section. Periods of employment as teacher, principal, assistant principal, supervisor, superintendent, or assistant superintendent shall be combined in computing periods of service and employment.

(11) "Spouse" means the surviving person who was married to a deceased member, but only if the surviving person meets one of the following conditions:

(i) Was married to the deceased member for not less than one year immediately prior to the date on which the member died;

(ii) Is the mother or father of the deceased member's child(ren);

(iii) Legally adopted the deceased member's child(ren) while married to the deceased member and while the child(ren) was under the age of eighteen (18) years; or

(iv) Was married to the deceased member at the time both of them legally adopted a child(ren) under the age of eighteen (18) years.

(12) "Teacher" means a person required to hold a certificate of qualification issued by or under the authority of the board of regents for elementary and secondary education and who is engaged in teaching as their principal occupation and is regularly employed as a teacher in the public schools of any city or town in the state, or any formalized, commissioner approved, cooperative service arrangement. The term includes a person employed as a teacher, supervisor, principal, assistant principal, superintendent, or assistant superintendent of schools, director, assistant director, coordinator, consultant, dean, assistant dean, educational administrator, nurse teacher, and attendance officer or any person who has worked in the field of education or is

working in the field of education who holds a teaching or administrative certificate. In determining the number of days served by a teacher the total number of days served in any public school of any city or town in the state may be combined for any one school year. The term also includes a school business administrator whether or not the administrator holds a teaching or administrative certificate, and also includes occupational therapists and physical therapists licensed by the department of health and employed by a school committee in the state, or by any formalized, commissioner approved, cooperative service arrangement.

(13) "Teaching" includes teaching, supervising, and superintending or assistant superintending of schools.

(14) "Total service" means prior service as defined in subdivision (6) of this section, plus service rendered as a member of the system on or after the first day of July, 1949.

(15) For purposes of this chapter, "domestic partner" shall be defined as a person who, prior to the decedent's death, was in an exclusive, intimate, and committed relationship with the decedent, and who certifies by affidavit that their relationship met the following qualifications:

(i) Both partners were at least eighteen (18) years of age and were mentally competent to contract;

(ii) Neither partner was married to anyone else;

(iii) Partners were not related by blood to a degree that would prohibit marriage in the state of Rhode Island;

(iv) Partners resided together and had resided together for at least one year at the time of death; and

(v) Partners were financially interdependent as evidenced by at least two (2) of the following:

(A) Domestic partnership agreement or relationship contract;

(B) Joint mortgage or joint ownership of primary residence;

(C) Two (2) of: (I) Joint ownership of motor vehicle; (II) Joint checking account; (III) Joint credit account; (IV) Joint lease; and/or

(D) The domestic partner had been designated as a beneficiary for the decedent's will, retirement contract, or life insurance.

(b) The masculine pronoun wherever used shall also include the feminine pronoun.

(c) Any term not specifically defined in this chapter and specifically defined in chapters 8 — 10 of title 36 shall have the same definition as set forth in chapters 8 — 10 of title 36.

16-16-13. Amount of service retirement allowance.

(a)(1)(i) For teachers eligible to retire on or before September 30, 2009, upon retirement from service under § 16-16-12 a teacher whose membership commenced before July 1, 2005, and who has completed at least ten (10) years of contributory service on or before July 1, 2005, shall, receive a retirement allowance which shall be determined in accordance with schedule A for service prior to July 1, 2012.

SCHEDULE A

YEARS OF SERVICE	PERCENTAGE ALLOWANCE
1st through 10th inclusive	1.7%
11th through 20th inclusive	1.9%
21st through 34th inclusive	3.0%
35 <sup>th</sup>	2.0%

(ii) For teachers eligible to retire on or after October 1, 2009, who were not eligible to retire on or before September 30, 2009, upon retirement for service under § 16-16-12, a teacher whose membership commenced before July 1, 2005, and who has completed at least ten (10) years of contributory service on or before July 1, 2005, shall receive a retirement allowance

which shall be determined in accordance with schedule A above for service on before September 30, 2009, and shall be determined in accordance with schedule B in subsection (a)(2) below for service on or after October 1, 2009, and prior to July 1, 2012:

(2) Upon retirement from service under § 16-16-12 a teacher whose membership commenced after July 1, 2005, or who has not completed at least ten (10) years of contributory service as of July 1, 2005, shall receive a retirement allowance which shall be determined in accordance with Schedule B for service prior to July 1, 2012.

#### SCHEDULE B

YEARS OF SERVICE	PERCENTAGE ALLOWANCE
1st through 10th inclusive	1.60%
11th through 20th inclusive	1.80%
21st through 25th inclusive	2.0%
26th through 30th inclusive	2.25%
31st through 37th inclusive	2.50%
38 <sup>th</sup>	2.25%

(b) The retirement allowance of any teacher whose membership commenced before July 1, 2005, and who has completed at least ten (10) years of contributory service on or before July 1, 2005, shall be in an amount equal to the percentage allowance specified in subsection (a)(1) of his or her average highest three (3) consecutive years of compensation multiplied by the number of years of total service, but in no case to exceed eighty percent (80%) of the compensation, payable at completion of thirty-five (35) years of service; provided, however, for teachers retiring on or after October 1, 2009, who were not eligible to retire as of September 30, 2009, the calculation shall be based on the average highest five (5) consecutive years of compensation; provided, however for teachers retiring on or after July 1, 2024, the calculation shall be based on the average highest three (3) consecutive years of compensation.

The retirement allowance of any teacher whose membership commenced after July 1, 2005, or who has not completed at least ten (10) years of contributory service as of July 1, 2005, shall be in an amount equal to the percentage allowance specified in Schedule B of his or her average highest three (3) consecutive years of compensation multiplied by the number of years of total service, but in no case to exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the compensation, payable at completion of thirty-eight (38) years of service; provided, however, for teachers retiring on or after October 1, 2009, who were not eligible to retire as of September 30, 2009 the calculation shall be based on the average highest five (5) consecutive years of compensation; provided, however for teachers retiring on or after July 1, 2024, the calculation shall be based on the average highest three (3) consecutive years of compensation.

Any teacher who has in excess of thirty-five (35) years on or before June 2, 1985, shall not be entitled to any refund, and any teacher with thirty-five (35) years or more on or after June 2, 1985, shall contribute from July 1, 1985, until his or her retirement.

(c) For service prior to July 2012, the retirement allowance of a teacher shall be determined in accordance with subsections (a)(1) and (a)(2) above. For service on and after July 1, 2012:

(i) For teachers with fewer than twenty (20) years of total service as of June 30, 2012, a teacher's retirement allowance shall be equal to one percent (1%) of the teacher's average compensation multiplied by the teacher's years of total service on and after July 1, 2012; and

(ii) For teachers with twenty (20) or more years of total service as of June 30, 2012, a teacher's retirement allowance shall be equal to one percent (1%) of the teacher's average compensation multiplied by the teacher's years of total service between July 1, 2012, and June 30, 2015, and two percent (2%) of the teacher's average compensation multiplied by the

teacher's years of total service on and after July 1, 2015. For purposes of computing a teacher's total service under the preceding sentence, service purchases shall be included in total service only with respect to those service purchases approved prior to June 30, 2012, and those applications for service purchases received by the retirement system on or before June 30, 2012. In no event shall a teacher's retirement allowance exceed the maximum limitations set forth in subsection (b) above.

16-16-24.2. Substitute teaching and post-retirement employment related to statewide staffing.

(a) Notwithstanding any public or general law, or rule or regulation to the contrary, any teacher, administrator, or staff member who has retired under the provisions of title 16, 36, or 45 may exceed the ninety-day (90) cap on post-retirement employment upon:

(1) A determination by the local education authority that there exists a specialized need, within their authority, to fill positions on a temporary basis, that may exceed the ninety-day (90) cap on post-retirement employment;

(2) Retired teachers, administrators, and staff members being asked to exceed the ninety-day (90) cap on post-retirement employment possess the skills, training, and knowledge necessary to help address teacher and administrative staffing shortages; and

(3) The local education authority has notified the state retirement board that it has determined that exceeding the ninety-day (90) cap on post-retirement employment is necessary to help address teacher and administrative staffing shortages.

Provided, however, that no employment may be offered to a retiree subject to this section unless the employer has made a good-faith effort each school year to fill the position with a nonretired employee without success, and certifies, in writing, that it has done so to the employees' retirement system and to the bargaining agents of all education unions with whom the employer has collective bargaining agreements.

(b) Any teacher, administrator, or staff member who has retired under the provisions of title 16, 36, or 45, and has been employed or re-employed under the provisions of this section, shall not be entitled to additional service credits for such employment, and the teacher, administrator, or staff member shall not be responsible for any contribution to the pension system as a result of the employment; provided however, the local educational authority shall make the employer contribution for the teacher, administrator, or staff member as if the district had hired a new teacher, administrator or staff member.

(c) This section shall become effective on June 21, 2024, and unless ~~Unless~~ extended by the general assembly, this section shall sunset on June 20, ~~2024~~ 2025.

16-16-40. Additional benefits payable to retired teachers.

(a) All teachers and all beneficiaries of teachers receiving any service retirement or ordinary or accidental disability retirement allowance pursuant to the provisions of this chapter and chapter 17 of this title, on or before December 31, 1967, shall receive a cost of living retirement adjustment equal to one and one-half percent (1.5%) per year of the original retirement allowance, not compounded, for each year the retirement allowance has been in effect. For purposes of computation credit shall be given for a full calendar year regardless of the effective date of the retirement allowance. This cost of living retirement adjustment shall be added to the amount of the service retirement allowance as of January 1, 1970, and payment shall begin as of July 1, 1970. An additional cost of living retirement adjustment shall be added to the original retirement allowance equal to three percent (3%) of the original retirement allowance on the first day of January, 1971, and each year thereafter through December 31, 1980.

(b) All teachers and beneficiaries of teachers receiving any service retirement or ordinary disability retirement allowance pursuant to the provisions of this title who retired on or after

January 1, 1968, shall, on the first day of January, next following the third (3rd) year on retirement, receive a cost of living adjustment, in addition to his or her retirement allowance, an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the original retirement allowance. In each succeeding year thereafter, on the first day of January, the retirement allowance shall be increased an additional three percent (3%) of the original retirement allowance, not compounded, to be continued through December 31, 1980.

(c)(1) Beginning on January 1, 1981, for all teachers and beneficiaries of teachers receiving any service retirement and all teachers and all beneficiaries of teachers who have completed at least ten (10) years of contributory service on or before July 1, 2005, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, and for all teachers and beneficiaries of teachers who receive a disability retirement allowance pursuant to §§ 16-16-14 — 16-16-17, the cost of living adjustment shall be computed and paid at the rate of three percent (3%) of the original retirement allowance or the retirement allowance as computed in accordance with § 16-16-40.1, compounded annually from the year for which the cost of living adjustment was determined to be payable by the retirement board pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) of this section. Such cost of living adjustments are available to teachers who retire before October 1, 2009, or are eligible to retire as of September 30, 2009.

(2) The provisions of this subsection shall be deemed to apply prospectively only and no retroactive payment shall be made.

(3) The retirement allowance of all teachers and all beneficiaries of teachers who have not completed at least ten (10) years of contributory service on or before July 1, 2005, or were not eligible to retire as of September 30, 2009, shall, on the month following the third anniversary date of the retirement, and on the month following the anniversary date of each succeeding year be adjusted and computed by multiplying the retirement allowance by three percent (3%) or the percentage of increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as published by the United States Department of Labor Statistics, determined as of September 30 of the prior calendar year, whichever is less; the cost of living adjustment shall be compounded annually from the year for which the cost of living adjustment was determined payable by the retirement board; provided, that no adjustment shall cause any retirement allowance to be decreased from the retirement allowance provided immediately before such adjustment.

(d) For teachers not eligible to retire in accordance with this chapter as of September 30, 2009, and not eligible upon passage of this article, and for their beneficiaries, the cost of living adjustment described in subsection (c)(3) of this section shall only apply to the first thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) of retirement allowance, indexed annually, and shall commence upon the third (3rd) anniversary of the date of retirement or when the retiree reaches age sixty-five (65), whichever is later. The thirty-five thousand dollar (\$35,000) limit shall increase annually by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumer (CPI-U) as published by the United States Department of Labor Statistics determined as of September 30 of the prior calendar year or three percent (3%), whichever is less. The first thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000), as indexed, of retirement allowance shall be multiplied by the percentage of increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as published by the United States Department of Labor Statistics determined as of September 30 of the prior calendar year or three percent (3%), whichever is less, on the month following the anniversary date of each succeeding year. For teachers eligible to retire as of September 30, 2009, or eligible upon passage of this article, and for their beneficiaries, the provisions of this subsection (d) shall not apply.

(e) The provisions of §§ 45-13-7 — 45-13-10 shall not apply to this section.

(f) This subsection (f) shall be effective for the period July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2015.

(1) Notwithstanding the prior paragraphs of this section, and subject to subsection (f)(2) below, for all present and former teachers, active and retired teachers, and beneficiaries receiving any retirement, disability or death allowance or benefit of any kind, the annual benefit adjustment provided in any calendar year under this section shall be equal to (A) multiplied by (B) where (A) is equal to the percentage determined by subtracting five and one-half percent (5.5%) (the “subtrahend”) from the Five-Year Average Investment Return of the retirement system determined as of the last day of the plan year preceding the calendar year in which the adjustment is granted, said percentage not to exceed four percent (4%) and not to be less than zero percent (0%), and (B) is equal to the lesser of the teacher’s retirement allowance or the first twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of retirement allowance, such twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) amount to be indexed annually in the same percentage as determined under (f)(1)(A) above. The “Five-Year Average Investment Return” shall mean the average of the investment returns of the most recent five (5) plan years as determined by the retirement board. Subject to subsection (f)(2) below, the benefit adjustment provided by this subsection (f)(1) shall commence upon the third (3rd) anniversary of the date of retirement or the date on which the retiree reaches his or her Social Security retirement age, whichever is later. In the event the retirement board adjusts the actuarially assumed rate of return for the system, either upward or downward, the subtrahend shall be adjusted either upward or downward in the same amount.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (f)(3), the benefit adjustments under this section for any plan year shall be suspended in their entirety unless the Funded Ratio of the Employees’ Retirement System of Rhode Island, the Judicial Retirement Benefits Trust and the State Police Retirement Benefits Trust, calculated by the system’s actuary on an aggregate basis, exceeds eighty percent (80%) in which event the benefit adjustment will be reinstated for all teachers for such plan year.

In determining whether a funding level under this subsection (f)(2) has been achieved, the actuary shall calculate the funding percentage after taking into account the reinstatement of any current or future benefit adjustment provided under this section.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (f)(2), in each fifth plan year commencing after June 30, 2012, commencing with the plan year ending June 30, 2017, and subsequently at intervals of five plan years, a benefit adjustment shall be calculated and made in accordance with subsection (f)(1) above until the Funded Ratio of the Employees’ Retirement System of Rhode Island, the Judicial Retirement Benefits Trust and the State Police Retirement Benefits Trust, calculated by the system’s actuary on an aggregate basis, exceeds eighty percent (80%).

(4) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, the provisions of this subsection (f) shall become effective July 1, 2012, and shall apply to any benefit adjustments not granted on or prior to June 30, 2012.

(g) This subsection (g) shall become effective July 1, 2015.

(1)(A) As soon as administratively reasonable following the enactment into law of this subsection (g)(1)(A), a one-time benefit adjustment shall be provided to teachers and/or beneficiaries of teachers who retired on or before June 30, 2012, in the amount of two percent (2%) of the lesser of either the teacher’s retirement allowance or the first twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of the teacher’s retirement allowance. This one-time benefit adjustment shall be provided without regard to the retiree’s age or number of years since retirement.

(B) Notwithstanding the prior subsections of this section, for all present and former teachers, active and retired teachers, and beneficiaries receiving any retirement, disability or death allowance or benefit of any kind, the annual benefit adjustment provided in any calendar

year under this section for adjustments on and after January 1, 2016, and subject to subsection (g)(2) below, shall be equal to (I) multiplied by (II):

(I) Shall equal the sum of fifty percent (50%) of (i) plus fifty percent (50%) of (ii) where:

(i) Is equal to the percentage determined by subtracting five and one-half percent (5.5%) (the “subtrahend”) from the five-year average investment return of the retirement system determined as of the last day of the plan year preceding the calendar year in which the adjustment is granted, said percentage not to exceed four percent (4%) and not to be less than zero percent (0%). The “five-year average investment return” shall mean the average of the investment returns of the most recent five (5) plan years as determined by the retirement board. In the event the retirement board adjusts the actuarially assumed rate of return for the system, either upward or downward, the subtrahend shall be adjusted either upward or downward in the same amount.

(ii) Is equal to the lesser of three percent (3%) or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as published by the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics determined as of September 30 of the prior calendar year.

In no event shall the sum of (i) plus (ii) exceed three and one-half percent (3.5%) or be less than (0%) percent.

(II) is equal to the lesser of either the teacher’s retirement allowance or the first twenty-five thousand eight hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$25,855) of retirement allowance, such amount to be indexed annually in the same percentage as determined under subsection (g)(1)(B)(I) above.

The benefit adjustments provided by this subsection (g)(1)(B) shall be provided to all retirees entitled to receive a benefit adjustment as of June 30, 2012, under the law then in effect, and for all other retirees the benefit adjustments shall commence upon the third anniversary of the date of retirement or the date on which the retiree reaches his or her Social Security retirement age, whichever is later.

(2) Except for teachers and/or beneficiaries of teachers who retired on or before June 30, 2012, the benefit adjustments under subsection (g)(1)(B) for any plan year shall be reduced to twenty-five percent (25%) of the benefit adjustment unless the funded ratio of the employees’ retirement system of Rhode Island, the judicial retirement benefits trust and the state police retirement benefits trust, calculated by the system’s actuary on an aggregate basis, exceeds eighty percent (80%) in which event the benefit adjustment will be reinstated for all teachers for such plan year. Effective July 1, 2024, the funded ratio of the employees’ retirement system of Rhode Island, the judicial retirement benefits trust and the state police retirement benefits trust, calculated by the system’s actuary on an aggregate basis, of exceeding eighty percent (80%) for the benefit adjustment to be reinstated for all teachers for such plan year shall be replaced with seventy-five percent (75%).

In determining whether a funding level under this subsection (g)(2) has been achieved, the actuary shall calculate the funding percentage after taking into account the reinstatement of any current or future benefit adjustment provided under this section.

(3) Effective for teachers and/or beneficiaries of teachers who retired after June 30, 2012 or on or before June 30, 2015, the dollar amount in subsection (g)(1)(B)(II) of twenty-five thousand eight hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$25,855) shall be replaced with thirty-one thousand and twenty-six dollars (\$31,026) until the funded ratio of the employees’ retirement system of Rhode Island, the judicial retirement benefits trust and the state police retirement benefits trust, calculated by the system’s actuary on an aggregate basis, exceeds eighty percent (80%). Effective July 1, 2024, the funded ratio of the employees’ retirement system of Rhode Island, the judicial retirement benefits trust and the state police retirement benefits trust,

calculated by the system's actuary on an aggregate basis, of exceeding eighty percent (80%) shall be replaced with seventy-five percent (75%).

(4) Effective for teachers and or beneficiaries of teachers who have retired on or before July 1, 2015, a one-time stipend of five hundred dollars (\$500) shall be payable within sixty (60) days following the enactment of the legislation implementing this provision, and a second one-time stipend of five hundred dollars (\$500) in the same month of the following year. These stipends shall be payable to all retired teachers or beneficiaries receiving a benefit as of the applicable payment date and shall not be considered cost of living adjustments under the prior provisions of this section.

SECTION 4. Section 36-8-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 36-8 entitled "Retirement System — Administration" is hereby amended to read as follows:

36-8-1. Definition of terms.

The following words and phrases as used in chapters 8 to 10 of this title unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Accumulated contributions" shall mean the sum of all the amounts deducted from the compensation of a member and credited to his or her individual pension account.

(2) "Active member" shall mean any employee of the state of Rhode Island as defined in this section for whom the retirement system is currently receiving regular contributions pursuant to §§ 36-10-1 and 36-10-1.1.

(3) "Actuarial equivalent" shall mean an allowance or benefit of equal value to any other allowance or benefit when computed upon the basis of the actuarial tables in use by the system.

(4) "Annuity reserve" shall mean the present value of all payments to be made on account of any annuity, benefit, or retirement allowance granted under the provisions of chapter 10 of this title computed upon the basis of such mortality tables as shall be adopted from time to time by the retirement board with regular interest.

(5)(a) "Average compensation" for members eligible to retire as of September 30, 2009 shall mean the average of the highest three (3) consecutive years of compensation, within the total service when the average compensation was the highest. For members eligible to retire on or after October 1, 2009, "Average compensation" shall mean the average of the highest five (5) consecutive years of compensation within the total service when the average compensation was the highest.

(b) For members eligible to and who retire on or after July 1, 2024, "average compensation" means the average of the highest three (3) consecutive years of compensation within the total service when the average compensation was the highest.

~~(b)(c)~~ For members who become eligible to retire on or after July 1, 2012, if more than one-half (1/2) of the member's total years of service consist of years of service during which the member devoted less than thirty (30) business hours per week to the service of the state, but the member's average compensation consists of three (3) or more years during which the member devoted more than thirty (30) business hours per week to the service of the state, such member's average compensation shall mean the average of the highest ten (10) consecutive years of compensation within the total service when the average compensation was the highest; provided however, effective July 1, 2015, if such member's average compensation as defined in subsection (a) Above is equal to or less than thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000), such amount to be indexed annually in accordance with § 36-10-35(h)(1)(B), such member's average compensation shall mean the greater of: (i) The average of the highest ten (10) consecutive years of compensation within the total service when the average compensation was the highest; or (ii) The member's average compensation as defined in subsection (a) above. To protect a member's accrued benefit on June 30, 2012 under this § 36-8-1(5)~~(b)(c)~~, in no event shall a member's



average compensation be lower than his or her average compensation determined as of June 30, 2012.

(6) “Beneficiary” shall mean any person in receipt of a pension, an annuity, a retirement allowance, or other benefit as provided by chapter 10 of this title.

(7) “Casual employee” shall mean those persons hired for a temporary period, a period of emergency or an occasional period.

(8) “Compensation” as used in chapters 8 — 10 of this title, chapters 16 and 17 of title 16, and chapter 21 of title 45 shall mean salary or wages earned and paid for the performance of duties for covered employment, including regular longevity or incentive plans approved by the board, but shall not include payments made for overtime or any other reason other than performance of duties, including but not limited to the types of payments listed below:

(i) Payments contingent on the employee having terminated or died;

(ii) Payments made at termination for unused sick leave, vacation leave, or compensatory time;

(iii) Payments contingent on the employee terminating employment at a specified time in the future to secure voluntary retirement or to secure release of an unexpired contract of employment;

(iv) Individual salary adjustments which are granted primarily in anticipation of the employee’s retirement;

(v) Additional payments for performing temporary or extra duties beyond the normal or regular work day or work year.

(9) “Employee” shall mean any officer or employee of the state of Rhode Island whose business time is devoted exclusively to the services of the state, but shall not include one whose duties are of a casual or seasonal nature. The retirement board shall determine who are employees within the meaning of this chapter. The governor of the state, the lieutenant governor, the secretary of state, the attorney general, the general treasurer, and the members of the general assembly, ex officio, shall not be deemed to be employees within the meaning of that term unless and until they elect to become members of the system as provided in § 36-9-6, but in no case shall it deem as an employee, for the purposes of this chapter, any individual who devotes less than twenty (20) business hours per week to the service of the state, and who receives less than the equivalent of minimum wage compensation on an hourly basis for his or her services, except as provided in § 36-9-24. Any commissioner of a municipal housing authority or any member of a part-time state, municipal or local board, commission, committee or other public authority shall not be deemed to be an employee within the meaning of this chapter.

(10) “Full actuarial costs” or “full actuarial value” shall mean the lump sum payable by a member claiming service credit for certain employment for which that payment is required which is determined according to the age of the member and the employee’s annual rate of compensation at the time he or she applies for service credit and which is expressed as a rate percent of the employee’s annual rate of compensation to be multiplied by the number of years for which he or she claims service credit as prescribed in a schedule adopted by the retirement board from time to time on the basis of computation by the actuary. Except as provided in §§ 16-16-7.1, 36-5-3, 36-9-31, 36-10-10.4, 45-21-53, 36-10-8, 45-21-29, 8-3-16(c), 8-8-10.1(c), 42-28-22.1(d) and 28-30-18.1(c):

(i) all service credit purchases requested after June 16, 2009 and prior to July 1, 2012, shall be at full actuarial value; and

(ii) all service credit purchases requested after June 30, 2012 shall be at full actuarial value which shall be determined using the system’s assumed investment rate of return minus one percent (1%).

The rules applicable to a service credit purchase shall be the rules of the retirement system in effect at the time the purchase application is submitted to the retirement system.

(11) "Funded ratio" shall mean the ratio of the actuarial value of assets to the actuarial accrued liability consistent with the funding policy of the retirement board as defined in § 36-8-4.

(12) "Inactive member" shall mean a member who has withdrawn from service as an employee but who has not received a refund of contributions.

(13) "Members" shall mean any person included in the membership of the retirement system as provided in §§ 36-9-1 — 36-9-7.

(14) "Prior service" shall mean service as a member rendered before July 1, 1936, certified on his or her prior service certificate and allowable as provided in § 36-9-28.

(15) "Regular interest" shall mean interest at the assumed investment rate of return, compounded annually, as may be prescribed from time to time by the retirement board.

(16) "Retirement allowance" shall mean annual payments for life made after retirement under and in accordance with chapters 8 to 10 of this title. All allowances shall be paid in equal monthly installments beginning as of the effective date thereof; provided, that a smaller pro rata amount may be paid for part of a month where separation from service occurs during the month in which the application was filed, and when the allowance ceases before the last day of the month.

(17) "Retirement board" or "board" shall mean the board provided in § 36-8-3 to administer the retirement system.

(18) "Retirement system" shall mean the employees' retirement system of the state of Rhode Island as defined in § 36-8-2.

(19) "Service" shall mean service as an employee of the state of Rhode Island as described in subdivision (9) of this section.

(20) "Social Security retirement age" shall mean a member's full retirement age as determined in accordance with the federal Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance Act, not to exceed age sixty-seven (67).

(21) "Total service" shall mean prior service as defined above, plus service rendered as a member on or after July 1, 1936.

SECTION 5. Sections 36-10-1, 36-10-10, 36-10-35 and 36-10-36 of the General Laws in Chapter 36-10 entitled "Retirement System — Contributions and Benefits" are hereby amended to read as follows:

36-10-1. Member contributions — Deduction from compensation.

(a)(1) Prior to July 1, 2012, each member of the retirement system shall contribute an amount equal to eight and three-quarters percent (8.75%) of his or her compensation as his or her share of the cost of annuities, benefits, and allowances. Effective July 1, 2012, each member of the retirement system shall contribute an amount equal to three and three quarters percent (3.75%) of his or her compensation, except for correctional officers as defined in § 36-10-9.2 who shall contribute an amount equal to eight and three quarters percent (8.75%) of his or her compensation. Effective July 1, 2015, each member of the retirement system, except for correctional officers as defined in § 36-10-9.2, with twenty (20) or more years of total service as of June 30, 2012 shall contribute an amount equal to eleven percent (11%) of compensation. The contributions shall be made in the form of deductions from compensation.

2) Effective January 1, 2025, those members of the retirement system who are state employees employed as deputy sheriffs, capitol police officers, environmental police officers, juvenile program workers, shift coordinators, firefighters, crew chiefs, assistant chiefs, fire investigators, fire safety inspectors, fire safety training officers, explosives and flammable

liquids technicians, and campus police officers employed by the State of Rhode Island shall contribute an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of compensation.

(3) The contributions shall be made in the form of deductions from compensation.

(b) The deductions provided for herein shall be made notwithstanding that the minimum compensation provided by law for any member shall be reduced thereby. Every member shall be deemed to consent and agree to the deductions made and provided for herein and receipt of his or her full compensation and payment of compensation, less the deductions, shall be a full and complete discharge and acquittance of all claims and demands whatsoever for the services rendered by the person during the period covered by the payment except as to the benefit provided under this chapter.

36-10-10. Amount of service retirement allowance.

(a)(1)(i) For employees eligible to retire on or before September 30, 2009, upon retirement for service under § 36-10-9, a member whose membership commenced before July 1, 2005, and who has completed at least ten (10) years of contributory service on or before July 1, 2005, shall receive a retirement allowance which shall be determined in accordance with schedule A below for service prior to July 1, 2012:

Schedule A

Years of Service	Percentage Allowance
1st through 10th inclusive	1.7%
11th through 20th inclusive	1.9%
21st through 34th inclusive	3.0%
35 <sup>th</sup>	2.0%

(ii) For employees eligible to retire on or after October 1, 2009, who were not eligible to retire on or before September 30, 2009, upon retirement from service under § 36-10-9, a member whose membership commenced before July 1, 2005, and who has completed at least ten (10) years of contributory service on or before July 1, 2005, shall receive a retirement allowance which shall be determined in accordance with schedule A above for service on before September 30, 2009, and shall be determined in accordance with schedule B in subsection (a)(2) below for service on or after October 1, 2009, and prior to July 1, 2012.

(2) Upon retirement for service under § 36-10-9, a member whose membership commenced after July 1, 2005, or who has not completed at least ten (10) years of contributory service as of July 1, 2005, shall, receive a retirement allowance which shall be determined in accordance with Schedule B below for service prior to July 1, 2012:

Schedule B

Years of Service	Percentage Allowance
1st through 10th inclusive	1.60%
11th through 20th inclusive	1.80%
21st through 25th inclusive	2.0%
26th through 30th inclusive	2.25%
31st through 37th inclusive	2.50%
38 <sup>th</sup>	2.25%

(b) The retirement allowance of any member whose membership commenced before July 1, 2005, and who has completed at least ten (10) years of contributory service on or before July 1, 2005, shall be in an amount equal to the percentage allowance specified in subsection (a)(1) of his or her average highest three (3) consecutive years of compensation multiplied by the number of years of total service, but in no case to exceed eighty percent (80%) of the compensation payable at completion of thirty-five (35) years of service; provided, however, for employees retiring on or after October 1, 2009, who were not eligible to retire as of September 30, 2009 the

calculation shall be based on the average highest five (5) consecutive years of compensation; provided, however, for employees retiring on or after July 1, 2024, the calculation shall be based on the average highest three (3) consecutive years of compensation. Any member who has in excess of thirty-five (35) years on or before June 2, 1985, shall not be entitled to any refund, and any member with thirty-five (35) years or more on or after June 2, 1985, shall contribute from July 1, 1985, until his or her retirement.

The retirement allowance of any member whose membership commenced after July 1, 2005, or who had not completed at least ten (10) years of contributory service as of July 1, 2005, shall, be in an amount equal to the percentage allowance specified in Schedule B of his or her average highest three (3) consecutive years of compensation multiplied by the number of years of total service, but in no case to exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the compensation payable at the completion of thirty-eight (38) years of service; provided, however, for employees retiring on or after October 1, 2009, who were not eligible to retire as of September 30, 2009, the calculation shall be based on the average highest five (5) consecutive years of compensation; provided, however, for employees retiring on or after July 1, 2024, the calculation shall be based on the average highest three (3) consecutive years of compensation.

(c) Any member with thirty-eight (38) years or more of service prior to December 31, 1985, shall not be required to make additional contributions. Contributions made between December 31, 1985, and July 1, 1987, by members with thirty-eight (38) or more years of service prior to December 31, 1985, shall be refunded by the retirement board to the persons, their heirs, administrators, or legal representatives.

(d) For service prior to July 1, 2012, the retirement allowance of a member shall be determined in accordance with subsections (a)(1) and (a)(2) above. For service on and after July 1, 2012, a member's retirement allowance shall be equal to:

(i) For members with fewer than twenty (20) years of total service as of June 30, 2012, one percent (1%) of the member's average compensation multiplied by the member's years of total service on and after July 1 2012; and

(ii) For members with twenty (20) or more years of total service as of June 30, 2012, a member's retirement allowance shall be equal to one percent (1%) of the member's average compensation multiplied by the member's years of total service between July 1, 2012, and June 30, 2015, and two percent (2%) of the member's average compensation multiplied by the member's years of total service on and after July 1, 2015. For purposes of computing a member's total service under the preceding sentence, service purchases shall be included in total service only with respect to those service purchases approved prior to June 30, 2012, and those applications for service purchases received by the retirement system on or before June 30, 2012.

In no event shall a member's retirement allowance exceed the maximum limitations set forth in paragraph (b) above.

#### 36-10-35. Additional benefits payable to retired employees.

(a) All state employees and all beneficiaries of state employees receiving any service retirement or ordinary or accidental disability retirement allowance pursuant to the provisions of this title on or before December 31, 1967, shall receive a cost of living retirement adjustment equal to one and one-half percent (1.5%) per year of the original retirement allowance, not compounded, for each calendar year the retirement allowance has been in effect. For the purposes of computation, credit shall be given for a full calendar year regardless of the effective date of the retirement allowance. This cost of living adjustment shall be added to the amount of the retirement allowance as of January 1, 1968, and an additional one and one-half percent (1.5%) shall be added to the original retirement allowance in each succeeding year during the month of January, and provided further, that this additional cost of living increase shall be three

percent (3%) for the year beginning January 1, 1971, and each year thereafter, through December 31, 1980. Notwithstanding any of the above provisions, no employee receiving any service retirement allowance pursuant to the provisions of this title on or before December 31, 1967, or the employee's beneficiary, shall receive any additional benefit hereunder in an amount less than two hundred dollars (\$200) per year over the service retirement allowance where the employee retired prior to January 1, 1958.

(b) All state employees and all beneficiaries of state employees retired on or after January 1, 1968, who are receiving any service retirement or ordinary or accidental disability retirement allowance pursuant to the provisions of this title shall, on the first day of January next following the third anniversary date of the retirement, receive a cost of living retirement adjustment, in addition to his or her retirement allowance, in an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the original retirement allowance. In each succeeding year thereafter through December 31, 1980, during the month of January, the retirement allowance shall be increased an additional three percent (3%) of the original retirement allowance, not compounded, to be continued during the lifetime of the employee or beneficiary. For the purposes of computation, credit shall be given for a full calendar year regardless of the effective date of the service retirement allowance.

(c)(1) Beginning on January 1, 1981, for all state employees and beneficiaries of the state employees receiving any service retirement and all state employees, and all beneficiaries of state employees, who have completed at least ten (10) years of contributory service on or before July 1, 2005, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, and for all state employees, and all beneficiaries of state employees who receive a disability retirement allowance pursuant to §§ 36-10-12 — 36-10-15, the cost of living adjustment shall be computed and paid at the rate of three percent (3%) of the original retirement allowance or the retirement allowance as computed in accordance with § 36-10-35.1, compounded annually from the year for which the cost of living adjustment was determined to be payable by the retirement board pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) of this section. Such cost of living adjustments are available to members who retire before October 1, 2009, or are eligible to retire as of September 30, 2009.

(2) The provisions of this subsection shall be deemed to apply prospectively only and no retroactive payment shall be made.

(3) The retirement allowance of all state employees and all beneficiaries of state employees who have not completed at least ten (10) years of contributory service on or before July 1, 2005, or were not eligible to retire as of September 30, 2009, shall, on the month following the third anniversary date of retirement, and on the month following the anniversary date of each succeeding year be adjusted and computed by multiplying the retirement allowance by three percent (3%) or the percentage of increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as published by the United States Department of Labor Statistics determined as of September 30 of the prior calendar year, whichever is less; the cost of living adjustment shall be compounded annually from the year for which the cost of living adjustment was determined payable by the retirement board; provided, that no adjustment shall cause any retirement allowance to be decreased from the retirement allowance provided immediately before such adjustment.

(d) For state employees not eligible to retire in accordance with this chapter as of September 30, 2009, and not eligible upon passage of this article, and for their beneficiaries, the cost of living adjustment described in subsection (c)(3) of this section shall only apply to the first thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) of retirement allowance, indexed annually, and shall commence upon the third (3rd) anniversary of the date of retirement or when the retiree reaches age sixty-five (65), whichever is later. The thirty-five thousand dollar (\$35,000) limit shall increase annually by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban

Consumers (CPI-U) as published by the United States Department of Labor Statistics determined as of September 30 of the prior calendar year or three percent (3%), whichever is less. The first thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) of retirement allowance, as indexed, shall be multiplied by the percentage of increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as published by the United States Department of Labor Statistics determined as of September 30 of the prior calendar year or three percent (3%), whichever is less, on the month following the anniversary date of each succeeding year. For state employees eligible to retire as of September 30, 2009, or eligible upon passage of this article, and for their beneficiaries, the provisions of this subsection (d) shall not apply.

(e) All legislators and all beneficiaries of legislators who are receiving a retirement allowance pursuant to the provisions of § 36-10-9.1 for a period of three (3) or more years, shall, commencing January 1, 1982, receive a cost of living retirement adjustment, in addition to a retirement allowance, in an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the original retirement allowance. In each succeeding year thereafter during the month of January, the retirement allowance shall be increased an additional three percent (3%) of the original retirement allowance, compounded annually, to be continued during the lifetime of the legislator or beneficiary. For the purposes of computation, credit shall be given for a full calendar year regardless of the effective date of the service retirement allowance.

(f) The provisions of §§ 45-13-7 — 45-13-10 shall not apply to this section.

(g) This subsection (g) shall be effective for the period July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2015.

(1) Notwithstanding the prior paragraphs of this section, and subject to subsection (g)(2) below, for all present and former employees, active and retired members, and beneficiaries receiving any retirement, disability or death allowance or benefit of any kind, the annual benefit adjustment provided in any calendar year under this section shall be equal to (A) multiplied by (B) where (A) is equal to the percentage determined by subtracting five and one-half percent (5.5%) (the “subtrahend”) from the Five-Year Average Investment Return of the retirement system determined as of the last day of the plan year preceding the calendar year in which the adjustment is granted, said percentage not to exceed four percent (4%) and not to be less than zero percent (0%), and (B) is equal to the lesser of the member’s retirement allowance or the first twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of retirement allowance, such twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) amount to be indexed annually in the same percentage as determined under (g)(1)(A) above. The “Five-Year Average Investment Return” shall mean the average of the investment returns of the most recent five (5) plan years as determined by the retirement board. Subject to subsection (g)(2) below, the benefit adjustment provided by this subsection (g)(1) shall commence upon the third (3rd) anniversary of the date of retirement or the date on which the retiree reaches his or her Social Security retirement age, whichever is later. In the event the retirement board adjusts the actuarially assumed rate of return for the system, either upward or downward, the subtrahend shall be adjusted either upward or downward in the same amount.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (g)(3), the benefit adjustments under this section for any plan year shall be suspended in their entirety unless the Funded Ratio of the Employees’ Retirement System of Rhode Island, the Judicial Retirement Benefits Trust and the State Police Retirement Benefits Trust, calculated by the system’s actuary on an aggregate basis, exceeds eighty percent (80%) in which event the benefit adjustment will be reinstated for all members for such plan year.

In determining whether a funding level under this subsection (g)(2) has been achieved, the actuary shall calculate the funding percentage after taking into account the reinstatement of any current or future benefit adjustment provided under this section.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (g)(2), in each fifth plan year commencing after June 30, 2012, commencing with the plan year ending June 30, 2017, and subsequently at intervals of five plan years, a benefit adjustment shall be calculated and made in accordance with subsection (g)(1) above until the Funded Ratio of the Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island, the Judicial Retirement Benefits Trust and the State Police Retirement Benefits Trust, calculated by the system's actuary on an aggregate basis, exceeds eighty percent (80%).

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the provisions of this subsection (g) shall become effective July 1, 2012, and shall apply to any benefit adjustment not granted on or prior to June 30, 2012.

(h) This subsection (h) shall become effective July 1, 2015.

(1)(A) As soon as administratively reasonable following the enactment into law of this subsection (h)(1)(A), a one-time benefit adjustment shall be provided to members and/or beneficiaries of members who retired on or before June 30, 2012, in the amount of 2% of the lesser of either the member's retirement allowance or the first twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of the member's retirement allowance. This one-time benefit adjustment shall be provided without regard to the retiree's age or number of years since retirement.

(B) Notwithstanding the prior subsections of this section, for all present and former employees, active and retired members, and beneficiaries receiving any retirement, disability or death allowance or benefit of any kind, the annual benefit adjustment provided in any calendar year under this section for adjustments on and after January 1, 2016, and subject to subsection (h)(2) below, shall be equal to (I) multiplied by (II):

(I) Shall equal the sum of fifty percent (50%) of (i) plus fifty percent (50%) of (ii) where:

(i) Is equal to the percentage determined by subtracting five and one-half percent (5.5%) (the "subtrahend") from the five-year average investment return of the retirement system determined as of the last day of the plan year preceding the calendar year in which the adjustment is granted, said percentage not to exceed four percent (4%) and not to be less than zero percent (0%). The "five-year average investment return" shall mean the average of the investment returns of the most recent five (5) plan years as determined by the retirement board. In the event the retirement board adjusts the actuarially assumed rate of return for the system, either upward or downward, the subtrahend shall be adjusted either upward or downward in the same amount.

(ii) Is equal to the lesser of three percent (3%) or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as published by the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics determined as of September 30 of the prior calendar year. In no event shall the sum of (i) plus (ii) exceed three and one-half percent (3.5%) or be less than zero percent (0%).

(II) Is equal to the lesser of either the member's retirement allowance or the first twenty-five thousand eight hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$25,855) of retirement allowance, such amount to be indexed annually in the same percentage as determined under subsection (h)(1)(B)(I) above.

The benefit adjustments provided by this subsection (h)(1)(B) shall be provided to all retirees entitled to receive a benefit adjustment as of June 30, 2012, under the law then in effect, and for all other retirees the benefit adjustments shall commence upon the third anniversary of the date of retirement or the date on which the retiree reaches his or her Social Security retirement age, whichever is later.

(2) Except for members and/or beneficiaries of members who retired on or before June 30, 2012 ~~The~~ benefit adjustments under subsection (h)(1)(B) for any plan year shall be reduced to twenty-five percent (25%) of the benefit adjustment unless the funded ratio of the employees' retirement system of Rhode Island, the judicial retirement benefits trust and the state

police retirement benefits trust, calculated by the system's actuary on an aggregate basis, exceeds eighty percent (80%) in which event the benefit adjustment will be reinstated for all members for such plan year. Effective July 1, 2024, the funded ratio of the employees' retirement system of Rhode Island, the judicial retirement benefits trust and the state police retirement benefits trust, calculated by the system's actuary on an aggregate basis, of exceeding eighty percent (80%) for the benefit adjustment to be reinstated for all members for such plan year shall be replaced with seventy-five percent (75%).

In determining whether a funding level under this subsection (h)(2) has been achieved, the actuary shall calculate the funding percentage after taking into account the reinstatement of any current or future benefit adjustment provided under this section.

(3) Effective for members and/or beneficiaries of members who retired after June 30, 2012 or on or before June 30, 2015, the dollar amount in subsection (h)(1)(B)(II) of twenty-five thousand eight hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$25,855) shall be replaced with thirty-one thousand and twenty-six dollars (\$31,026) until the funded ratio of the employees' retirement system of Rhode Island, the judicial retirement benefits trust and the state police retirement benefits trust, calculated by the system's actuary on an aggregate basis, exceeds eighty percent (80%). Effective July 1, 2024, the funded ratio of the employees' retirement system of Rhode Island, the judicial retirement benefits trust and the state police retirement benefits trust, calculated by the system's actuary on an aggregate basis, of exceeding eighty percent (80%) shall be replaced with seventy-five percent (75%).

(i) Effective for members and/or beneficiaries of members who have retired on or before July 1, 2015, a one-time stipend of five hundred dollars (\$500) shall be payable within sixty (60) days following the enactment of the legislation implementing this provision, and a second one-time stipend of five hundred dollars (\$500) in the same month of the following year. These stipends shall be payable to all retired members or beneficiaries receiving a benefit as of the applicable payment date and shall not be considered cost of living adjustments under the prior provisions of this section.

#### 36-10-36. Post-retirement employment.

(a) On and after July 7, 1994, no member who has retired under the provisions of title 16, 36, or 45 may be employed or reemployed by any state agency or department unless any and all retirement benefits to which he or she may be entitled by virtue of the provisions of title 16, 36, or 45 are suspended for the duration of any employment or reemployment. No additional service credits shall be granted for any post-retirement employment or reemployment and no deductions shall be taken from an individual's salary for retirement contribution. Notice of any such post-retirement employment or reemployment shall be sent monthly to the retirement board by the employing agency or department and by the retired member.

(b) Any member who has retired under the provisions of title 16, 36, or 45 may be employed or reemployed by any municipality within the state that has accepted the provisions of chapter 21 of title 45 and participates in the municipal employees' retirement system for a period of not more than seventy-five (75) working days or one hundred fifty (150) half days with half-day pay in any one calendar year without any forfeiture or reduction of any retirement benefits and allowances the member is receiving, or may receive, as a retired member. Pension payments shall be suspended whenever this period is exceeded. No additional contributions shall be taken, and no additional service credits shall be granted, for this service. Notice of this employment or reemployment shall be sent monthly to the retirement board by the employer and by the retired member.

(c) Any member who has retired under the provisions of title 16, 36, or 45 may be employed or reemployed by any municipality within the state that has not accepted the



provisions of chapter 21 of title 45 and that does not participate in the municipal employees' retirement system.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section:

(1) Any retired member of the system shall be permitted to serve as an elected mayor, the town administrator, the city administrator, the town manager, the city manager, the chief administrative officer, or the chief executive officer of any city or town, city or town council member, school committee member, or unpaid member of any part-time state board or commission or member of any part-time municipal board or commission, and shall continue to be eligible for, and receive, the retirement allowance for service other than that as a mayor, administrator, council member, school committee member, or member of any state board or commission or member of any part-time municipal board or commission; provided, however, that no additional service credits shall be granted for any service under this subsection;

(2) Any retired member, who retired from service at any state college, university, state school, or who retired from service as a teacher under the provisions of title 16, or who retired from service under title 36 or title 45, may be employed or reemployed, on a part-time basis, by any state college, university, or state school for the purpose of providing classroom instruction, academic advising of students, and/or coaching. Compensation shall be provided at a level not to exceed the salary provided to other faculty members employed under a collective bargaining agreement at the institution. In no event shall "part-time" mean gross pay of more than ~~eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000)~~ twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in any one calendar year. Any retired member who provides such instruction or service shall do so without forfeiture or reduction of any retirement benefit or allowance; provided, however, that no additional service credits shall be granted for any service under this subsection;

(3) Any retired member who retired from service as a teacher under the provisions of title 16, or as a state employee who, while an active state employee, was certified to teach driver education by the department of elementary and secondary education or by the board of governors for higher education, may be employed or reemployed, on a part-time basis, by the department of elementary and secondary education or by the board of governors of higher education for the purpose of providing classroom instruction in driver education courses in accordance with § 31-10-19 and/or motorcycle driver education courses in accordance with § 31-10.1-1.1. In no event shall "part-time" mean gross pay of more than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) in any one calendar year. Any retired teacher who provides that instruction shall do so without forfeiture or reduction of any retirement benefit or allowance the retired teacher is receiving as a retired teacher; provided, however, that no additional service credits shall be granted for any service under this subsection;

(4) Any retired member who retired from service as a registered nurse may be employed or reemployed, on a per-diem basis, for the purpose of providing professional nursing care and/or services at a state-operated facility in Rhode Island, including employment as a faculty member of a nursing program at a state-operated college or university. In no event shall "part-time" mean gross pay of more than a period of seventy-five (75) working days or one hundred fifty (150) half days with half pay in any one calendar year. Any retired nurse who provides such care and/or services shall do so without forfeiture or reduction of any retirement benefit or allowance the retired nurse is receiving as a retired nurse; provided, however, that no additional service credits shall be granted for any service under this subsection. Pension payments shall be suspended whenever this period is exceeded. No additional contributions shall be taken and no additional service credits shall be granted for this service. Notice of this employment or reemployment shall be sent monthly to the retirement board by the employer and by the retired member;

(5) Any retired member who, at the time of passage of this section, serves as a general magistrate within the family court and thereafter retires from judicial service, may be employed or reemployed by the family court to perform such services as a general magistrate of the family court as the chief judge of the family court shall prescribe without any forfeiture or reduction of any retirement benefits and allowances that he or she is receiving or may receive. For any such services or assignments performed after retirement, the general magistrate shall receive no compensation whatsoever, either monetary or in kind. No additional contributions shall be taken and no additional service credits shall be granted for this service;

(6) Any retired district court clerk/magistrate or magistrate of the district court who shall subsequently be assigned to perform service in accordance with § 8-8-8.1 or § 8-8-16.2(e), may be employed or reemployed by the district court to perform such services as a magistrate as the chief judge of the district court shall prescribe without any forfeiture or reduction of any retirement benefits and allowance that he or she is receiving or may receive. For any such services or assignment performed after retirement, the district court clerk/magistrate or magistrate shall receive, in addition to his or her retirement pension, the difference in pay and fringe benefits between his or her retirement pension, and that of a sitting magistrate of the district court with comparable state service time. No additional contributions shall be taken and no additional service credits shall be granted for this service; and

(7) Any retired member of the system shall be permitted to serve as a municipal employee without any forfeiture or reduction of any retirement benefits and allowances that he or she is receiving or may receive; provided, that said member shall be appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the highest elected chief executive officer, as defined in § 45-9-2, in any city or town subject to the provisions of chapter 9 of title 45 entitled "Budget Commissions" relating to the appointment of a fiscal overseer, budget commission, receiver, and/or financial advisor. Provided further, that no additional service credits shall be granted for any service under this subsection.

SECTION 6. Chapter 36-10 of the General Laws entitled "Retirement System — Contributions and Benefits" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

36-10-9.8. Retirement on service allowance -- State law enforcement professionals.

(a) Effective January 1, 2025, notwithstanding any special law or general law, rule or regulation to the contrary, state employees employed as deputy sheriffs, capitol police officers, environmental police officers, juvenile program workers, shift coordinators, firefighters, crew chiefs, assistant chiefs, fire investigators, fire safety inspectors, fire safety training officers, explosives and flammable liquids technicians, and campus police officers employed by the State of Rhode Island shall be entitled to the benefits provided by §§ 45-21.2-5, 45-21.2-6, 45-21.2-10, 32 45-21.2-11, 45-21.2-12, and 45-21.2-13.

(b) For members identified in subsection (a) of this section, service credits earned prior to January 1, 2025, shall be determined by the laws in effect on December 31, 2024.

SECTION 7. Section 36-10.3-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 36-10.3 entitled "Defined Contribution Retirement Plan" is hereby amended to read as follows:

36-10.3-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms, unless the context requires a different interpretation, shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Compensation" means compensation as defined in § 36-8-1(8).

(2) "Employee" means an employee as defined in §§ 36-8-1(9) and 45-21-2(7) and a teacher as defined in § 16-16-1(12), effective July 1, 2012; provided however, effective July 1, 2015, "employee" shall not include any employee with twenty (20) or more years of total service as of June 30, 2012, in the employees retirement system under chapters 8 through 10 of title 36

or chapter 16 of title 16 (ERS), or the municipal employees retirement system under chapter 21 of title 45 (MERS) provided, however, effective January 1, 2025, "employee" shall not include deputy sheriffs, capitol police officers, environmental police officers, juvenile program workers, shift coordinators, firefighters, crew chiefs, assistant chiefs, fire investigators, fire safety inspectors, fire safety training officers, explosives and flammable liquids technicians, and campus police officers employed by the State of Rhode Island.

(3) "Employer" means the State of Rhode Island or the local municipality which employs a member of the Employees Retirement System under chapters 8 through 10 of title 36 or chapter 16 of title 16 (ERS) or the Municipal Employees Retirement System under chapters 21 and 21.2 of title 45 (MERS).

(4) "Plan" means the retirement plan established by this chapter.

(5) A "public safety member" shall mean a member of MERS who is a municipal fire fighter or a municipal policeman or policewoman as defined in § 45-21.2-2 who does not participate in Social Security under the Federal Old Age, Survivors, and Disability income program.

(6) "Regular member" means:

(i) An employee who is a member of ERS other than correctional officers as defined in § 36-10-9.2; or

(ii) An employee who is a member of MERS other than a public safety member.

(7) The "retirement board" or "board" shall mean the retirement board of the Employees Retirement System of Rhode Island as defined in chapter 8 of this title. The retirement board shall be the plan administrator and plan trustee and shall administer the plan in accordance with § 36-8-4.1.

(8) "State investment commission" or "commission" means the state investment commission as defined in § 35-10-1.

(9) "Supplemental employer" includes any employer that provides supplemental contributions to the defined contribution retirement plan as provided in § 36-10.3-3.

(10) "Supplemental member" is defined in § 36-10.3-3.

SECTION 8. Section 42-28-22 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-28 entitled "State Police" is hereby amended to read as follows:

42-28-22. Retirement of members.

(a) Whenever any member of the state police hired prior to July 1, 2007, has served for twenty (20) years, he or she may retire therefrom or he or she may be retired by the superintendent with the approval of the governor, and in either event a sum equal to one-half (½) of the whole salary for the position from which he or she retired determined on the date he or she receives his or her first retirement payment shall be paid him or her during life.

(b) For purposes of this section, the term "whole salary" means:

(1) For each member who retired prior to July 1, 1966, "whole salary" means the base salary for the position from which he or she retired as the base salary for that position was determined on July 31, 1972;

(2) For each member who retired between July 1, 1966, and June 30, 1973, "whole salary" means the base salary for the position from which he or she retired as the base salary, implemented by the longevity increment, for that position was determined on July 31, 1972, or on the date of his or her retirement, whichever is greater;

(3) For each member who retired or who retires after July 1, 1973, "whole salary" means the base salary, implemented by the longevity increment, holiday pay, and clothing allowance, for the position from which he or she retired or retires.

(c)(1) Any member who retired prior to July 1, 1977, shall receive a benefits payment

adjustment equal to three percent (3%) of his or her original retirement, as determined in subsection (b) of this section, in addition to his or her original retirement allowance. In each succeeding year thereafter during the month of January, the retirement allowance shall be increased an additional three percent (3%) of the original retirement allowance, not compounded, to be continued until January 1, 1991. For the purposes of the computation, credit shall be given for a full calendar year regardless of the effective date of the service retirement allowance. For purposes of this subsection, the benefits payment adjustment shall be computed from January 1, 1971, or the date of retirement, whichever is later in time.

(2) Any member of the state police who retires pursuant to the provisions of this chapter on or after January 1, 1977, shall on the first day of January, next following the third anniversary date of the retirement receive a benefits payment adjustment, in addition to his or her retirement allowance, in an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the original retirement allowance. In each succeeding year thereafter during the month of January, the retirement allowance shall be increased an additional three percent (3%) of the original retirement allowance, not compounded, to be continued until January 1, 1991. For the purposes of the computation, credit shall be given for a full calendar year regardless of the effective date of the service retirement allowance.

(3) Any retired member of the state police who is receiving a benefit payment adjustment pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section shall beginning January 1, 1991, and ending June 30, 2012, receive a benefits payment adjustment equal to fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500).

(d) The benefits payment adjustment as provided in this section shall apply to and be in addition to the retirement benefits under the provisions of § 42-28-5, and to the injury and death benefits under the provisions of § 42-28-21.

(e)(1) Any member who retires after July 1, 1972, and is eligible to retire prior to July 1, 2012, and who has served beyond twenty (20) years shall be allowed an additional amount equal to three percent (3%) for each completed year served after twenty (20) years, but in no event shall the original retirement allowance exceed sixty-five percent (65%) of his or her whole salary as defined in subsection (b) hereof or sixty-five percent (65%) of his or her salary as defined in subsection (b) hereof in his or her twenty-fifth (25th) year whichever is less.

(2) Each member who retired prior to July 1, 1975, shall be entitled to all retirement benefits as set forth above or shall be paid benefits as set forth in subdivision (b)(1) with "whole salary" meaning the base salary for the position from which he or she retired as the base salary for the position was determined on July 1, 1975, whichever is greater.

(f)(1) Any member who retires, has served as a member for twenty (20) years or more, and who served for a period of six (6) months or more of active duty in the armed service of the United States or in the merchant marine service of the United States as defined in § 2 of chapter 1721 of the Public Laws, 1946, may purchase credit for such service up to a maximum of two (2) years; provided that any member who has served at least six (6) months or more in any one year shall be allowed to purchase one year for such service and any member who has served a fraction of less than six (6) months in his or her total service shall be allowed to purchase six (6) months' credit for such service.

(2) The cost to purchase these credits shall be ten percent (10%) of the member's first year salary as a state policeman multiplied by the number of years and/or fraction thereof of such armed service up to a maximum of two (2) years. The purchase price shall be paid into the general fund. For members hired on or after July 1, 1989, the purchase price shall be paid into a restricted revenue account entitled "state police retirement benefits" and shall be held in trust.

(3) There will be no interest charge provided the member makes such purchase during his or her twentieth (20th) year or within five (5) years from May 18, 1981, whichever is later, but will be charged regular rate of interest as defined in § 36-8-1 as amended to date of purchase

from the date of his or her twentieth (20th) year of state service or five (5) years from May 18, 1981, whichever is later.

(4) Any member who is granted a leave of absence without pay for illness, injury or any other reason may receive credit therefor by making the full actuarial cost as defined in subdivision 36-8-1(10); provided the employee returns to state service for at least one year upon completion of the leave.

(5) In no event shall the original retirement allowance exceed sixty-five percent (65%) of his or her whole salary as defined in subsection (b) hereof or sixty-five percent (65%) of his or her salary as defined in subsection (b) hereof in his or her twenty-fifth (25th) year, whichever is less.

(6) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no more than five (5) years of service credit may be purchased by a member of the system. The five (5) year limit shall not apply to any purchases made prior to January 1, 1995. A member who has purchased more than five (5) years of service credits before January 1, 1995, shall be permitted to apply those purchases towards the member's service retirement. However, no further purchase will be permitted. Repayment in accordance with applicable law and regulation of any contribution previously withdrawn from the system shall not be deemed a purchase of service credit.

(g) The provisions of this section shall not apply to civilian employees in the Rhode Island state police; and, further, from and after April 28, 1937, chapters 8 — 10, inclusive, of title 36 shall not be construed to apply to the members of the Rhode Island state police, except as provided by §§ 36-8-3, 36-10-1.1, 42-28-22.1, and 42-28-22.2, and § 36-8-1(5) and (8)(a) effective July 1, 2012.

(h) Any member of the state police other than the superintendent of state police, who is hired prior to July 1, 2007, and who has served for twenty-five (25) years or who has attained the age of sixty-two (62) years, whichever shall first occur, shall retire therefrom.

(i)(1) Any member of the state police, other than the superintendent, who is hired on or after July 1, 2007, and who has served for twenty-five (25) years, may retire therefrom or he or she may be retired by the superintendent with the approval of the governor, and shall be entitled to a retirement allowance of fifty percent (50%) of his or her "whole salary" as defined in subsection (b) hereof.

(2) Any member of the state police who is hired on or after July 1, 2007, may serve up to a maximum of thirty (30) years, and shall be allowed an additional amount equal to three percent (3.0%) for each completed year served after twenty-five (25) years, but in no event shall the original retirement allowance exceed sixty-five percent (65%) of his or her "whole salary" as defined in subsection (b) hereof.

(j) Effective July 1, 2012, any other provision of this section notwithstanding:

(j)(1) Any member of the state police, other than the superintendent of state police, who is not eligible to retire on or prior to June 30, 2012, may retire at any time subsequent to the date the member's retirement allowance equals or exceeds fifty percent (50%) of average compensation as defined in § 36-8-1(5)(a), provided that a member shall retire upon the first to occur of:

(i) The date the member's retirement allowance equals sixty-five percent (65%); or

(ii) The later of the attainment of age sixty-two (62) or completion of five (5) years of service; provided however, any current member as of June 30, 2012, who has not accrued fifty percent (50%) upon attaining the age of sixty-two (62) shall retire upon accruing fifty percent (50%); and upon retirement a member shall receive a retirement allowance which shall equal:

(A) For members hired prior to July 1, 2007, the sum of (i), (ii) and (iii) where

(i) Is calculated as the member's years of total service before July 1, 2012, multiplied by

two and one-half percent (2.5%) of average compensation for a member's first twenty (20) total years,

(ii) Is calculated as the member's years of total service before July 1, 2012, in excess of twenty (20) years not to exceed twenty-five (25) years multiplied by three percent (3%) of average compensation, and

(iii) Is the member's years of total service on or after July 1, 2012, multiplied by two percent (2%) of average compensation as defined in § 36-8-1(5)(a).

(B) For members hired on or after July 1, 2007, the member's retirement allowance shall be calculated as the member's years of total contributory service multiplied by two percent (2%) of average compensation.

(C) Any member of the state police who is eligible to retire on or prior to June 30, 2012, shall retire with a retirement allowance calculated in accordance with paragraph (a) and (e) above except that whole salary shall be defined as final compensation where compensation for purposes of this section and § 42-28-22.1 includes base salary, longevity and holiday pay.

(D) Notwithstanding the preceding provisions, in no event shall a member's final compensation be lower than his or her final compensation determined as of June 30, 2012.

(2) In no event shall a member's original retirement allowance under any provisions of this section exceed sixty-five percent (65%) of his or her average compensation.

(3) For each member who retires on or after July 1, 2012, except as provided in paragraph (j)(1)(C) above, compensation and average compensation shall be defined in accordance with § 36-8-1(5)(a) and (8), provided that for a member whose regular work period exceeds one hundred forty-seven (147) hours over a twenty-four (24) day period at any time during the four (4) year period immediately prior to his/her retirement that member shall have up to four hundred (400) hours of his/her pay for regularly scheduled work earned during this period shall be included as "compensation" and/or "average compensation" for purposes of this section and § 42-28-22.1.

(4) This subsection (4) shall be effective for the period July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2015.

(i) Notwithstanding the prior paragraphs of this section, and subject to paragraph (4)(ii) below, for all present and former members, active and retired members, and beneficiaries receiving any retirement, disability or death allowance or benefit of any kind, whether for or on behalf of a non-contributory member or contributory member, the annual benefit adjustment provided in any calendar year under this section shall be equal to (A) multiplied by (B) where (A) is equal to the percentage determined by subtracting five and one-half percent (5.5%) (the "subtrahend") from the Five-Year Average Investment Return of the retirement system determined as of the last day of the plan year preceding the calendar year in which the adjustment is granted, said percentage not to exceed four percent (4%) and not to be less than zero percent (0%), and (B) is equal to the lesser of the member's retirement allowance or the first twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of retirement allowance, such twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) amount to be indexed annually in the same percentage as determined under (4)(i)(A) above. The "Five-Year Average Investment Return" shall mean the average of the investment returns for the most recent five (5) plan years as determined by the retirement board. Subject to paragraph (4)(ii) below, the benefit adjustment provided by this paragraph shall commence upon the third (3rd) anniversary of the date of retirement or the date on which the retiree reaches age fifty-five (55), whichever is later. In the event the retirement board adjusts the actuarially assumed rate of return for the system, either upward or downward, the subtrahend shall be adjusted either upward or downward in the same amount.

(ii) Except as provided in paragraph (4)(iii), the benefit adjustments under this section for

any plan year shall be suspended in their entirety unless the Funded Ratio of the Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island, the Judicial Retirement Benefits Trust and the State Police Retirement Benefits Trust, calculated by the system's actuary on an aggregate basis, exceeds eighty percent (80%) in which event the benefit adjustment will be reinstated for all members for such plan year.

In determining whether a funding level under this paragraph (4)(ii) has been achieved, the actuary shall calculate the funding percentage after taking into account the reinstatement of any current or future benefit adjustment provided under this section.

(iii) Notwithstanding paragraph (4)(ii), in each fifth plan year commencing after June 30, 2012, commencing with the plan year ending June 30, 2017, and subsequently at intervals of five (5) plan years, a benefit adjustment shall be calculated and made in accordance with paragraph (4)(i) above until the Funded Ratio of the Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island, the Judicial Retirement Benefits Trust and the State Police Retirement Benefits Trust, calculated by the system's actuary on an aggregate basis, exceeds eighty percent (80%).

(iv) The provisions of this paragraph (j)(4) shall become effective July 1, 2012, and shall apply to any benefit adjustment not granted on or prior to June 30, 2012.

(v) The cost-of-living adjustment as provided in this paragraph (j)(4) shall apply to and be in addition to the retirement benefits under the provisions of § 42-28-5 and to the injury and death benefits under the provisions of § 42-28-21.

(5) This subsection (5) shall become effective July 1, 2015.

(i)(A) As soon as administratively reasonable following the enactment into law of this paragraph (5)(i)(A), a one-time benefit adjustment shall be provided to members and/or beneficiaries of members who retired on or before June 30, 2012, in the amount of two percent (2%) of the lesser of either the member's retirement allowance or the first twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of the member's retirement allowance. This one-time benefit adjustment shall be provided without regard to the retiree's age or number of years since retirement.

(B) Notwithstanding the prior subsections of this section, for all present and former members, active and retired members, and beneficiaries receiving any retirement, disability or death allowance or benefit of any kind, the annual benefit adjustment provided in any calendar year under this section for adjustments on and after January 1, 2016, and subject to subsection (5)(ii) below, shall be equal to (I) multiplied by (II):

(I) Shall equal the sum of fifty percent (50%) of (1) plus fifty percent (50%) of (2) where:

(1) Is equal to the percentage determined by subtracting five and one-half percent (5.5%) (the "subtrahend") from the five-year average investment return of the retirement system determined as of the last day of the plan year preceding the calendar year in which the adjustment is granted, said percentage not to exceed four percent (4%) and not to be less than zero percent (0%). The "five-year average investment return" shall mean the average of the investment returns of the most recent five (5) plan years as determined by the retirement board. In the event the retirement board adjusts the actuarially assumed rate of return for the system, either upward or downward, the subtrahend shall be adjusted either upward or downward in the same amount.

(2) Is equal to the lesser of three percent (3%) or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as published by the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics determined as of September 30 of the prior calendar year.

In no event shall the sum of (1) plus (2) exceed three and one-half percent (3.5%) or be less than zero percent (0%).

(II) Is equal to the lesser of either the member's retirement allowance or the first twenty-five thousand eight hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$25,855) of retirement allowance, such

amount to be indexed annually in the same percentage as determined under subsection (5)(i)(B)(I) above. The benefit adjustments provided by this subsection (5)(i)(B) shall be provided to all retirees entitled to receive a benefit adjustment as of June 30, 2012, under the law then in effect, and for all other retirees the benefit adjustments shall commence upon the third anniversary of the date of retirement or the date on which the retiree reaches his or her Social Security retirement age, whichever is later.

(ii) Except as provided in subsection (5)(iii), the benefit adjustments under subsection (5)(i)(B) for any plan year shall be suspended in their entirety unless the funded ratio of the employees' retirement system of Rhode Island, the Judicial retirement benefits trust and the state police retirement benefits trust, calculated by the system's actuary on an aggregate basis, exceeds eighty percent (80%) in which event the benefit adjustment will be reinstated for all members for such plan year. Effective July 1, 2024, the funded ratio of the employees' retirement system of Rhode Island, the judicial retirement benefits trust and the state police retirement benefits trust, calculated by the system's actuary on an aggregate basis, of exceeding eighty percent (80%) for the benefit adjustment to be reinstated for all members for such plan year shall be replaced with seventy-five percent (75%)

In determining whether a funding level under this subsection (5)(ii) has been achieved, the actuary shall calculate the funding percentage after taking into account the reinstatement of any current or future benefit adjustment provided under this section.

(iii) Notwithstanding subsection (5)(ii), in each fourth plan year commencing after June 30, 2012, commencing with the plan year ending June 30, 2016, and subsequently at intervals of four plan years: (i) A benefit adjustment shall be calculated and made in accordance with paragraph (5)(i)(B) above; and (ii) Effective for members and/or beneficiaries of members who retired on or before June 30, 2015, the dollar amount in subsection (5)(i)(B)(II) of twenty-five thousand eight hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$25,855) shall be replaced with thirty-one thousand and twenty-six dollars (\$31,026) until the funded ratio of the employees' retirement system of Rhode Island, the judicial retirement benefits trust and the state police retirement benefits trust, calculated by the system's actuary on an aggregate basis, exceeds eighty percent (80%). Effective July 1, 2024, the funded ratio of the employees' retirement system of Rhode Island, the judicial retirement benefits trust and the state police retirement benefits trust, calculated by the system's actuary on an aggregate basis, of exceeding eighty percent (80%) shall be replaced with seventy-five percent (75%).

(iv) Effective for members and or beneficiaries of members who have retired on or before July 1, 2015, a one-time stipend of five hundred dollars (\$500) shall be payable within sixty (60) days following the enactment of the legislation implementing this provision, and a second one-time stipend of five hundred dollars (\$500) in the same month of the following year. These stipends shall be payable to all retired members or beneficiaries receiving a benefit as of the applicable payment date and shall not be considered cost of living adjustments under the prior provisions of this section.

(6) Any member with contributory service on or after July 1, 2012, who has completed at least five (5) years of contributory service but who has not retired in accordance with (j)(1) above, shall be eligible to retire upon the attainment of member's Social Security retirement age as defined in § 36-8-1(20).

(7) In no event shall a member's retirement allowance be less than the member's retirement allowance calculated as of June 30, 2012, based on the member's years of total service and whole salary as of June 30, 2012.

(k) In calculating the retirement benefit for any member, the term base salary as used in subdivision (b)(3) or average compensation as used in paragraph (j) shall not be affected by a



deferral of salary plan or a reduced salary plan implemented to avoid shutdowns or layoffs or to effect cost savings. Basic salary shall remain for retirement calculation that which it would have been but for the salary deferral or salary reduction due to a plan implemented to avoid shutdowns or layoffs or to effect cost savings.

SECTION 9. Sections 45-21-2 and 45-21-52 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-21 entitled "Retirement of Municipal Employees" are hereby amended to read as follows:

45-21-2. Definitions.

The following words and phrases as used in this chapter have the following meanings unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context:

(1) "Accumulated contributions" means the sum of all amounts deducted from the compensation of a member and credited to his or her individual account in the members' contribution reserve account.

(2) "Active member" means any employee of a participating municipality as defined in this section for whom the retirement system is currently receiving regular contributions pursuant to §§ 45-21-41, 45-21-41.1 or 45-21.2-14.

(3) "Actuarial reserve" means the present value of all payments to be made on account of any annuity, retirement allowance, or benefit, computed upon the basis of mortality tables adopted by the retirement board with regular interest.

(4) "Beneficiary" means any person in receipt of a retirement allowance, annuity, or other benefit as provided by this chapter.

(5) For purposes of this chapter, "domestic partner" shall be defined as a person who, prior to the decedent's death, was in an exclusive, intimate and committed relationship with the decedent, and who certifies by affidavit that their relationship met the following qualifications:

(i) Both partners were at least eighteen (18) years of age and were mentally competent to contract;

(ii) Neither partner was married to anyone else;

(iii) Partners were not related by blood to a degree which would prohibit marriage in the state of Rhode Island;

(iv) Partners resided together and had resided together for at least one year at the time of death; and

(v) Partners were financially interdependent as evidenced by at least two (2) of the following:

(A) Domestic partnership agreement or relationship contract;

(B) Joint mortgage or joint ownership of primary residence;

(C) Two (2) of: (I) Joint ownership of motor vehicle; (II) Joint checking account; (III) Joint credit account; (IV) Joint lease; and/or

(D) The domestic partner had been designated as a beneficiary for the decedent's will, retirement contract or life insurance.

(6) "Effective date of participation" means the date on which the provisions of this chapter have become applicable to a municipality accepting the provisions of the chapter in the manner stated in § 45-21-4.

(7) "Employee" means any regular and permanent employee or officer of any municipality, whose business time at a minimum of twenty (20) hours a week is devoted to the service of the municipality, including elective officials and officials and employees of city and town housing authorities. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, the term "employee," for the purposes of this chapter, does not include any person whose duties are of a casual or seasonal nature. The retirement board shall decide who are employees within the meaning of this chapter, but in no case shall it deem as an employee any individual who annually devotes less than twenty

(20) business hours per week to the service of the municipality and who receives less than the equivalent of minimum wage compensation on an hourly basis for his or her services, except as provided in § 45-21-14.1. Casual employees mean those persons hired for an occasional period or a period of emergency to perform special jobs or functions not necessarily related to the work of regular employees. Any commissioner of a municipal housing authority, or any member of a part-time state board commission, committee or other authority is not deemed to be an employee within the meaning of this chapter.

(8)(a) “Final compensation” for members who are eligible to retire on or prior to June 30, 2012, means the average annual compensation, pay, or salary of a member for services rendered during the period of three (3) consecutive years within the total service of the member when the average was highest, and as the term average annual compensation is further defined in § 36-8-1(5)(a). For members eligible to retire on or after July 1, 2012, “final compensation” means the average of the highest five (5) consecutive years of compensation within the total service when the final compensation was the highest. For members eligible to and who retire on or after July 1, 2024, "final compensation" means the average of the highest three (3) consecutive years of compensation within the total service when the final compensation was the highest.

(b) For members who become eligible to retire on or after July 1, 2012, if more than one half (½) of the member’s total years of service consist of years of service during which the member devoted less than thirty (30) business hours per week to the service of the municipality, but the member’s average compensation consists of three (3) or more years during which the member devoted more than thirty (30) business hours per week to the service of a municipality, such member’s average compensation shall mean the average of the highest ten (10) consecutive years of compensation within the total service when the average compensation was the highest; provided however, effective July 1, 2015, if such member’s average compensation as defined in subsection (a) above is equal to or less than thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000), such amount to be indexed annually in accordance with § 45-21-52(d)(1)(B), such member’s average compensation shall mean the greater of: (i) The average of the highest ten (10) consecutive years of compensation within the total service when the average compensation was the highest; or (ii) The member’s average compensation as defined in subsection (a) above. To protect a member’s accrued benefit on June 30, 2012, under this subsection (8)(b), in no event shall a member’s average compensation be lower than his or her average compensation determined as of June 30, 2012.

Notwithstanding the preceding provisions, in no event shall a member’s final compensation be lower than his or her final compensation determined as of June 30, 2012.

(9) “Fiscal year” means the period beginning on July 1 in any year and ending on June 30 of the next succeeding year.

(10) “Full actuarial costs” or “full actuarial value” mean the lump sum payable by a member claiming service credit for certain employment for which payment is required, which is determined according to the age of the member and his or her annual rate of compensation at the time he or she applies for service credit, and which is expressed as a rate percent of the annual rate of compensation to be multiplied by the number of years for which he or she claims the service credit, as prescribed in a schedule adopted by the retirement board, from time to time, on the basis of computation by the actuary. Except as provided in §§ 16-16-7.1, 36-5-3, 36-9-31, 36-10-10.4, and 45-21-53: (i) All service credit purchases requested after June 16, 2009, and prior to July 1, 2012, shall be at full actuarial value; and (ii) All service credit purchases requested after June 30, 2012, shall be at full actuarial value which shall be determined using the system’s assumed investment rate of return minus one percent (1%).

(11) “Governing body” means any and all bodies empowered to appropriate monies for,

and administer the operation of, the units as defined in subdivision (1) of this section.

(12) "Member" means any person included in the membership of the retirement system as provided in § 45-21-8.

(13) "Municipality" means any town or city in the state of Rhode Island, any city or town housing authority, fire, water, sewer district, regional school district, public building authority as established by chapter 14 of title 37, or any other municipal financed agency to which the retirement board has approved admission in the retirement system.

(14) "Participating municipality" means any municipality which has accepted this chapter, as provided in § 45-21-4.

(15) "Prior service" means service as a member rendered before the effective date of participation as defined in this section, certified on his or her prior service certificate, and allowable as provided in § 45-21-15.

(16) "Regular interest" means interest at the assumed investment rate of return, compounded annually, as may be prescribed from time to time by the retirement board.

(17) "Retirement allowance" or "annuity" means the amounts paid to any member of the municipal employees' retirement system of the state of Rhode Island, or a survivor of the member, as provided in this chapter. All retirement allowances or annuities shall be paid in equal monthly installments for life, unless otherwise specifically provided.

(18) "Retirement board" or "board" means the state retirement board created by chapter 8 of title 36.

(19) "Retirement system" means the "municipal employees' retirement system of the state of Rhode Island" as defined in § 45-21-32.

(20) "Service" means service as an employee of a municipality of the state of Rhode Island as defined in subdivision (7).

(21) "Total service" means prior service as defined in subdivision (15) plus service rendered as a member on or after the effective date of participation.

(22) Any term not specifically defined in this chapter and specifically defined in chapters 8 through 10 of title 36 shall have the same definition as set forth in chapters 8 through 10 of title 36.

45-21-52. Automatic increase in service retirement allowance.

(a) The local legislative bodies of the cities and towns may extend to their respective employees automatic adjustment increases in their service retirement allowances, by a resolution accepting any of the plans described in this section:

(1) Plan A. All employees and beneficiaries of those employees receiving a service retirement or disability retirement allowance under the provisions of this chapter on December 31 of the year their city or town accepts this section, receive a cost of living adjustment equal to one and one-half percent (1.5%) per year of the original retirement allowance, not compounded, for each calendar year the retirement allowance has been in effect. This cost of living adjustment is added to the amount of the retirement allowance as of January 1 following acceptance of this provision, and an additional one and one-half percent (1.5%) is added to the original retirement allowance in each succeeding year during the month of January, and provided, further, that this additional cost of living increase is three percent (3%) for the year beginning January 1 of the year the plan is accepted and each succeeding year.

(2) Plan B. All employees and beneficiaries of those employees receiving a retirement allowance under the provisions of this chapter on December 31 of the year their municipality accepts this section, receive a cost of living adjustment equal to three percent (3%) of their original retirement allowance. This adjustment is added to the amount of the retirement allowance as of January 1 following acceptance of this provision, and an additional three percent

(3%) of the original retirement allowance, not compounded, is payable in each succeeding year in the month of January.

(3) Plan C. All employees and beneficiaries of those employees who retire on or after January 1 of the year following acceptance of this section, on the first day of January next following the date of the retirement, receive a cost of living adjustment in an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the original retirement allowance.

(b) In each succeeding year in the month of January, the retirement allowance is increased an additional three percent (3%) of the original retirement allowance, not compounded.

(c) This subsection (c) shall be effective for the period July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2015.

(1) Notwithstanding any other subsections of this section, and subject to subsection (c)(2) below, for all present and former employees, active and retired members, and beneficiaries receiving any retirement, disability or death allowance or benefit of any kind by reason of adoption of this section by their employer, the annual benefit adjustment provided in any calendar year under this section shall be equal to (A) multiplied by (B) where (A) is equal to the percentage determined by subtracting five and one-half percent (5.5%) (the "subtrahend") from the Five-Year Average Investment Return of the retirement system determined as of the last day of the plan year preceding the calendar year in which the adjustment is granted, said percentage not to exceed four percent (4%) and not to be less than zero percent (0%), and (B) is equal to the lesser of the member's retirement allowance or the first twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of retirement allowance, such twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) amount to be indexed annually in the same percentage as determined under (c)(1)(A) above. The "Five-Year Average Investment Return" shall mean the average of the investment returns of the most recent five (5) plan years as determined by the retirement board. Subject to subsection (c)(2) below, the benefit adjustment provided by this subsection (c)(1) shall commence upon the third (3rd) anniversary of the date of retirement or the date on which the retiree reaches his or her Social Security retirement age, whichever is later; or for municipal police and fire retiring under the provisions of chapter 21.2 of this title, the benefit adjustment provided by this subsection (c)(1) shall commence on the later of the third (3rd) anniversary of the date of retirement or the date on which the retiree reaches age fifty-five (55). In the event the retirement board adjusts the actuarially assumed rate of return for the system, either upward or downward, the subtrahend shall be adjusted either upward or downward in the same amount.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (c)(3) the benefit adjustments provided under this section for any plan year shall be reduced to twenty-five percent (25%) of the benefit adjustment for each municipal plan within the municipal employees retirement system unless the municipal plan is determined to be funded at a Funded Ratio equal to or greater than eighty percent (80%) as of the end of the immediately preceding plan year in accordance with the retirement system's actuarial valuation report as prepared by the system's actuary, in which event the benefit adjustment will be reinstated for all members for such plan year.

In determining whether a funding level under this subsection (c)(2) has been achieved, the actuary shall calculate the funding percentage after taking into account the reinstatement of any current or future benefit adjustment provided under this section.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (c)(2), for each municipal plan that has a Funded Ratio of less than eighty percent (80%) as of June 30, 2012, in each fifth plan year commencing after June 30, 2012, commencing with the plan year ending June 30, 2017, and subsequently at intervals of five (5) plan years, a benefit adjustment shall be calculated and made in accordance with subsection (c)(1) above until the municipal plan's Funded Ratio exceeds eighty percent (80%).

(d) This subsection (d) shall become effective July 1, 2015.

(1)(A) As soon as administratively reasonable following the enactment into law of this subsection (d)(1)(A), a one-time benefit adjustment shall be provided to members and/or beneficiaries of members who retired on or before June 30, 2012, in the amount of two percent (2%) of the lesser of either the employee's retirement allowance or the first twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of the member's retirement allowance. This one-time benefit adjustment shall be provided without regard to the retiree's age or number of years since retirement.

(B) Notwithstanding the prior subsections of this section, for all present and former employees, active and retired employees, and beneficiaries receiving any retirement, disability or death allowance or benefit of any kind by reason of adoption of this section by their employer, the annual benefit adjustment provided in any calendar year under this section for adjustments on and after January 1, 2016, and subject to subsection (d)(2) below, shall be equal to (I) multiplied by (II):

(I) shall equal the sum of fifty percent (50%) of (i) plus fifty percent (50%) of (ii) where:

(i) is equal to the percentage determined by subtracting five and one-half percent (5.5%) (the "subtrahend") from the five-year average investment return of the retirement system determined as of the last day of the plan year preceding the calendar year in which the adjustment is granted, said percentage not to exceed four percent (4%) and not to be less than zero percent (0%). The "five-year average investment return" shall mean the average of the investment returns of the most recent five (5) plan years as determined by the retirement board. In the event the retirement board adjusts the actuarially assumed rate of return for the system, either upward or downward, the subtrahend shall be adjusted either upward or downward in the same amount.

(ii) is equal to the lesser of three percent (3%) or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as published by the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics determined as of September 30 of the prior calendar year.

In no event shall the sum of (i) plus (ii) exceed three and one-half percent (3.5%) or be less than zero percent (0%).

(II) is equal to the lesser of either the member's retirement allowance or the first twenty-five thousand eight hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$25,855) of retirement allowance, such amount to be indexed annually in the same percentage as determined under (d)(1)(B)(I) above.

The benefit adjustments provided by this subsection (d)(1)(B) shall be provided to all retirees entitled to receive a benefit adjustment as of June 30, 2012, under the law then in effect, and for all other retirees the benefit adjustments shall commence upon the third anniversary of the date of retirement or the date on which the retiree reaches his or her Social Security retirement age, whichever is later; or for municipal police and fire retiring under the provisions of § 45-21.2-5(b)(1)(A), the benefit adjustment provided by this subsection (d)(1)(B) shall commence on the later of the third anniversary of the date of retirement or the date on which the retiree reaches age fifty-five (55); or for municipal police and fire retiring under the provisions of § 45-21.2-5(b)(1)(B), the benefit adjustment provided by this subsection (d)(1)(B) shall commence on the later of the third anniversary of the date of retirement or the date on which the retiree reaches age fifty (50).

(2) Except for municipal employees and /or beneficiaries of municipal employees who retired on or before June 30, 2012, the ~~The~~ benefit adjustments under subsection (d)(1)(B) for any plan year shall be reduced to twenty-five percent (25%) of the benefit adjustment for each municipal plan within the municipal employees retirement system unless the municipal plan is determined to be funded at a funded ratio equal to or greater than eighty percent (80%) as of the end of the immediately preceding plan year in accordance with the retirement system's actuarial

valuation report as prepared by the system's actuary, in which event the benefit adjustment will be reinstated for all members for such plan year. Effective July 1, 2024, the funded ratio for each municipal plan within the municipal employees' retirement system, calculated by the system's actuary, of equal to or greater than eighty percent (80%) for the benefit adjustment to be reinstated for all members for such plan year shall be replaced with seventy-five percent (75%).

In determining whether a funding level under this subsection (d)(2) has been achieved, the actuary shall calculate the funding percentage after taking into account the reinstatement of any current or future benefit adjustment provided under this section.

(3) Effective for members and/or beneficiaries of members who retired after June 30, 2012, or on or before June 30, 2015, the dollar amount in (d)(1)(B)(II) of twenty-five thousand eight hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$25,855) shall be replaced with thirty-one thousand and twenty-six dollars (\$31,026) until the municipal plan's funded ratio exceeds eighty percent (80%). Effective July 1, 2024, the funded ratio for each municipal plan within the municipal employees' retirement system, calculated by the system's actuary, of exceeding eighty percent (80%) for the benefit adjustment to be reinstated for all members for such plan year shall be replaced with seventy-five percent (75%).

(e) Upon acceptance of any of the plans in this section, each employee shall on January 1 next succeeding the acceptance, contribute by means of salary deductions, pursuant to § 45-21-41, one percent (1%) of the employee's compensation concurrently with and in addition to contributions otherwise being made to the retirement system.

(f) The city or town shall make any additional contributions to the system, pursuant to the terms of § 45-21-42, for the payment of any benefits provided by this section.

(g) The East Greenwich town council shall be allowed to accept Plan C of subsection (a)(3) of this section for all employees of the town of East Greenwich who either, pursuant to contract negotiations, bargain for Plan C, or who are non-union employees who are provided with Plan C and who shall all collectively be referred to as the "Municipal-COLA Group" and shall be separate from all other employees of the town and school department, union or non-union, who are in the same pension group but have not been granted Plan C benefits. Upon acceptance by the town council, benefits in accordance with this section shall be available to all such employees who retire on or after January 1, 2003.

(h) Effective for members and/or beneficiaries of members who have retired on or before July 1, 2015, and without regard to whether the retired member or beneficiary is receiving a benefit adjustment under this section, a one-time stipend of five hundred dollars (\$500) shall be payable within sixty (60) days following the enactment of the legislation implementing this provision, and a second one-time stipend of five hundred dollars (\$500) in the same month of the following year. These stipends shall not be considered cost of living adjustments under the prior provisions of this section.

SECTION 10. Section 45-21.2-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-21.2 entitled "Optional Retirement for Members of Police Force and Firefighters" is hereby amended to read as follows:

45-21.2-2. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the words defined in § 45-21-2 have the same meanings stated in that section except that "employee" means any regular and permanent police official or officer and any regular and permanent fire fighter. The retirement board shall determine who are employees within the meaning of this chapter; and "final compensation" means for members who retire on or prior to June 30, 2012, the average annual compensation, pay or salary of a member for services rendered during the period of three (3) consecutive years within the total service of the member when that average was highest. Effective on and after July 1, 2012, "final

compensation” means the average annual compensation of a member for services rendered during the period of the highest five (5) consecutive years within the total service of the member, and compensation shall be defined in accordance with § 36-8-1(8). For members eligible to and who retire on or after July 1, 2024, "final compensation" means the average of the highest three (3) consecutive years of compensation within the total service when the final compensation was the highest. Notwithstanding the prior sentence, in no event shall a member’s final compensation be less than the member’s final compensation on or before June 30, 2012.

SECTION 11. This article shall take effect upon passage."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Abney

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Chairman Marszalkowski discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Representatives Lima, Cotter, Brien, Phillips, McNamara, Messier, Fogarty, Serpa, and Donovan discuss the article as amended.

**Article 12, as amended** prevails on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa,

Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**ARTICLE 13 RELATING TO MAKING REVISED APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2024**

Chairman Abney moves passage of the article, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski Representatives Biah, Noret, O'Brien, Majority Whip Kazarian and Floor Manager Edwards.

Chairman Abney discusses the article.

**Article 13**, prevails on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**ARTICLE 1 RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2025**

Chairman Abney moves passage of the article, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

Chairman Abney discusses the article.



By unanimous consent, Chairman Abney, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 7225 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025", as follows:

1. In Article 1, by deleting all the language after the title "RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2025", and by inserting in place thereof the following language:

"SECTION 1. Subject to the conditions, limitations and restrictions hereinafter contained in this act, the following general revenue amounts are hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated to be expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The amounts identified for federal funds and restricted receipts shall be made available pursuant to § 35-4-22 and chapter 41 of title 42. For the purposes and functions hereinafter mentioned, the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw the state controller's orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of such sums or such portions thereof as may be required from time to time upon receipt by the state controller of properly authenticated vouchers.

Administration

Central Management

General Revenues	3,654,794
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Federal Funds

Federal Funds	33,000,000
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Federal Funds - State Fiscal Recovery Fund

Public Health Response Warehouse Support	778,347
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Health Care Facilities	10,000,000
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Community Learning Center Programming Support Grant	2,000,000
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Total - Central Management	49,433,141
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Legal Services

General Revenues	2,491,594
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Accounts and Control

General Revenues	5,355,257
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Restricted Receipts - OPEB Board Administration	155,811
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Restricted Receipts - Grants Management Administration	2,477,997
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Total - Accounts and Control	7,989,065
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Office of Management and Budget

General Revenues	9,915,379
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Federal Funds

Federal Funds	101,250
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Federal Funds – Capital Projects Fund

CPF Administration	484,149
Federal Funds – State Fiscal Recovery Fund	
Pandemic Recovery Office	1,345,998
Restricted Receipts	300,000
Other Funds	617,223
Total - Office of Management and Budget	12,763,999
Purchasing	
General Revenues	4,232,292
Restricted Receipts	461,480
Other Funds	571,626
Total - Purchasing	5,265,398
Human Resources	
General Revenues	943,668
Personnel Appeal Board	
General Revenues	159,290
Information Technology	
General Revenues	1,838,147
Restricted Receipts	3,379,840
Total - Information Technology	5,217,987
Library and Information Services	
General Revenues	1,949,487
Federal Funds	1,606,151
Restricted Receipts	6,990
Total - Library and Information Services	3,562,628
Planning	
General Revenues	1,175,750
Federal Funds	3,050
Restricted Receipts	50,000
Other Funds	
Air Quality Modeling	24,000
Federal Highway - PL Systems Planning	3,597,529
State Transportation Planning Match	454,850
FTA - Metro Planning Grant	1,453,240
Total - Planning	6,758,419
General	
General Revenues	
Miscellaneous Grants/Payments	510,405
Torts Court Awards	1,350,000
Wrongful Conviction Awards	811,446
Resource Sharing and State Library Aid	11,855,428
Library Construction Aid	2,232,819
Restricted Receipts	700,000
Other Funds	
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Security Measures State Buildings	975,000
Energy Efficiency Improvements	1,000,000
Cranston Street Armory	250,000
State House Renovations	2,209,000

Zambarano Buildings and Campus	4,740,000
Replacement of Fueling Tanks	700,000
Environmental Compliance	725,000
Big River Management Area	754,154
Shepard Building Upgrades	435,000
RI Convention Center Authority	3,590,000
Pastore Center Power Plant	250,000
Accessibility - Facility Renovations	288,928
DoIT Enterprise Operations Center	6,550,000
Cannon Building	700,000
Old State House	2,000,000
State Office Building	675,000
State Office Reorganization & Relocation	250,000
William Powers Building	2,400,000
Pastore Center Non-Hospital Buildings Asset Protection	10,405,000
Washington County Government Center	800,000
Chapin Health Laboratory	350,000
560 Jefferson Blvd Asset Protection	1,600,000
Arrigan Center	75,000
Civic Center	3,550,000
Pastore Center Buildings Demolition	9,900,000
Veterans Auditorium	400,000
Pastore Center Hospital Buildings Asset Protection	2,400,000
Pastore Campus Infrastructure	22,195,000
Community Facilities Asset Protection	925,000
Zambarano LTAC Hospital	7,099,677
Medical Examiners - New Facility	50,000
Group Home Replacement & Rehabilitation	5,000,000
Hospital Reorganization	25,000,000
Expo Center	1,220,000
Group Homes Consolidation	4,325,000
Statewide Facility Master Plan	500,000
Total - General	141,746,857
Debt Service Payments	
General Revenues	164,837,664
Other Funds	
Transportation Debt Service	32,887,674
Investment Receipts - Bond Funds	100,000
Total - Debt Service Payments	197,825,338
Energy Resources	
General Revenues	500,000
Provided that \$250,000 is allocated to support the electric bicycle rebate program and \$250,000 is for the electric leaf blower rebate program.	
Federal Funds	15,042,632
Restricted Receipts	25,217,475
Other Funds	4,064,322
Total - Energy Resources	44,824,429
Rhode Island Health Benefits Exchange	

General Revenues	3,529,116
Federal Funds	10,758,473
Restricted Receipts	16,139,854
Total - Rhode Island Health Benefits Exchange	30,427,443
Division of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion	
General Revenues	2,152,119
Other Funds	110,521
Total - Division of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion	2,262,640
Capital Asset Management and Maintenance	
General Revenues	9,931,679
Statewide Personnel and Operations	
FEMA Contingency Reserve	
General Revenues	5,000,000
Pension Plan Revisions	
General Revenues	20,600,000
Federal Funds	3,600,000
Restricted Receipts	1,100,000
Other Funds	2,200,000
Total - Statewide Personnel and Operations	32,500,000
Grand Total - Administration	554,103,575
Business Regulation	
Central Management	
General Revenues	3,999,763
Banking Regulation	
General Revenues	1,904,080
Restricted Receipts	63,000
Total - Banking Regulation	1,967,080
Securities Regulation	
General Revenues	880,722
Insurance Regulation	
General Revenues	4,844,248
Restricted Receipts	1,872,951
Total - Insurance Regulation	6,717,199
Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner	
General Revenues	3,058,281
Federal Funds	403,180
Restricted Receipts	527,468
Total - Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner	3,988,929
Board of Accountancy	
General Revenues	5,490
Commercial Licensing and Gaming and Athletics Licensing	
General Revenues	949,709
Restricted Receipts	1,046,895
Total - Commercial Licensing and Gaming and Athletics Licensing	1,996,604
Building, Design and Fire Professionals	
General Revenues	8,449,335
Federal Funds	345,863
Restricted Receipts	1,948,472

Other Funds	
Quonset Development Corporation	67,300
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Fire Academy Expansion	7,056,000
Total - Building, Design and Fire Professionals	17,866,970
Office of Cannabis Regulation	
Restricted Receipts	6,697,782
Grand Total - Business Regulation	44,120,539
Executive Office of Commerce	
Central Management	
General Revenues	2,264,703
Quasi-Public Appropriations	
General Revenues	
Rhode Island Commerce Corporation	8,506,041
Airport Impact Aid	1,010,036
<p>Sixty percent (60%) of the first \$1,000,000 appropriated for airport impact aid shall be distributed to each airport serving more than 1,000,000 passengers based upon its percentage of the total passengers served by all airports serving more than 1,000,000 passengers. Forty percent (40%) of the first \$1,000,000 shall be distributed based on the share of landings during calendar year 2024 at North Central Airport, Newport-Middletown Airport, Block Island Airport, Quonset Airport, T.F. Green International Airport and Westerly Airport, respectively. The Rhode Island commerce corporation shall make an impact payment to the towns or cities in which the airport is located based on this calculation. Each community upon which any part of the above airports is located shall receive at least \$25,000.</p>	
STAC Research Alliance	900,000
Innovative Matching Grants/Internships	1,000,000
I-195 Redevelopment District Commission	1,245,050
Polaris Manufacturing Grant	500,000
East Providence Waterfront Commission	50,000
Urban Ventures	140,000
Chafee Center at Bryant	476,200
Blackstone Valley Visitor Center	75,000
Municipal Infrastructure Grant Program	3,000,000
Infrastructure Bank – Statewide Coastal Resiliency Plan	750,000
Industrial Recreational Building Authority Obligations	452,553
Other Funds	
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
I-195 Redevelopment District Commission	646,180
I-195 Park Improvements	3,000,000
Quonset Carrier Pier	2,250,000
Quonset Infrastructure	2,500,000
Total - Quasi-Public Appropriations	26,501,060
Economic Development Initiatives Fund	
General Revenues	
Innovation Initiative	1,000,000
Rebuild RI Tax Credit Fund	10,085,000
Small Business Promotion	750,000
Destination Marketing	1,400,000

Federal Funds	
Federal Funds	20,000,000
Federal Funds - State Fiscal Recovery Fund	
Assistance to Impacted Industries	2,000,000
Total - Economic Development Initiatives Fund	35,235,000
Commerce Programs	
General Revenues	
Wavemaker Fellowship	4,076,400
Provided that at least \$500,000 shall be reserved for awards for medical doctor, nurse practitioner, and physician assistant healthcare applicants who provide primary care services as defined in § 42-64.26-3.	
Air Service Development Fund	1,200,000
Main Street RI Streetscape Improvement Fund	1,000,000
Minority Business Accelerator	500,000
Total - Commerce Programs	6,776,400
Grand Total - Executive Office of Commerce	70,777,163
Housing	
General Revenues	9,840,596
Federal Funds	
Federal Funds	18,530,670
Federal Funds – State Fiscal Recovery Fund	
Homelessness Assistance Program	17,300,000
Restricted Receipts	12,664,150
Grand Total - Housing	58,335,416
Labor and Training	
Central Management	
General Revenues	1,563,445
Restricted Receipts	305,765
Total - Central Management	1,869,210
Workforce Development Services	
General Revenues	1,109,430
Provided that \$200,000 of this amount is used to support Year Up.	
Federal Funds	23,836,453
Total - Workforce Development Services	24,945,883
Workforce Regulation and Safety	
General Revenues	4,833,768
Income Support	
General Revenues	3,692,213
Federal Funds	18,875,141
Restricted Receipts	2,721,683
Other Funds	
Temporary Disability Insurance Fund	278,906,931
Employment Security Fund	222,700,000
Total - Income Support	526,895,968
Injured Workers Services	
Restricted Receipts	10,630,130
Labor Relations Board	
General Revenues	541,797

Governor's Workforce Board	
General Revenues	6,050,000
Provided that \$600,000 of these funds shall be used for enhanced training for direct care and support services staff to improve resident quality of care and address the changing health care needs of nursing facility residents due to higher acuity and increased cognitive impairments pursuant to § 23-17.5-36.	
Restricted Receipts	18,304,506
Total - Governor's Workforce Board	24,354,506
Grand Total - Labor and Training	594,071,262
Department of Revenue	
Director of Revenue	
General Revenues	2,883,605
Office of Revenue Analysis	
General Revenues	1,015,848
Lottery Division	
Other Funds	
Other Funds	422,981,930
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Lottery Building Enhancements	690,000
Total - Lottery Division	423,671,930
Municipal Finance	
General Revenues	2,241,697
Taxation	
General Revenues	35,972,773
Restricted Receipts	4,826,512
Other Funds	
Motor Fuel Tax Evasion	175,000
Total - Taxation	40,974,285
Registry of Motor Vehicles	
General Revenues	31,206,744
Federal Funds	805,667
Restricted Receipts	3,659,640
Total - Registry of Motor Vehicles	35,672,051
State Aid	
General Revenues	
Distressed Communities Relief Fund	12,384,458
Payment in Lieu of Tax Exempt Properties	49,201,412
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Payments	234,712,307
Property Revaluation Program	1,887,448
Tangible Tax Exemption Program	28,000,000
Restricted Receipts	995,120
Total - State Aid	327,180,745
Collections	
General Revenues	965,438
Grand Total - Revenue	834,605,599
Legislature	
General Revenues	53,358,280
Restricted Receipts	2,431,651

Grand Total - Legislature	55,789,931
Lieutenant Governor	
General Revenues	1,447,015
Secretary of State	
Administration	
General Revenues	5,076,740
Provided that \$100,000 be allocated to support the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities for grant making to civic and cultural organizations, and \$50,000 to support Rhode Island's participation in the We the People Civics Challenge.	
Corporations	
General Revenues	2,807,730
State Archives	
General Revenues	349,562
Restricted Receipts	384,347
Other Funds	
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Rhode Island Archives and History Center	500,000
Total - State Archives	1,233,909
Elections and Civics	
General Revenues	2,689,990
Federal Funds	2,001,207
Total - Elections and Civics	4,691,197
State Library	
General Revenues	649,250
Provided that \$125,000 be allocated to support the Rhode Island Historical Society and \$18,000 be allocated to support the Newport Historical Society, pursuant to §§ 29-2-1 and 29-2-2, and \$25,000 be allocated to support the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society.	
Office of Public Information	
General Revenues	888,969
Receipted Receipts	25,000
Total - Office of Public Information	913,969
Grand Total - Secretary of State	15,372,795
General Treasurer	
Treasury	
General Revenues	
General Revenues	3,022,950
Medical Debt Relief	1,000,000
Provided that unexpended or unencumbered balances as of June 30, 2025 are hereby reappropriated to the following fiscal year.	
Federal Funds	335,037
Other Funds	
Temporary Disability Insurance Fund	247,266
Tuition Savings Program - Administration	353,760
Total -Treasury	4,959,013
State Retirement System	
Restricted Receipts	
Admin Expenses - State Retirement System	11,808,078
Retirement - Treasury Investment Operations	2,149,961



Defined Contribution - Administration	287,609
Total - State Retirement System	14,245,648
Unclaimed Property	
Restricted Receipts	2,981,837
Crime Victim Compensation	
General Revenues	892,383
Federal Funds	427,993
Restricted Receipts	380,000
Total - Crime Victim Compensation	1,700,376
Grand Total - General Treasurer	23,886,874
Board of Elections	
General Revenues	5,682,615
Rhode Island Ethics Commission	
General Revenues	2,234,502
Office of Governor	
General Revenues	
General Revenues	8,321,265
Contingency Fund	150,000
Grand Total - Office of Governor	8,471,265
Commission for Human Rights	
General Revenues	2,055,616
Federal Funds	450,110
Grand Total - Commission for Human Rights	2,505,726
Public Utilities Commission	
Federal Funds	711,984
Restricted Receipts	13,895,536
Grand Total - Public Utilities Commission	14,607,520
Office of Health and Human Services	
Central Management	
General Revenues	58,336,613
Provided that \$250,000 will be available for the Hospital Care Transitions Initiative if the program receives approval for Medicaid match and \$275,000 to assist nonprofit nursing facilities transition licensed occupancy availability from nursing home beds to assisted living ones, of which \$200,000 shall be provided to Linn Health & Rehabilitation.	
Federal Funds	210,410,919
Restricted Receipts	47,669,671
Provided that \$5.0 million is for Children's Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) subject to CMS approval. Children's MRSS program provides on-demand crisis intervention services in any setting in which a behavioral health crisis is occurring including homes, schools and hospital emergency departments. This state sanctioned mobile crisis service for children and youth ages 2-21 shall be delivered through Care Coordination Agreements with an organization that is certified as an Emergency Service Provider pursuant to Title 40.1, Chapter 5-6(a)(2) of the General Laws of Rhode Island and 214-RICR-40-00-6 and has previously participated in the state's Children's MRSS pilot program, and \$250,000 shall be for the executive office to develop an Olmstead Plan.	
Total - Central Management	316,417,203
Medical Assistance	
General Revenues	

Managed Care	456,944,195
Hospitals	124,241,089
Nursing Facilities	173,311,380
Home and Community Based Services	97,185,377
Other Services	162,460,512
Pharmacy	96,904,515
Rhody Health	247,034,551
Federal Funds	
Managed Care	613,138,381
Hospitals	242,897,784
Nursing Facilities	220,488,620
Home and Community Based Services	124,018,299
Other Services	789,376,252
Pharmacy	(404,515)
Rhody Health	312,007,950
Other Programs	31,921,606
Restricted Receipts	9,808,674
Total - Medical Assistance	3,701,334,670
Grand Total - Office of Health and Human Services	4,017,751,873
Children, Youth and Families	
Central Management	
General Revenues	15,565,996
The director of the department of children, youth and families shall provide to the speaker of the house and president of the senate at least every sixty (60) days beginning September 1, 2021, a report on its progress implementing the accreditation plan filed in accordance with § 42-72-5.3 and any projected changes needed to effectuate that plan. The report shall, at minimum, provide data regarding recruitment and retention efforts including attaining and maintaining a diverse workforce, documentation of newly filled and vacated positions, and progress towards reducing worker caseloads.	
Federal Funds	
Federal Funds	8,718,289
Federal Funds - State Fiscal Recovery Fund	
Provider Workforce Stabilization	1,200,000
Total - Central Management	25,484,285
Children's Behavioral Health Services	
General Revenues	7,732,064
Federal Funds	9,693,607
Total - Children's Behavioral Health Services	17,425,671
Youth Development Services	
General Revenues	22,893,954
Federal Funds	224,837
Restricted Receipts	144,986
Other Funds	
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Training School Asset Protection	250,000
Residential Treatment Facility	15,000,000
Total - Youth Development Services	38,513,777
Child Welfare	

General Revenues	214,966,186
Federal Funds	101,906,773
Restricted Receipts	558,571
Total - Child Welfare	317,431,530
Higher Education Incentive Grants	
General Revenues	200,000
Provided that these funds and any unexpended or unencumbered previous years' funding are to be used exclusively to fund awards to eligible youth.	
Grand Total - Children, Youth and Families	399,055,263
Health	
Central Management	
General Revenues	
General Revenues	3,569,508
Primary Care Training Sites Program	2,700,000
Provided that unexpended or unencumbered balances as of June 30, 2025 are hereby reappropriated to the following fiscal year.	
Federal Funds	9,348,930
Restricted Receipts	18,260,961
Provided that the disbursement of any indirect cost recoveries on federal grants budgeted in this line item that are derived from grants authorized under The Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act (P.L. 116-123); The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (P.L. 116-127); The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (P.L. 116- 136); The Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (P.L. 116-139); the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (P.L. 116-260); and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2), are hereby subject to the review and prior approval of the director of management and budget. No obligation or expenditure of these funds shall take place without such approval.	
Total - Central Management	33,879,399
Community Health and Equity	
General Revenues	1,151,326
Federal Funds	83,451,102
Restricted Receipts	80,924,334
Total - Community Health and Equity	165,526,762
Environmental Health	
General Revenues	7,155,472
Federal Funds	11,442,251
Restricted Receipts	968,283
Total - Environmental Health	19,566,006
Health Laboratories and Medical Examiner	
General Revenues	13,340,120
Federal Funds	2,515,810
Other Funds	
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Health Laboratories & Medical Examiner Equipment	800,000
New Health Laboratory Building	2,221,762
Total - Health Laboratories and Medical Examiner	18,877,692
Customer Services	
General Revenues	8,969,365

Federal Funds	7,882,616
Restricted Receipts	6,103,607
Total - Customer Services	22,955,588
Policy, Information and Communications	
General Revenues	998,588
Federal Funds	4,095,600
Restricted Receipts	1,812,550
Total - Policy, Information and Communications	6,906,738
Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease & Emergency Services	
General Revenues	2,169,568
Federal Funds	17,503,333
Total - Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease & Emergency Services	19,672,901
COVID-19	
Federal Funds	68,869,887
Grand Total - Health	356,254,973
Human Services	
Central Management	
General Revenues	6,793,641
Of this amount, \$400,000 is to support the domestic violence prevention fund to provide direct services through the Coalition Against Domestic Violence, \$25,000 for the Center for Southeast Asians, \$450,000 to support Project Reach activities provided by the RI Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, \$300,000 is for outreach and supportive services through Day One, \$800,000 is for food collection and distribution through the Rhode Island Community Food Bank, \$500,000 for services provided to the homeless at Crossroads Rhode Island, \$600,000 for the Community Action Fund, \$250,000 is for the Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence's Reduction Strategy, \$200,000 to provide operational support to the United Way's 211 system, \$125,000 is to support services provided to the immigrant and refugee population through Higher Ground International, and \$50,000 is for services provided to refugees through the Refugee Dream Center and \$100,000 for the Substance Use and Mental Health Leadership Council of RI.	
The director of the department of human services shall provide to the speaker of the house, president of the senate, and chairs of the house and senate finance committees at least every sixty (60) days beginning August 1, 2022, a report on its progress in recruiting and retaining customer serving staff. The report shall include: documentation of newly filled and vacated positions, including lateral transfers, position titles, civil service information, including numbers of eligible and available candidates, plans for future testing and numbers of eligible and available candidates resulting from such testing, impacts on caseload backlogs and call center wait times, as well as other pertinent information as determined by the director.	
Federal Funds	8,012,780
Of this amount, \$3.0 million is to sustain Early Head Start and Head Start programs.	
Restricted Receipts	300,000
Total - Central Management	15,106,421
Child Support Enforcement	
General Revenues	4,624,506
Federal Funds	9,988,214
Restricted Receipts	3,823,859
Total - Child Support Enforcement	18,436,579
Individual and Family Support	

General Revenues	44,747,836
Federal Funds	130,770,837
Restricted Receipts	705,708
Other Funds	
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Blind Vending Facilities	165,000
Food Stamp Bonus Funding	298,874
Total - Individual and Family Support	176,688,255
Office of Veterans Services	
General Revenues	32,935,642
Of this amount, \$200,000 is to provide support services through veterans' organizations, \$50,000 is to support Operation Stand Down, and \$100,000 is to support the Veterans Services Officers (VSO) program through the Veterans of Foreign Wars.	
Federal Funds	16,618,112
Restricted Receipts	1,360,000
Other Funds	
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Veterans Home Asset Protection	760,000
Veterans Memorial Cemetery Asset Protection	500,000
Total - Office of Veterans Services	52,173,754
Health Care Eligibility	
General Revenues	10,634,812
Federal Funds	16,821,865
Total - Health Care Eligibility	27,456,677
Supplemental Security Income Program	
General Revenues	16,588,320
Rhode Island Works	
General Revenues	10,139,902
Federal Funds	97,508,826
Total - Rhode Island Works	107,648,728
Other Programs	
General Revenues	2,102,900
Federal Funds	361,440,000
Restricted Receipts	8,000
Total - Other Programs	363,550,900
Office of Healthy Aging	
General Revenues	14,223,241
Of this amount, \$325,000 is to provide elder services, including respite, through the Diocese of Providence; \$40,000 is for ombudsman services provided by the Alliance for Long Term Care in accordance with chapter 66.7 of title 42; \$85,000 is for security for housing for the elderly in accordance with § 42-66.1-3; and \$1,400,000 is for Senior Services Support and \$680,000 is for elderly nutrition, of which \$630,000 is for Meals on Wheels.	
Federal Funds	18,548,799
Restricted Receipt	46,200
Other Funds	
Intermodal Surface Transportation Fund	4,273,680
The Office shall reimburse the Rhode Island public transit authority for the elderly/disabled transportation program expenses no later than fifteen (15) days of the authority's	

submission of a request for payment.  
 Total - Office of Healthy Aging 37,091,920  
 Grand Total - Human Services 814,741,554

Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals

Central Management  
 General Revenues 2,780,069  
 Federal Funds 1,276,605  
 Total - Central Management 4,056,674

Hospital and Community System Support  
 General Revenues 1,463,642  
 Federal Funds 400,294  
 Restricted Receipts 167,548  
 Total - Hospital and Community System Support 2,031,484

Services for the Developmentally Disabled  
 General Revenues 210,802,707

Provided that of this general revenue funding, an amount certified by the department shall be expended on certain community-based department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals (BHDDH) developmental disability private provider and self-directed consumer direct care service worker raises and associated payroll costs as authorized by BHDDH and to finance the new services rates implemented by BHDDH pursuant to the Consent Decree Addendum. Any increase for direct support staff and residential or other community-based setting must first receive the approval of BHDDH.

Federal Funds 262,600,057

Provided that of this federal funding, an amount certified by the department shall be expended on certain community-based department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals (BHDDH) developmental disability private provider and self-directed consumer direct care service worker raises and associated payroll costs as authorized by BHDDH and to finance the new services rates implemented by BHDDH pursuant to the Consent Decree Addendum. Any increase for direct support staff and residential or other community-based setting must first receive the approval of BHDDH.

Restricted Receipts 1,444,204

Other Funds

Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds  
 DD Residential Support 100,000  
 Total - Services for the Developmentally Disabled 474,946,968

Behavioral Healthcare Services  
 General Revenues 4,118,531

Federal Funds  
 Federal Funds 33,919,356

Provided that \$250,000 from Social Services Block Grant funds is awarded to The Providence Center to coordinate with Oasis Wellness and Recovery Center for its support and services program offered to individuals with behavioral health issues.

Federal Funds - State Fiscal Recovery Fund  
 9-8-8 Hotline 1,875,000

Restricted Receipts 6,759,883

Provided that \$500,000 from the opioid stewardship fund is distributed equally to the seven regional substance abuse prevention task forces to fund priorities determined by each Task Force.

Total - Behavioral Healthcare Services	46,672,770
Hospital and Community Rehabilitative Services	
General Revenues	53,030,624
Federal Funds	53,088,129
Restricted Receipts	4,535,481
Other Funds	
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Hospital Equipment	500,000
Total - Hospital and Community Rehabilitative Services	111,154,234
State of RI Psychiatric Hospital	
General Revenues	33,499,422
Grand Total - Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals	672,361,552
Office of the Child Advocate	
General Revenues	1,891,426
Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	
General Revenues	782,651
Restricted Receipts	131,533
Grand Total - Comm. On Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing	914,184
Governor's Commission on Disabilities	
General Revenues	
General Revenues	765,088
Livable Home Modification Grant Program	765,304
Provided that this will be used for home modification and accessibility enhancements to construct, retrofit, and/or renovate residences to allow individuals to remain in community settings. This will be in consultation with the executive office of health and human services. All unexpended or unencumbered balances, at the end of the fiscal year, shall be reappropriated to the ensuing fiscal year, and made immediately available for the same purpose.	
Federal Funds	340,000
Restricted Receipts	66,539
Grand Total - Governor's Commission on Disabilities	1,936,931
Office of the Mental Health Advocate	
General Revenues	981,608
Elementary and Secondary Education	
Administration of the Comprehensive Education Strategy	
General Revenues	39,044,536
Provided that \$90,000 be allocated to support the hospital school at Hasbro Children's Hospital pursuant to § 16-7-20 and that \$395,000 be allocated to support child opportunity zones through agreements with the department of elementary and secondary education to strengthen education, health and social services for students and their families as a strategy to accelerate student achievement and further provided that \$450,000 and 3.0 full-time equivalent positions be allocated to support a special education function to facilitate individualized education program (IEP) and 504 services; and further provided that \$130,000 be allocated to City Year for the Whole School Whole Child Program, which provides individualized support to at-risk students.	
Federal Funds	
Federal Funds	268,294,480
Provided that \$684,000 from the department's administrative share of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act funds be allocated to the Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities to	

support the Rhode Island Vision Education and Services Program.

Federal Funds – State Fiscal Recovery Fund	
Adult Education Providers	127,822
Restricted Receipts	
Restricted Receipts	1,654,727
HRIC Adult Education Grants	3,500,000
Total - Admin. of the Comprehensive Ed. Strategy	312,621,565
Davies Career and Technical School	
General Revenues	18,131,389
Federal Funds	1,782,145
Restricted Receipts	4,667,353
Other Funds	
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Davies School HVAC	1,050,000
Davies School Asset Protection	750,000
Davies School Healthcare Classroom Renovations	6,886,250
Davies School Wing Renovation	32,000,000
Total - Davies Career and Technical School	65,267,137
RI School for the Deaf	
General Revenues	8,675,430
Federal Funds	304,316
Restricted Receipts	570,169
Other Funds	
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
School for the Deaf Asset Protection	167,648
Total - RI School for the Deaf	9,717,563
Metropolitan Career and Technical School	
General Revenues	11,131,142
Federal Funds	500,000
Other Funds	
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
MET School Asset Protection	2,000,000
Total - Metropolitan Career and Technical School	13,631,142
Education Aid	
General Revenues	1,219,745,842
Provided that the criteria for the allocation of early childhood funds shall prioritize pre-kindergarten seats and classrooms for four-year-olds whose family income is at or below one hundred eighty-five percent (185%) of federal poverty guidelines and who reside in communities with higher concentrations of low performing schools and that at least \$2.0 million of the allocation of career and technical funds shall be coordinated with the career and technical education board of trustees to be directed to new programs to provide workforce training for jobs which there are no active programs.	
Federal Funds	46,450,000
Restricted Receipts	42,626,878
Total - Education Aid	1,308,822,720
Central Falls School District	
General Revenues	53,634,574
Federal Funds	1,000,000



Total - Central Falls School District	54,634,574
School Construction Aid	
General Revenues	
School Housing Aid	106,198,555
Teachers' Retirement	
General Revenues	132,268,922
Grand Total - Elementary and Secondary Education	2,003,162,178
Public Higher Education	
Office of Postsecondary Commissioner	
General Revenues	30,122,180
<p>Provided that \$455,000 shall be allocated to Onward We Learn pursuant to § 16-70-5, \$75,000 shall be allocated to Best Buddies Rhode Island to support its programs for children with developmental and intellectual disabilities. It is also provided that \$7,378,650 shall be allocated to the Rhode Island promise scholarship program; \$151,410 shall be used to support Rhode Island's membership in the New England Board of Higher Education; \$3,375,500 shall be allocated to the Rhode Island hope scholarship program, and \$200,000 shall be allocated to the Rhode Island School for Progressive Education to support access to higher education opportunities for teachers of color.</p>	
Federal Funds	
Federal Funds	4,900,773
Guaranty Agency Administration	60,000
Federal Funds - State Fiscal Recovery Fund	
Foster Care Youth Scholarship	1,021,859
Restricted Receipts	7,854,557
Other Funds	
Tuition Savings Program - Scholarships and Grants	3,500,000
Nursing Education Center - Operating	3,120,498
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
WEC Expansion - Annex Site	1,220,000
Total - Office of Postsecondary Commissioner	51,799,867
University of Rhode Island	
General Revenues	
General Revenues	110,775,396
<p>Provided that in order to leverage federal funding and support economic development, \$700,000 shall be allocated to the small business development center, \$125,000 shall be allocated to the Institute for Labor Studies &amp; Research and that \$50,000 shall be allocated to Special Olympics Rhode Island to support its mission of providing athletic opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.</p>	
Debt Service	31,664,061
RI State Forensics Laboratory	1,784,983
Other Funds	
University and College Funds	794,703,980
Debt - Dining Services	744,765
Debt - Education and General	6,850,702
Debt - Health Services	118,345
Debt - Housing Loan Funds	14,587,677
Debt - Memorial Union	91,202
Debt - Ryan Center	2,377,246

Debt - Parking Authority	531,963
URI Restricted Debt Service - Energy Conservation	524,431
URI Debt Service - Energy Conservation	1,914,069
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Asset Protection	14,006,225
Mechanical, Electric, and Plumbing Improvements	7,858,588
Fire Protection Academic Buildings	3,311,666
Bay Campus	6,000,000
Athletics Complex	8,882,689
Provided that total Rhode Island capital plan funds provide no more than 80.0 percent of the total project.	
Stormwater Management	2,221,831
Fine Arts Center Renovation	8,000,000
PFAS Removal Water Treatment Plant	1,015,192
Total - University of Rhode Island	1,017,965,011
Notwithstanding the provisions of § 35-3-15, all unexpended or unencumbered balances as of June 30, 2025 relating to the university of Rhode Island are hereby reappropriated to fiscal year 2026.	
Rhode Island College	
General Revenues	
General Revenues	67,902,836
Debt Service	8,178,392
Rhode Island Vision Education and Services Program	1,800,000
Other Funds	
University and College Funds	107,027,705
Debt - Education and General	714,519
Debt - Student Union	207,150
Debt - G.O. Debt Service	1,602,610
Debt - Energy Conservation	742,700
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Asset Protection	5,785,000
Infrastructure Modernization	5,675,000
Master Plan Phase III	5,000,000
Phase IV: Whipple Hall	500,000
Total - Rhode Island College	205,135,912
Notwithstanding the provisions of § 35-3-15, all unexpended or unencumbered balances as of June 30, 2025, relating to Rhode Island college are hereby reappropriated to fiscal year 2026.	
Community College of Rhode Island	
General Revenues	
General Revenues	61,231,829
Debt Service	1,054,709
Restricted Receipts	814,584
Other Funds	
University and College Funds	104,016,119
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Asset Protection	2,719,452
Data, Cabling, and Power Infrastructure	4,200,000

Flanagan Campus Renovations	5,700,000
CCRI Renovation and Modernization Phase I	16,000,000
CCRI Accessibility Improvements	200,000
Total - Community College of RI	195,936,693
Notwithstanding the provisions of § 35-3-15, all unexpended or unencumbered balances as of June 30, 2025, relating to the community college of Rhode Island are hereby reappropriated to fiscal year 2026.	
Grand Total - Public Higher Education	1,470,837,483
RI State Council on the Arts	
General Revenues	
Operating Support	1,205,211
Grants	1,190,000
Provided that \$400,000 be provided to support the operational costs of WaterFire Providence art installations.	
Federal Funds	996,126
Other Funds	
Art for Public Facilities	585,000
Grand Total - RI State Council on the Arts	3,976,337
RI Atomic Energy Commission	
General Revenues	1,180,419
Restricted Receipts	25,036
Other Funds	
URI Sponsored Research	338,456
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Asset Protection	50,000
Grand Total - RI Atomic Energy Commission	1,593,911
RI Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission	
General Revenues	1,898,100
Provided that \$30,000 support the operational costs of the Fort Adams Trust's restoration activities and that \$25,000 shall be allocated to Rhode Island Slave History Medallions.	
Federal Funds	1,267,431
Restricted Receipts	419,300
Other Funds	
RIDOT Project Review	142,829
Grand Total - RI Historical Preservation and Heritage Comm.	3,727,660
Attorney General	
Criminal	
General Revenues	21,173,986
Federal Funds	3,231,773
Restricted Receipts	1,473,682
Total - Criminal	25,879,441
Civil	
General Revenues	7,005,430
Restricted Receipts	3,616,629
Total - Civil	10,622,059
Bureau of Criminal Identification	
General Revenues	2,164,423
Federal Funds	33,332

Restricted Receipts	2,847,793
Total - Bureau of Criminal Identification	5,045,548
General	
General Revenues	4,759,579
Other Funds	
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Building Renovations and Repairs	150,000
Total - General	4,909,579
Grand Total - Attorney General	46,456,627

## Corrections

## Central Management

General Revenues	22,522,753
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The department of corrections shall conduct a study to evaluate recidivism trends and outcomes of existing correctional programs intended to promote rehabilitation and reduce recidivism. The report shall include, but not be limited to, historical recidivism rates including demographic data, and regional comparisons; prison population projections and driving factors; an inventory of evidence-based rehabilitative practices and programs; and a review of correctional industries and its alignment to workforce needs. On or before March 1, 2025, the department of corrections must submit a report to the governor, the speaker of the house and the president of the senate including a summary, relevant data and findings, and recommendations to reduce recidivism.

## Parole Board

General Revenues	1,526,785
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## Custody and Security

General Revenues	163,902,830
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Federal Funds	1,333,277
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## Other Funds

Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
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Intake Service Center HVAC	23,946,648
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Total - Custody and Security	189,182,755
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## Institutional Support

General Revenues	34,243,329
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## Other Funds

Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
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Asset Protection	4,100,000
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Correctional Facilities – Renovations	3,179,677
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Total - Institutional Support	41,523,006
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## Institutional Based Rehab/Population Management

General Revenues	14,780,027
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Provided that \$1,050,000 be allocated to Crossroads Rhode Island for sex offender discharge planning.

The director of the department of corrections shall provide to the speaker of the house and president of the senate at least every ninety (90) days beginning September 1, 2022, a report on efforts to modernize the correctional industries program. The report shall, at minimum, provide data on the past ninety (90) days regarding program participation; changes made in programming to more closely align with industry needs; new or terminated partnerships with employers, nonprofits, and advocacy groups; current program expenses and revenues; and the employment status of all persons on the day of discharge from department care who participated

in the correctional industries program.

Federal Funds	455,919
Restricted Receipts	44,800
Total - Institutional Based Rehab/Population Mgt.	15,280,746
Healthcare Services	
General Revenues	34,782,837
Restricted Receipts	1,331,555
Total - Healthcare Services	36,114,392
Community Corrections	
General Revenues	21,987,526
Federal Funds	30,639
Restricted Receipts	10,488
Total - Community Corrections	22,028,653
Grand Total - Corrections	328,179,090

Judiciary

Supreme Court

General Revenues

    General Revenues 35,952,258

    Provided however, that no more than \$1,375,370 in combined total shall be offset to the public defender's office, the attorney general's office, the department of corrections, the department of children, youth and families, and the department of public safety for square-footage occupancy costs in public courthouses and further provided that \$500,000 be allocated to the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence for the domestic abuse court advocacy project pursuant to § 12-29-7 and that \$90,000 be allocated to Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc. to provide housing and eviction defense to indigent individuals.

    Defense of Indigents 6,075,432

    Federal Funds 123,424

    Restricted Receipts 4,182,232

    Other Funds

        Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds

        Judicial Complexes - HVAC 500,000

        Judicial Complexes Asset Protection 2,250,000

        Judicial Complexes Fan Coil Unit Replacements 500,000

        Garrahy Courthouse Restoration 1,125,000

        Total - Supreme Court 50,708,346

Judicial Tenure and Discipline

    General Revenues 174,997

Superior Court

    General Revenues 27,995,998

    Restricted Receipts 665,000

    Total - Superior Court 28,660,998

Family Court

    General Revenues 26,940,842

    Federal Funds 3,678,496

    Total - Family Court 30,619,338

District Court

    General Revenues 16,384,243

    Federal Funds 616,036

Restricted Receipts	60,000
Total - District Court	17,060,279
Traffic Tribunal	
General Revenues	10,812,491
Workers' Compensation Court	
Restricted Receipts	9,931,788
Grand Total - Judiciary	147,968,237
Military Staff	
General Revenues	3,276,320
Federal Funds	86,857,534
Restricted Receipts	
RI Military Family Relief Fund	55,000
Other Funds	
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Aviation Readiness Center	3,294,818
Asset Protection	1,799,185
Quonset Airport Runway Reconstruction	1,339,988
Quonset Air National Guard HQ Facility	3,000,000
Counter-Drug Training Facility	2,000,000
Grand Total - Military Staff	101,622,845
Public Safety	
Central Management	
General Revenues	13,318,898
Provided that \$400,000 shall be allocated to support the Family Service of Rhode Island's GO Team program of on-scene support to children who are victims of violence and other traumas. It is also provided that \$11,500,000 shall be allocated as the state contribution for the statewide body-worn camera program, subject to all program and reporting rules, regulations, policies, and guidelines prescribed in the Rhode Island General Laws. Notwithstanding the provision of § 35-3-15 of the general laws, all unexpended or unencumbered balances as of June 30, 2025 from this appropriation are hereby reappropriated to fiscal year 2026.	
Federal Funds	
Federal Funds	15,542,257
Federal Funds – State Fiscal Recovery Fund	
Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence	10,000,000
Restricted Receipts	309,252
Total - Central Management	39,170,407
E-911 Emergency Telephone System	
Restricted Receipts	11,103,966
Security Services	
General Revenues	30,711,397
Municipal Police Training Academy	
General Revenues	299,114
Federal Funds	417,455
Total - Municipal Police Training Academy	716,569
State Police	
General Revenues	91,080,925
Federal Funds	6,784,981
Restricted Receipts	1,096,000

## Other Funds

Airport Corporation Assistance	150,630
Road Construction Reimbursement	3,354,650
Weight and Measurement Reimbursement	248,632
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
DPS Asset Protection	3,425,000
Southern Barracks	21,500,000
Training Academy Upgrades	1,550,000
Statewide Communications System Network	245,048
Total - State Police	129,435,866
Grand Total - Public Safety	211,138,205

## Office of Public Defender

General Revenues	16,585,559
Federal Funds	85,035
Grand Total - Office of Public Defender	16,670,594

## Emergency Management Agency

General Revenues	7,007,474
Federal Funds	28,880,583
Restricted Receipts	412,371

## Other Funds

Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
RI Statewide Communications Infrastructure	140,000
State Emergency Ops Center	80,000
Grand Total - Emergency Management Agency	36,520,428

## Environmental Management

## Office of the Director

General Revenues	9,024,403
Of this general revenue amount, \$180,000 is appropriated to the conservation districts and \$100,000 is appropriated to the Wildlife Rehabilitators Association of Rhode Island for a veterinarian at the Wildlife Clinic of Rhode Island.	
Federal Funds	40,100
Restricted Receipts	4,894,237
Total - Office of the Director	13,958,740

## Natural Resources

General Revenues	32,344,157
Provided that of this general revenue amount, \$150,000 is to be used for marine mammal response activities in conjunction with matching federal funds.	

Federal Funds	23,602,130
Restricted Receipts	6,078,419

## Other Funds

DOT Recreational Projects	762,000
Blackstone Bike Path Design	1,000,000
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Dam Repair	5,386,000
Fort Adams Rehabilitation	300,000
Port of Galilee	13,300,000
Newport Pier Upgrades	500,000
Recreation Facilities Asset Protection	750,000

Recreational Facilities Improvements	5,729,077
Natural Resources Office and Visitor's Center	250,000
Fish & Wildlife Maintenance Facilities	200,000
Marine Infrastructure/Pier Development	950,000
Total - Natural Resources	91,151,783
Environmental Protection	
General Revenues	15,870,312
Federal Funds	12,377,846
Restricted Receipts	10,332,134
Other Funds	
Transportation MOU	41,769
Total - Environmental Protection	38,622,061
Grand Total - Environmental Management	143,732,584
Coastal Resources Management Council	
General Revenues	3,607,384
Federal Funds	2,319,579
Restricted Receipts	250,000
Grand Total - Coastal Resources Mgmt. Council	6,176,963
Transportation	
Central Management	
Federal Funds	15,122,388
Other Funds	
Gasoline Tax	8,265,215
Total - Central Management	23,387,603
Management and Budget	
Other Funds	
Gasoline Tax	4,243,682
Infrastructure Engineering	
Federal Funds	
Federal Funds	402,650,393
Federal Funds – State Fiscal Recovery Fund	
Municipal Roads Grant Program	7,000,000
RIPTA Operating Grant	15,000,000
The Rhode Island public transit authority shall conduct a thorough review of its transit operations and administration. The aim of this review is to uncover ways to enhance efficiency and streamline costs, ensuring a more effective use of resources. This evaluation shall encompass a range of areas, including but not limited to, a comprehensive analysis of the fixed-route service. Analysis should include operating expenses, ridership figures, cost per rider, and other pertinent data across all routes and serviced regions. A review focusing on the cost-effectiveness of the agency's diverse transit services will be a key component of this study. Additionally, the study shall explore different transit service delivery models, incorporating successful strategies from other transit systems; financial planning strategies; agency management structure, capital plan development, and funding strategies; project management; and transit master plan scope and schedule. By March 1, 2025, the Rhode Island public transit authority shall compile and present a report to the governor, the speaker of the house, and the president of the senate. This report will summarize the findings of the study and include recommendations aimed at fostering sustainable and effective transit operations.	
Washington Bridge Project	35,000,000



Restricted Receipts	6,116,969
Other Funds	
Gasoline Tax	71,061,818
Land Sale Revenue	6,568,333
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Highway Improvement Program	141,102,060
Bike Path Asset Protection	400,000
RIPTA - Land and Buildings	11,214,401
RIPTA - Pawtucket/Central Falls Bus Hub Passenger Facility	3,424,529
Total - Infrastructure Engineering	699,538,503
Infrastructure Maintenance	
Other Funds	
Gasoline Tax	39,244,619
The department of transportation will establish a municipal roadway database, which will include information concerning the name, condition, length, roadway infrastructure, and pedestrian features of each municipal roadway, updated annually by municipalities. The database will serve as a comprehensive and transparent list of municipal roadway conditions.	
Rhode Island Highway Maintenance Account	119,070,245
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Maintenance Capital Equipment Replacement	1,800,000
Maintenance Facilities Improvements	500,000
Welcome Center	150,000
Salt Storage Facilities	1,150,000
Train Station Asset Protection	475,585
Total - Infrastructure Maintenance	162,390,449
Grand Total - Transportation	889,560,237
Statewide Totals	
General Revenues	5,594,861,257
Federal Funds	5,066,548,689
Restricted Receipts	463,143,051
Other Funds	2,838,671,543
Statewide Grand Total	13,963,224,540

SECTION 2. Each line appearing in section 1 of this article shall constitute an appropriation.

SECTION 3. Upon the transfer of any function of a department or agency to another department or agency, the governor is hereby authorized by means of executive order to transfer or reallocate, in whole or in part, the appropriations and the full-time equivalent limits affected thereby; provided, however, in accordance with § 42-6-5, when the duties or administrative functions of government are designated by law to be performed within a particular department or agency, no transfer of duties or functions and no re-allocation, in whole or part, or appropriations and full-time equivalent positions to any other department or agency shall be authorized.

SECTION 4. From the appropriation for contingency shall be paid such sums as may be required at the discretion of the governor to fund expenditures for which appropriations may not exist. Such contingency funds may also be used for expenditures in the several departments and agencies where appropriations are insufficient, or where such requirements are due to unforeseen conditions or are non-recurring items of an unusual nature. Said appropriations may also be used for the payment of bills incurred due to emergencies or to any offense against public peace and property, in accordance with the provisions of titles 11 and 45, as amended. All expenditures and

transfers from this account shall be approved by the governor.

SECTION 5. The general assembly authorizes the state controller to establish the internal service accounts shown below, and no other, to finance and account for the operations of state agencies that provide services to other agencies, institutions and other governmental units on a cost reimbursed basis. The purpose of these accounts is to ensure that certain activities are managed in a businesslike manner; promote efficient use of services by making agencies pay the full costs associated with providing the services; and allocate the costs of central administrative services across all fund types, so that federal and other non-general fund programs share in the costs of general government support. The controller is authorized to reimburse these accounts for the cost of work or services performed for any other department or agency subject to the following expenditure limitations:

Account	Expenditure Limit
State Assessed Fringe Benefit Internal Service Fund	36,946,270
Administration Central Utilities Internal Service Fund	30,029,111
State Central Mail Internal Service Fund	8,419,019
State Telecommunications Internal Service Fund	3,748,530
State Automotive Fleet Internal Service Fund	15,496,081
Surplus Property Internal Service Fund	44,789
Health Insurance Internal Service Fund	272,804,635
Other Post-Employment Benefits Fund	63,854,008
Capitol Police Internal Service Fund	1,466,975
Corrections Central Distribution Center Internal Service Fund	7,659,339
Correctional Industries Internal Service Fund	8,247,332
Secretary of State Record Center Internal Service Fund	1,166,547
Human Resources Internal Service Fund	17,669,248
DCAMM Facilities Internal Service Fund	53,327,083
Information Technology Internal Service Fund	62,092,295

SECTION 6. The director of the department of administration shall exercise his powers under chapter 11 of title 42 to centralize state fleet operations under the department as it relates to light and medium duty vehicle management, in accordance with best practices.

SECTION 7. Legislative Intent - The general assembly may provide a written "statement of legislative intent" signed by the chairperson of the house finance committee and by the chairperson of the senate finance committee to show the intended purpose of the appropriations contained in section 1 of this article. The statement of legislative intent shall be kept on file in the house finance committee and in the senate finance committee.

At least twenty (20) days prior to the issuance of a grant or the release of funds, which grant or funds are listed on the legislative letter of intent, all department, agency, and corporation directors shall notify in writing the chairperson of the house finance committee and the chairperson of the senate finance committee of the approximate date when the funds are to be released or granted.

SECTION 8. Appropriation of Temporary Disability Insurance Funds -- There is hereby appropriated pursuant to §§ 28-39-5 and 28-39-8 all funds required to be disbursed for the benefit payments from the temporary disability insurance fund and temporary disability insurance reserve fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

SECTION 9. Appropriation of Employment Security Funds -- There is hereby appropriated pursuant to § 28-42-19 all funds required to be disbursed for benefit payments from the employment security fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

SECTION 10. Appropriation of Lottery Division Funds -- There is hereby appropriated

to the lottery division any funds required to be disbursed by the lottery division for the purposes of paying commissions or transfers to the prize fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

SECTION 11. Appropriation of CollegeBoundSaver Funds - There is hereby appropriated to the office of the general treasurer designated funds received under the collegeboundsaver program for transfer to the division of higher education assistance within the office of the postsecondary commissioner to support student financial aid for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

SECTION 12. Departments and agencies listed below may not exceed the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) positions shown below in any pay period. Full-time equivalent positions do not include limited period positions or, seasonal or intermittent positions whose scheduled period of employment does not exceed twenty-six consecutive weeks or whose scheduled hours do not exceed nine hundred and twenty-five (925) hours, excluding overtime, in a one-year period. Nor do they include individuals engaged in training, the completion of which is a prerequisite of employment. Provided, however, that the governor or designee, speaker of the house of representatives or designee, and the president of the senate or designee may authorize an adjustment to any limitation. Prior to the authorization, the state budget officer shall make a detailed written recommendation to the governor, the speaker of the house, and the president of the senate. A copy of the recommendation and authorization to adjust shall be transmitted to the chairman of the house finance committee, senate finance committee, the house fiscal advisor, and the senate fiscal advisor.

State employees whose funding is from non-state general revenue funds that are time limited shall receive limited term appointment with the term limited to the availability of non-state general revenue funding source.

FY 2025 FTE POSITION AUTHORIZATION

Departments and Agencies	Full-Time Equivalent
Administration	683.6
Business Regulation	181.0
Executive Office of Commerce	5.0
Housing	38.0
Labor and Training	461.7
Revenue	599.5
Legislature	298.5
Office of the Lieutenant Governor	8.0
Office of the Secretary of State	62.0
Office of the General Treasurer	91.0
Board of Elections	13.0
Rhode Island Ethics Commission	12.0
Office of the Governor	45.0
Commission for Human Rights	15.0
Public Utilities Commission	57.0
Office of Health and Human Services	233.0
Children, Youth and Families	714.5
Health	572.6
Human Services	779.0
Office of Veterans Services	267.0
Office of Healthy Aging	33.0

Provided that no more than 419.1 of the total authorization would be limited to positions that support internal service fund programs.

Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals	1,221.4
Provided that 18.0 of the total authorization would be limited to independent facilitators positions to comply with the Consent Decree Addendum.	
Office of the Child Advocate	13.0
Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	4.0
Governor's Commission on Disabilities	5.0
Office of the Mental Health Advocate	6.0
Elementary and Secondary Education	156.1
Provided that 3.0 of the total authorization would be available only for positions that are supported by the healthy environments advance learning grant at the school building authority.	
School for the Deaf	61.0
Davies Career and Technical School	123.0
Office of Postsecondary Commissioner	46.0
Provided that 1.0 of the total authorization would be available only for positions that are supported by third-party funds, 12.0 would be available only for positions at the state's higher education centers located in Woonsocket and Westerly, 10.0 would be available only for positions at the nursing education center, and 7.0 would be available for the longitudinal data systems program.	
University of Rhode Island	2,571.0
Provided that 353.8 of the total authorization would be available only for positions that are supported by third-party funds.	
Rhode Island College	949.2
Provided that 76.0 of the total authorization would be available only for positions that are supported by third-party funds.	
Community College of Rhode Island	849.1
Provided that 89.0 of the total authorization would be available only for positions that are supported by third-party funds.	
Rhode Island State Council on the Arts	10.0
RI Atomic Energy Commission	8.6
Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission	15.6
Office of the Attorney General	264.1
Corrections	1,461.0
Judicial	745.3
Military Staff	93.0
Emergency Management Agency	38.0
Public Safety	633.0
Office of the Public Defender	104.0
Environmental Management	439.0
Coastal Resources Management Council	32.0
Transportation	755.0
Total	15,772.8

No agency or department may employ contracted employee services where contract employees would work under state employee supervisors without determination of need by the director of administration acting upon positive recommendations by the budget officer and the personnel administrator and fifteen (15) days after a public hearing.

Nor may any agency or department contract for services replacing work done by state employees at that time without determination of need by the director of administration acting upon the positive recommendations of the state budget officer and the personnel administrator

and thirty (30) days after a public hearing.

SECTION 13. The amounts reflected in this article include the appropriation of Rhode Island capital plan funds for fiscal year 2025 and supersede appropriations provided for FY 2025 within Pub. L. 2023, ch. 79, art. 1, § 12.

The following amounts are hereby appropriated out of any money in the State’s Rhode Island capital plan fund not otherwise appropriated to be expended during the fiscal years ending June 30, 2026, June 30, 2027, June 30, 2028, and June 30, 2029. These amounts supersede appropriations provided within Pub. L. 2023, ch. 79, art. 1, § 12.

For the purposes and functions hereinafter mentioned, the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw the controller's orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of such sums and such portions thereof as may be required by the controller upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

Project	FY Ending 06/30/2026	FY Ending 06/30/2027	FY Ending 06/30/2028	FY Ending 06/30/2029
DOA – Civic Center	3,800,000	1,250,000	1,075,000	1,500,000
DOA - DoIT Enterprise Operations Center	2,050,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
DOA – Group Homes Consolidation	4,325,000	4,325,000	4,426,000	5,450,000
DOA – Old State House	600,000	600,000	100,000	100,000
DOA - Pastore Campus Infrastructure	20,000,000	20,000,000	15,000,000	8,500,000
DOA - Pastore Center Non-Hospital Buildings	7,750,000	3,100,000	3,200,000	3,200,000
DOA - Pastore Power Plant Rehabilitation	250,000	5,250,000	0	0
DOA - RI Convention Center Authority	2,800,000	2,825,000	2,500,000	2,000,000
DOA - State House Renovations	1,759,000	17,379,000	16,000,000	31,940,000
DOA – Veterans’ Auditorium	380,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
DOA - William Powers Building	2,200,000	2,350,000	1,850,000	1,700,000
DOA - Zambarano Buildings and Campus	2,850,000	250,000	900,000	900,000
DOA – Zambarano LTAC Hospital	26,065,740	23,804,439	24,427,656	24,155,740
DBR – Fire Academy Expansion	675,000	0	0	0
EOC – I-195 Redevelopment Commission	700,000	700,000	700,000	0
EOC – Quonset Infrastructure	2,500,000	2,500,000	0	0
SOS – Rhode Island Archives and History Center		0 4,500,000	0	0
DCYF - Residential Treatment Facility	15,000,000	0	0	0
DOH – New Health Laboratory Building	8,363,883	0	0	0
ELSEC - Davies School Wing Renovation	2,500,000	0	0	0
URI - Asset Protection	14,606,536	15,236,863	15,528,074	15,885,220
URI - Athletics Complex	51,532,096	0	0	0
URI - Bay Campus Phase II	12,500,000	12,500,000	0	0
URI – PFAS Removal Water Treatment Plant	14,102,455	4,369,853	0	0
URI – Mechanical, Electric and Plumbing Improvements	8,607,757	86,605	0	0
URI – Stormwater Management	2,221,831	0	0	0
RIC - Asset Protection	5,950,000	6,025,000	6,157,000	6,375,000
RIC - Infrastructure Modernization	5,675,000	5,675,000	5,925,000	5,925,000
CCRI - Asset Protection	2,719,452	2,719,452	2,780,000	2,870,000
CCRI – Data, Cabling, & Power Infrastructure	5,150,000	4,894,885	3,300,000	0
CCRI – Flanagan Campus Renewal	3,200,000	2,734,505	0	0
CCRI – Renovation and Modernization Phase I	16,000,000	7,784,928	4,000,000	0

CCRI – Renovation and Modernization Phase II -IV	5,000,000	0	0	0
DOC – Asset Protection	4,100,000	4,100,000	4,100,000	4,100,000
DOC – Correctional Facilities – Renovations	7,419,248	0	0	0
DOC – HVAC	10,272,500	0	0	0
Military Staff – Asset Protection	962,185	1,301,316	863,505	1,357,288
Military Staff – Counter Drug Training Facility	1,025,250	0	0	0
Military Staff – Repair Squadron Ops Facility	600,000	0	0	0
Military Staff - Quonset Airport Runway Reconstruction	446,663	0	0	0
DPS – Asset Protection	1,205,000	1,335,000	285,000	300,000
DPS - Southern Barracks	16,750,000	0	0	0
DPS – Training Academy Upgrades	1,820,000	640,000	150,000	150,000
DPS – Statewide Communications System Network	245,048	0	0	0
DEM – Dam Repair	11,615,000	2,265,000	1,015,000	1,015,000
DEM – Natural Resources Offices and Visitor's Center	1,836,709	1,836,709	0	0
DEM – Port of Galilee	16,500,000	14,113,820	2,800,000	
DEM – Recreational Facilities Improvements	2,900,000	3,338,551	3,260,000	2,750,000
CRMC – Confined Aquatic Dredged Material Disposal Cells	20,600,000	0	0	0
DOT - Highway Improvement Program	52,200,000	27,200,000	27,200,000	27,200,000
DOT - Maintenance Capital Equipment Replacement	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,800,000
DOT - Salt Storage Facilities	1,150,000	1,150,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
DOT - RIPTA Land and Buildings	4,561,885	500,000	500,000	500,000
DOT - RIPTA Pawtucket/Central Falls Bus Hub Passenger Facility	627,977	0	0	0

SECTION 14. Reappropriation of Funding for Rhode Island capital plan fund projects. Any unexpended and unencumbered funds from Rhode Island capital plan fund project appropriations shall be reappropriated in the ensuing fiscal year and made available for the same purpose. However, any such reappropriations are subject to final approval by the general assembly as part of the supplemental appropriations act. Any unexpended funds of less than five hundred dollars (\$500) shall be reappropriated at the discretion of the state budget officer.

SECTION 15. For the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025, the Rhode Island housing and mortgage finance corporation shall provide from its resources such sums as appropriate in support of the Neighborhood Opportunities Program. The corporation shall provide a report detailing the amount of funding provided to this program, as well as information on the number of units of housing provided as a result to the director of administration, the chair of the housing resources commission, the chair of the house finance committee, the chair of the senate finance committee, and the state budget officer.

SECTION 16. Appropriation of Economic Activity Taxes in accordance with the city of Pawtucket downtown redevelopment statute -- There is hereby appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, all state economic activity taxes to be collected pursuant to § 45-33.4-4, as amended (including, but not limited to, the amount of tax revenues certified by the commerce

corporation in accordance with § 45-33.4-1(13)), for the purposes of paying debt service on bonds, funding debt service reserves; paying costs of infrastructure improvements in and around the ballpark district, arts district, and the growth center district; funding future debt service on bonds; and funding a redevelopment revolving fund established in accordance with § 45-33-1.

SECTION 17. The appropriations from federal funds contained in section 1 shall not be construed to mean any federal funds or assistance appropriated, authorized, allocated or apportioned to the State of Rhode Island from the state fiscal recovery fund and capital projects fund enacted pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2 for fiscal year 2025 except for those instances specifically designated.

The State fiscal recovery fund and capital projects Fund appropriations herein shall be made in support of the following projects:

Federal Funds - State Fiscal Recovery Fund

Department of Administration (DOA)

Pandemic Recovery Office. These funds shall be allocated to finance the pandemic recovery office established within the department of administration.

DOA - Public Health Response Warehouse Support. These funds shall be allocated to the proper storage of PPE and other necessary COVID-19 response related supplies.

DOA - Health Care Facilities. These funds shall address the ongoing staffing needs of nursing facilities related to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) shall be distributed to nursing facilities based on the number of Medicaid beds days from the 2022 facility cost reports, provided at least eighty percent (80%) is dedicated to direct care workers.

DOA - Community Learning Center Programming Support Grant. These funds shall be distributed to municipalities that have approved community learning center projects under the coronavirus capital projects fund community learning center municipal grant program. An equal amount of funding will be allocated to each approved community learning center project that reaches substantial completion as defined by the U.S. Department of Treasury by October 31, 2026. These funds must be used to support the establishment of U.S. Department of the Treasury compliant health monitoring, work, and or education programming that will take place in a community learning center.

Executive Office of Commerce (EOC)

EOC - Assistance to Impacted Industries. These funds shall be allocated to provide assistance to the tourism, hospitality, and events industries for outdoor and public space capital improvements and event programming.

Department of Housing

Housing – Homelessness Assistance Program. These funds shall support a program to expand housing navigation, behavioral health, and stabilization services to address pandemic-related homelessness. The program will support services for people transitioning from homelessness to housing, including individuals transitioning out of the adult correctional institutions.

Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF)

DCYF – Provider Workforce Stabilization. These funds shall be allocated to support workforce stabilization supplemental wage payments and sign-on bonuses to eligible direct care and supporting care staff of contracted service providers.

Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH)

BHDDH - 9-8-8 Hotline. These funds shall be allocated for the creation and operation of a 9-8-8 hotline to maintain compliance with the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of

2020 and the Federal Communications Commission-adopted rules to assure that all citizens receive a consistent level of 9-8-8 and crisis behavioral health services.

Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (ELSEC)

RIDE - Adult Education Providers. These funds shall be directly distributed through the office of adult education to nonprofit adult education providers to expand access to educational programs and literary services.

Office of Postsecondary Commissioner (OPC)

OPC – Foster Care Youth Scholarship. These funds shall support a last dollar scholarship program for DCYF foster care youth exiting the system to attend Rhode Island college and would fully fund tuition, room and board, and/or support services, including during the summer months. Funding would be distributed through the Rhode Island college foundation.

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

DPS – Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence. These funds shall be allocated to invest in the nonprofit community to provide additional housing, clinical and mental health services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. This includes increased investments for therapy and counseling, housing assistance, job training, relocation aid and case management.

Department of Transportation (DOT)

DOT - Municipal Roads Grant Program. These funds shall support a program to distribute grants with a required local match for the replacement, rehabilitation, preservation, and maintenance of existing roads, sidewalks, and bridges. These funds shall be distributed equally to each city and town provided that each municipality is required to provide a sixty-seven percent (67%) match.

DOT - RIPTA Operating Grant. These funds shall provide operating support to the Rhode Island public transit authority.

DOT - Washington Bridge Project. These funds shall support the non-federal share or matching requirement on federal funds for priority transportation projects, including but not limited to the Washington Bridge project.

Federal Funds - Capital Projects Fund

Department of Administration (DOA)

DOA - CPF Administration. These funds shall be allocated to the department of administration to oversee the implementation of the capital projects fund award from the American Rescue Plan Act.

SECTION 18. Reappropriation of Funding for State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Capital Projects Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of general law, any unexpended and unencumbered federal funds from the state fiscal recovery fund and capital projects fund shall be reappropriated in the ensuing fiscal year and made available for the same purposes. However, any such reappropriations are subject to final approval by the general assembly as part of the supplemental appropriations act.

SECTION 19. The pandemic recovery office shall monitor the progress and performance of all programs financed by the state fiscal recovery fund and the capital projects fund. On or before October 31, 2023, and quarterly thereafter until and including October 31, 2026, the office shall provide a report to the speaker of the house and senate president, with copies to the chairpersons of the house and senate finance committees, identifying programs that are at risk of significant underspending or noncompliance with federal or state requirements. The report, at a minimum must include an assessment of how programs that are at risk can be remedied. In the event that any state fiscal recovery fund program would put the state at risk of forfeiture of federal funds, the governor may propose to reallocate funding from the at-risk program to the unemployment insurance trust fund. This proposal will be referred to the General Assembly



within the first ten (10) days of November to go into effect thirty (30) days hence, unless rejected by formal action of the house and senate acting concurrently within that time.

SECTION 20. Notwithstanding any general laws to the contrary, the state controller shall transfer (\$100,000) to the Group Home Facility Improvement Fund restricted receipt account by July 15, 2024.

SECTION 21. This article shall take effect as of July 1, 2024, except as otherwise provided herein."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Abney

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Chairman Abney discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 67 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Rea, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 6: Representatives Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED – 0

**Article 1**, prevails on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

#### **ARTICLE 14 RELATING TO EFFECTIVE DATE**

Chairman Abney moves passage of the article, seconded by Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Donovan, Edwards, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson.

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

**Article 14** prevails on a roll call vote 72 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Newberry.

RECUSED - 0:

Chairman Abney moves passage of **2024-H 7225 SUB A, as amended** seconded by Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

Chairman Abney, Representatives Nardone, Sanchez, Morgan, and Minority Leader Chippendale, Representatives Morales, Kislak, and Majority Leader Blazejewski discuss the Budget as amended.

**The Budget 2024-H 7225 SUBA**, as amended is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote 69 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 5: Representatives Morgan, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Shekarchi and Majority Leader Blazejewski would like to express their gratitude to Chairman Abney, House Fiscal Advisor Sharon Reynolds Ferland, and the entire Fiscal Staff for their hard work.

### TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to His Excellency, the Governor, to the Honorable Senate and the Honorable Secretary of State forthwith.

(For Transmittals to Governor, see Appendix of this Journal.)

### DESK HELD OPEN

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi announces that the desk will be held open.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES TRANSFER OF BILLS

#### COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

Chairman Solomon, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

#### **House Bill No. 7015 SUB A**

**BY** Fellela, Edwards, Shallcross Smith, Messier, Bennett, Cotter, Shanley, Felix, Stewart, Noret  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --

ELECTRICIANS (Clarifies the types of electrical services that require an electrical contractor's license.) {LC3852/A/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 7212 SUB A**

**BY** McGaw, Potter, Boylan, Cortvriend, Ajello, Handy, Cotter, Speakman, Kazarian, Kislak  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FUNERAL DIRECTOR/EMBALMER AND FUNERAL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS (Provides for the operation and duties of natural organic reduction for the contained, accelerated conversion of human remains to soil. A disposition facility would be used for either cremation or natural organic reduction.) {LC3590/A/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 7426 SUB A**

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

**BY** Solomon, Casey, Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- SOLAR DECOMMISSIONING PLANS (Requires that developers of ground-mounted solar systems submit a plan for decommissioning to be held on file by the municipality and requires DEM, with the office of energy resources, make publicly available model decommissioning plans.) {LC4331/A/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 7506**

**BY** Dawson, Shanley, Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE (Provides for mandatory uninsured motorist coverage.) {LC4816/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 7558**

**BY** Dawson, Shanley, Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE -- MANDATORY ARBITRATION PROVISION (Increases the minimum claim amount necessary to require a matter involving motor vehicle liability be submitted to mandatory arbitration.) {LC4817/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 8116**

**BY** Chippendale, Solomon, Finkelman, Edwards, Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS -- THE RHODE ISLAND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT (Replaces the existing limited liability company act with a newer and updated model act.) {LC5812/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 8261**

**BY** Phillips, Morales, Dawson, Brien, Chippendale, Newberry, Shanley, Perez, Costantino, Lima  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- SOLAR SITING ADVISORY TASKFORCE (Creates a taskforce to provide recommendations, advice and guidance to help expedite and provide technical assistance with regard to the development of solar energy systems on property owned by the state.) {LC6077/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**Senate Bill No. 3056**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Euer

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT (Allows the sharing of certain information between the division of taxation and the secretary of state's office regarding an entity's tax status as compliant or non-compliant.) {LC5671/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Chairman McNamara, for the Committee on Education, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

**Senate Bill No. 2532 SUB A**

**BY** Gallo, Cano, Tikoian, LaMountain

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Permits school districts to use release days for professional development; provided that, instruction time meets the yearly requirement of one thousand eighty (1,080) school hours.) {LC5016/A/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Resolution No. 7615 SUB A**

**BY** Cortvriend, McGaw

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY STUDENT TRANSPORTATION NEEDS AND SYSTEM COSTS (Creates a 13-member joint commission to study the transportation needs of students and recommend what changes are necessary, and who would report back to the General Assembly by April 16, 2025, and expire on May 27, 2025.) {LC5072/A/2}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 8103 SUB A**

(by request)

**BY** Cotter, Casimiro, Handy, McNamara

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION-- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Permit school districts to use release days for professional development; provided that, instruction time meets the yearly requirement of one thousand eighty (1,080) school hours.) {LC5760/A/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**Senate Bill No. 2529**

**BY** DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO VERY YOUNG CHILDREN (Removes private schools from the provisions of the general laws relating to educational services to very young children.) {LC5363/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on the House Consent Calendar

**Senate Bill No. 2142 SUB A**

**BY** Cano, DiMario, Gallo, Lawson, Murray, Zurier, Euer, Lauria, Britto, DiPalma  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION WORKFORCE DATA ACT (Codifies the previously funded Rhode Island early care and education workforce registry data system.) {LC4213/A/1}  
06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**House Bill No. 7020 SUB A**

**BY** Brien, Baginski, Craven, Corvese, Casimiro, Noret, Newberry, Finkelman  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TRANSPARENCY IN ARTS EDUCATION ACCESS AND PROFICIENCY ACT (Establishes the Transparency in Arts Education Access and Proficiency Act to promote arts education.) {LC3352/A/2}  
06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**House Bill No. 7291 SUB A**

**BY** Shallcross Smith, Alzate, Ackerman, Diaz, Kazarian, Cruz, Felix, Casimiro, Donovan  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION WORKFORCE DATA ACT (Codifies the previously funded Rhode Island early care and education workforce registry data system.) {LC4461/A/2}  
06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**House Bill No. 8302 SUB A**

**BY** Tanzi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND COMMISSIONER OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION PREPARE A REPORT ON THE SCHOOL MEAL DEBT POLICY FOR ALL RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS {LC6152/A/1}  
06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Chairman Bennett, for the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

**Senate Bill No. 2153 SUB B**

**BY** Sosnowski, DiMario, Raptakis, Lombardi F, Felag, Gu, de la Cruz  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- FRESHWATER LAKE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (Establishes the Rhode Island lake management program within the department of environmental management to aid with lake and pond management issues relating to the control of aquatic invasive plants.) {LC3645/B/1}  
06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**Senate Bill No. 2154**

**BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, Morgan E, Paolino, DeLuca, Ciccone  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- BIRDS (Allows the taking of wild turkeys by using a crossbow in compliance with rules and regulations promulgated by DEM.) {LC4264/1}  
06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 7022 SUB A**

**BY** Spears, Cortvriend, Kislak, Kazarian, Casimiro, Carson, Cotter, Speakman, Ajello, Dawson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- ACT ON COASTS - COASTAL RESILIENCY (Requires the chief resilience officer (CRO) be charged with creation/maintenance/updating of the state's resiliency/recovery program along with climate change resiliency plan with ocean/riverine coasts resilience advisory board.) {LC3288/A/1}  
06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**House Resolution No. 7731 SUB A**

**BY** Cortvriend, Carson, Boylan, Speakman, McGaw, Fogarty, Kislak, Handy, Azzinaro, Kennedy  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS AND SOLUTIONS (Creates a 17 member commission to study the issues confronting the State due to climate change, and who would report back to the House by January 5, 2025, and expire on March 5, 2025.) {LC5263/A/2}  
06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**House Bill No. 7356 SUB A**

**BY** Cortvriend, Speakman, Bennett, McGaw, Carson, Kislak, Boylan, Spears, McEntee, Fogarty  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSUMER PFAS BAN ACT OF 2024 (Enacts the Consumer PFAS Ban Act of 2024, prohibiting the intentional addition of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances of PFAS in products offered for sale or manufactured in the state as of January 1, 2027.) {LC4096/A/1}  
06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 7730**

**BY** Chippendale, Bennett  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- BIRDS (Allows the taking of wild turkeys by using a crossbow in compliance with rules and regulations promulgated by DEM.) {LC5328/1}  
06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 8093 SUB A**

**BY** Chippendale, Cotter, Bennett, Handy, Shallcross Smith, Tanzi, Phillips, Knight, Newberry, Roberts  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- FRESHWATER LAKE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (Establishes the Rhode Island lake management program within the department of environmental management to aid with lake and pond management issues relating to the control of aquatic invasive plants.) {LC5779/A/1}  
06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**Senate Bill No. 2732 SUB A**

**BY** LaMountain, DiMario, Miller  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- HUNTING AND HUNTING SAFETY -- CAPTIVE HUNTING PROHIBITED (Prohibits captive hunting for domestic or wild animals and does not prohibit the release of domestic game birds for hunting on licensed shooting preserves.) {LC5634/A/1}  
06/07/2024 Placed on the House Consent Calendar

**Senate Bill No. 2810 as amended**

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

**BY** Tikoian, DiMario, Rogers, LaMountain, Britto, Felag, Raptakis

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- DEER HUNTING (Modifies reporting requirements regarding collisions between vehicles and wildlife where the vehicle has been substantially damaged.) {LC4346/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on the House Consent Calendar

**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Chairwoman Donovan, for the Committee on Health, and Human Services, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

**Senate Bill No. 2382 SUB A**

**BY** Miller, Sosnowski, Felag, Gallo, McKenney, Euer, Pearson, LaMountain, Lauria, Murray

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- LIFETIME LIMITS (Repeals the authority of the health insurance commissioner to enforce any act of Congress/decision of federal court invalidating or repealing the prohibition of annual lifetime limits on health insurance in this state.) {LC4906/A/1}

06/04/2024 Committee recommends passage of Sub A in concurrence

**House Bill No. 7092**

**BY** Casimiro, Noret, Carson, Boylan, Donovan, Speakman, Hull, Potter, Spears

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS (Mandates, as of 1/1/26, all recovery housing facilities register with department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals adhere to the National Alliance for Recovery Residences process.) {LC3615/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 7882 SUB A**

**BY** Henries, Stewart, Felix, Morales, Sanchez, Giraldo, Alzate, Lombardi J, Cotter, Fogarty

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LACTATION COUNSELORS PRACTICE ACT OF 2014 (Specifies the requirements and procedures for licensing lactation counselors as well as the renewal, expiration, termination, refusal, revocation and suspension of licenses.) {LC5373/A/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**Senate Bill No. 2378 SUB A**

**BY** DiMario, Lauria, Bissaillon, DiPalma, Kallman, Euer, Valverde, Murray, Miller, Ujifusa

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Requires the department of health to amend its rules and regulations that allow for DEA-registered pharmacies to transfer electronic prescriptions at a patient's request.) {LC4037/A/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on the House Consent Calendar



**Senate Bill No. 2382 SUB A**

**BY** Miller, Sosnowski, Felag, Gallo, McKenney, Euer, Pearson, LaMountain, Lauria, Murray  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS  
INSURANCE POLICIES -- LIFETIME LIMITS (Repeals the authority of the health insurance  
commissioner to enforce any act of Congress/decision of federal court invalidating or repealing  
the prohibition of annual lifetime limits on health insurance in this state.) {LC4906/A/1}  
06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**Senate Bill No. 2174 SUB A**

**BY** Tikoian, Lombardi F, Rogers, Burke, Britto, LaMountain  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF YOUTH  
CAMPS (Establishes the procedures and requirements for the licensing of youth camps.)  
{LC4311/A/1}  
06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**House Bill No. 7154 SUB A**

**BY** Craven, Caldwell, Shanley, O'Brien  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF YOUTH  
CAMPS (Establishes the procedures and requirements for the licensing of youth camps.)  
{LC3960/A/1}  
06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**House Bill No. 7197 SUB A**

**BY** McEntee, Noret, Azzinaro, Corvese, Bennett, Kazarian, Hull, Dawson, O'Brien, Morales  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS  
INSURANCE POLICIES (Increases insurance coverage for hearing aids from one thousand five  
hundred dollars to two thousand dollars, per ear, every three years for all people regardless of  
age.) {LC4172/A/1}  
06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**House Bill No. 7826**

**BY** Casey, Fenton-Fung, Bennett, Dawson, Finkelman, Kislak  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES  
(Amends the conditions upon which a nurse would be exempt from certain licensing  
requirements to include eligibility to practice, before taking and receiving results of the National  
Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX).) {LC5187/1}  
06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**House Bill No. 8219**

**BY** Handy, Fogarty  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- AUDIOLOGY  
AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERSTATE COMPACT (Adopts the  
Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact and would establish a joint  
public agency known as the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Compact commission  
to administer the provisions of the compact between the states.) {LC5851/1}  
06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, INTERNET, AND TECHNOLOGY**

Chairwoman Baginski, for the Committee on Innovation, Internet, and Technology reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 7046**

**BY** Speakman, Cortvriend, Carson, Kislak, Potter, Boylan, Ajello, Tanzi, Henries  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT COMPUTER DEVICE PRIVACY (Prohibits an educational institution or school district from accessing or using location data for tracking a student's institutional device or personal device, except in limited circumstances.) {LC3795/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 7787 SUB A**

**BY** Shanley, Batista, Donovan, Edwards, Solomon, Voas, Dawson, Craven, Vella-Wilkinson, Handy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RHODE ISLAND DATA TRANSPARENCY AND PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT (Creates the Rhode Island Data Transparency and Privacy Protect Act for data privacy protections for the personal data of the citizens of Rhode Island.) {LC5266/A/2}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Chairman Craven, for the Committee on Judiciary, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

**Senate Bill No. 2767 SUB A**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Lauria, Acosta, Mack, Quezada, Zurier, Murray, Valverde, Lawson, Euer, DiMario  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION (Allows victims of sexual assault to submit a medical forensic exam performed by a licensed health care provider in lieu of a police report in order to establish eligibility for funds under the State Crime Victim Compensation Program.) {LC4939/A/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 7165 SUB A**

**BY** Ajello, Craven, Tanzi, Cruz, Kislak, Knight

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY (Under certain circumstances, provides immunity from arrest and prosecution for prostitution, procurement of sexual conduct for a fee, loitering for prostitution and soliciting from motor vehicles for indecent purposes.) {LC3631/A/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 7449 SUB A**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** McEntee, Caldwell, O'Brien, Donovan, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Casimiro, Alzate, Morales

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION (Provides that effective July 1, 2025, any attorney who self-certifies that they have successfully completed a specialized domestic violence prosecution training course shall have the authority to prosecute any violation of a protective order.) {LC4582/A/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 7646**

**BY** Marszalkowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT (Amends definition of "authorized representative" in the confidentiality of health-care communications/information act provides that an authorized representative may include any heir-at-law when the patient is deceased/the personal representative is absent) {LC4818/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 7741**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Shanley, Donovan, Voas, Dawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FRAUD AND FALSE DEALING (Criminalizes the filing of a false lien, instrument, or encumbrance against a federal, state, or municipal judge or magistrate or his or her immediate family, and permits the court to take action to mitigate the negative consequences of such a filing.) {LC5119/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Resolution No. 8324**

**BY** Craven, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Edwards, Diaz, Ackerman, Hull, Kennedy, Abney

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A BI-PARTISAN PREPARATORY COMMISSION TO ASSEMBLE INFORMATION ON CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS IN PREPARATION FOR A VOTE BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS ON THE HOLDING OF A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XIV SECTION 2 OF THE RHODE ISLAND CONSTITUTION (This resolution would provide for a twelve (12) member bi-partisan commission to assemble information on constitutional questions in preparation for a vote by electors on holding a constitutional convention, and who would report back by September 1, 2024.) {LC6182/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 8325 SUB A**

**BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION (Makes technical amendments to the general laws at the recommendation of the law revision office) {LC6023/A/2}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Resolution No. 8326**

**BY** Craven, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Edwards, Diaz, Ackerman, Hull, Kennedy, Abney

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING QUESTION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE STATE AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION IN 2024: "SHALL THERE BE A CONVENTION TO AMEND OR REVISE THE CONSTITUTION?"

(This resolution would provide for the presentation of the following question at the next general election "Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the Constitution?") {LC6210/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 7567 SUB A**

(Governor/Judiciary)

**BY** Baginski, Casimiro, Spears, Craven, Kazarian, Solomon, Hull, Newberry

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- DOMESTIC ASSAULT (Provides that effective July 1, 2025, any attorney who self-certifies that they have successfully completed a specialized domestic violence prosecution training course shall have the authority to prosecute any violation of a protective order.) {LC4858/A/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**Senate Bill No. 2667 SUB A**

**BY** Mack, Murray, Bell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- PRACTICE IN PROBATE COURTS (Outlines the process for a person petitioning to change their name in the probate court in the town or city where they reside. It also makes the statute regarding name change gender neutral.) {LC5346/A/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 7976 SUB A**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Craven, Dawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- CONDITIONAL ESCHEAT OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS IN COURT REGISTRIES (Updates the process by which the Supreme Court reports, holds, and escheats unclaimed property in the court registries.) {LC5113/A/2}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**Senate Bill No. 3044**

**BY** Lombardi F, Bissaillon, LaMountain, Burke, Tikoian, Quezada, Euer, McKenney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT (Amends definition of "authorized representative" in the confidentiality of health-care communications/information act provides that an authorized representative may include any heir-at-law when the patient is deceased/the personal representative is absent) {LC5949/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**Senate Bill No. 2262 SUB B**

**BY** Euer, Mack, Pearson, DiMario, Miller, Sosnowski, DiPalma, McKenney, Murray, Lombardi  
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**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTHCARE PROVIDER SHIELD ACT (Creates a protective legal shield for healthcare providers, precluding any civil/criminal action by other states/persons against healthcare providers involving persons seeking access to transgender and reproductive healthcare services provided in RI.)

{LC4819/B/1}

06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**Senate Bill No. 2709 SUB A**

**BY** Murray, Burke, Pearson, Lauria, Valverde

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- MEDICAL DEBT REPORTING (Prohibits hospitals and other medical providers from reporting medical debt to consumer reporting agencies. A violation of this chapter may be pursued on behalf of the consumer by the attorney general.) {LC5575/A/1}

06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**House Bill No. 7103 SUB A**

**BY** Shallcross Smith, Morales, Kislak, Fogarty, Hull, Noret, Cardillo, Diaz, Casimiro, Felix

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- MEDICAL DEBT REPORTING (Prohibits credit reporting, executions, attachments against a principal residence for judgments based on medical debt. Defines medical debt as an amount for the receipt of health care services, products, or devices. Caps judgment interest at 3%.) {LC3349/A/1}

06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**House Bill No. 7577 SUB A**

**BY** Edwards, Kislak, Ajello, McNamara, Kazarian, Knight, Donovan, Craven, McEntee, Felix

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTHCARE PROVIDER SHIELD BILL (Enacts the Health Care Provider Shield Bill, precluding any individual from interfering with another's access to transgender health care services and reproductive health care services.) {LC4704/A/1}

06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**House Bill No. 7647 SUB A**

**BY** Kislak, Cruz, Tanzi, Felix, Giraldo, Voas, Stewart, Morales, Slater, Diaz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Requires landlords to list all mandatory fees when advertising any residential property for rent as well as on the first page of any lease. Prohibits a landlord from charging a convenience fee when the tenant pays rent.) {LC4672/A/1}

06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

Chairman Corvese, for the Committee on Labor, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

**Senate Bill No. 2235 SUB A****BY** Euer

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Gives authority to the department of labor and training to enforce violations relating to the performance of glazing work. This act would also add civil monetary penalties for violations of the chapter) {LC4546/A/2}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**Senate Bill No. 2469 SUB A as amended****BY** Bissaillon, Britto

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ELECTRICIANS (Amends the state's apprenticeship laws to make them more consistent with applicable federal regulations and makes said laws more comprehensible and consistent with each other.) {LC5035/A/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 7105 SUB A****BY** Bennett, McNamara, Carson, Hull, Edwards, Corvese, Baginski, Kazarian, O'Brien, Ackerman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Gives authority to the department of labor and training to enforce violations relating to the performance of glazing work. This act would also add civil monetary penalties for violations of the chapter.) {LC3630/A/2}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 7456 SUB A****BY** Slater, Diaz, Edwards, O'Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ELECTRICIANS (Amends the state's apprenticeship laws to make them more consistent with applicable federal regulations and makes said laws more comprehensible and consistent with each other.) {LC4556/A/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 8174****BY** Dawson, O'Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID (Expands the law on school lunch service contracts requirements that provides for payment to workers/aides for 180 days or the contract for the school year, exclusive of paid time off, including vacation days or other forms of compensatory time off.) {LC5938/1}

06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**Senate Bill No. 2121 SUB A**

**BY** Lawson, Ruggerio, Pearson, Bissailon, Lauria, DiMario, Euer, Gallo, Cano, Miller  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --  
TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE -- BENEFITS (Includes siblings, grandchildren,  
care recipient for temporary caregiver benefits of 12 weeks/Increases weekly dependent's  
allowances from \$10 to \$20 or 7% of benefit rate whichever is greater. Effective January 1,  
2025.) {LC3484/A/1}

06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**Senate Bill No. 2902 as amended**

**BY** Cano, Mack, DiPalma, Pearson, DiMario, Zurier, McKenney, Lawson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS --  
CONTRACTORS BONDS (Provides that upon application, and good cause, the state may waive  
the bonding requirement for certified minority business enterprises or women owned businesses.)  
{LC5642/1}

06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**House Bill No. 7057 SUB A**

**BY** Cruz, Morales, Stewart, Batista, Henries, Cotter, Abney, Diaz, Sanchez, Giraldo  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS --  
CONTRACTORS BONDS (Provides that upon application, and good cause, the state may waive  
the bonding requirement for certified minority business enterprises or women owned businesses.)  
{LC3752/A/1}

06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**House Bill No. 7171 SUB A**

**BY** Giraldo, Kazarian, Casimiro, Alzate, Potter, Voas, Stewart, Cruz, Boylan, Morales  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --  
TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE -- BENEFITS (Includes siblings, grandchildren,  
care recipient for temporary caregiver benefits of 12 weeks/Increases weekly dependent's  
allowances from \$10 to \$20 or 7% of benefit rate whichever is greater. Effective January 1,  
2025.) {LC3413/A/1}

06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**House Bill No. 8174**

**BY** Dawson, O'Brien  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID (Expands the law on  
school lunch service contracts requirements that provides for payment to workers/aides for 180  
days or the contract for the school year, exclusive of paid time off, including vacation days or  
other forms of compensatory time off.) {LC5938/1}

06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING**

Chairman Casey, for the Committee on Municipal Government and Housing, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

**Senate Bill No. 2697 SUB A as amended**

**BY** Murray, Bell, Bissaillon, Lauria

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Exempts the Downtown Overlay District from the provisions of this section allowing for the city of Woonsocket shall, after application, to have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this section any proposed retailers' license of any class.) {LC4973/A/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 7110**

**BY** DeSimone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- COLLECTION OF TAXES GENERALLY (Allows municipalities that issue tax bills via mail to develop programs to provide adequate notice through other digital means.) {LC4019/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 7465 SUB A**

**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, Casimiro, Hull, Lima, Fellela, Lombardi J, Batista

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Requires hosting platforms offering short-term rental of residential property for tourist or transient use to disclose on listings the current, valid registration number and its expiration date.) {LC4721/A/2}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 7534**

**BY** Cruz, Speakman, Potter, Tanzi, Alzate, Voas

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CITY HOUSING AUTHORITIES (Allows RIHMFC and related organization to administer allocations of funds for low-income housing.) {LC4688/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 8061**

**BY** Alzate, Giraldo, Voas

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CITY HOUSING AUTHORITIES (Establishes the composition of the housing authority for the city of Central Falls.) {LC5687/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar



**House Bill No. 8076**

**BY** DeSimone, Azzinaro, Kennedy, O'Brien, Slater, Corvese, Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon, Place, Voas

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- LIFE ESTATE (Entitles holders of a life estate to real property to use any veteran's tax exemptions available to them.) {LC5584/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 8182 SUB A**

**BY** Carson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Requires hosting platforms offering short-term rental of residential property for tourist or transient use to disclose on listings the current, valid registration number and its expiration date.) {LC5847/A/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 8254**

**BY** Casey, Phillips, Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Exempts the Downtown Overlay District from the provisions of this section allowing for the city of Woonsocket shall, after application, to have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this section any proposed retailers' license of any class.) {LC6073/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 8264**

**BY** Messier, Alzate, Stewart, Cruz, Felix, Shallcross Smith, Henries

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PARKS, STREETS, STREETSCAPES, RECREATION, SIDEWALKS, SEWERS, BUILDINGS AND BRIDGES AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$20,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2026 AND 2027 (Authorizes the city of Pawtucket to issue not more than \$20,000,000 general obligation bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness to finance the design, construction, reconstruction and repair of environmental infrastructure improvements.) {LC6108/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS**

Chairman Shanley, for the Committee on State Government and Elections, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**Senate Bill No. 2693 SUB A**

**BY** DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS (Includes "Kei cars" or "Kei trucks" as having restricted

public highway use and those vehicles validly registered as of August 1, 2021, would not be denied renewal of that registration based solely on the vehicle type.) {LC5226/A/1}  
06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 7777**

**BY** Kennedy, Edwards, Slater, McNamara, Dawson, Chippendale, Messier, Fenton-Fung, McEntee, Fogarty

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION -- RHODE ISLAND -- IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION (Establishes trade commission to advance economic interests of Rhode Island and Ireland.) {LC5210/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 8013 SUB A**

**BY** McGaw, Cotter, Cortvriend, Carson, Chippendale, Casimiro

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS (Includes "Kei cars" or "Kei trucks" as having restricted public highway use and those vehicles validly registered as of August 1, 2021, would not be denied renewal of that registration based solely on the vehicle type.) {LC5227/A/2}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 8014 SUB A**

**BY** Phillips, O'Brien, Casey, Chippendale, Noret, Casimiro, Morales, Serpa

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RHODE ISLAND UNIFORM COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE ACT (Provides that commercial driver instruction would include industry-specific training on the recognition, prevention, and reporting of human trafficking.) {LC4279/A/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**Senate Bill No. 3058**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Euer

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES (Amends various sections of law relating to elections, nomination papers and the process of obtaining signatures for nomination papers and would provide a notification procedure for the reporting of consistent patterns of forgery on nomination papers.) {LC6084/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on the House Consent Calendar

**Senate Bill No. 2933 as amended**

(Attorney General)

**BY** LaMountain

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- INTERLOCAL CONTRACTING AND JOINT ENTERPRISE (Removes the attorney general's oversight of interlocal agreements.) {LC5523/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 8009**

**BY** Edwards, Diaz, Baginski, Noret, Casey, Bennett, Donovan, Solomon, Potter, Alzate  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- ORGAN-  
DONATION LEAVE ACT (Provides for paid leave for a state employee who donates an organ.  
The duration of the leave is dependent on the type of donation and notice should be provided to  
the employer at least thirty (30) days prior to the leave.) {LC5097/1}  
06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**House Bill No. 8304**

**BY** Shanley, Craven, Caldwell  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- FEDERAL ELECTIVE OFFICERS  
(Changes the meeting of presidential electors from the first Monday after the second Wednesday  
in December after their election to the first Tuesday.) {LC6146/1}  
06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Chairman Abney, for the Committee on Finance, reports back the following measures, with  
recommendation of passage:

**Senate Bill No. 3040 SUB A as amended**

**BY** Ciccone, Ruggiero  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO  
LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING (Increases the maximum  
amount of credit a video lottery retailer may extend to a patron and would authorize certain  
amendments to the regulatory agreement involving Bally's Corporation and affiliates of Bally's.)  
{LC5887/A/1}  
06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**House Bill No. 7032**

**BY** Edwards, Newberry, Kennedy, Diaz, Bennett, Baginski, Potter, Shanley, Abney, Corvese  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- AWARD OF MUNICIPAL  
CONTRACTS (Increases the maximum state and municipal small purchase limits from \$10,000  
to \$25,000 for construction projects and from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for all other state and municipal  
purchases.) {LC3769/1}  
06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**House Bill No. 7127**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Shanley, Shekarchi, Craven, Carson, Abney, Donovan, Serpa, Edwards, McEntee, Slater  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- RHODE ISLAND  
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM ACT (Establishes Rhode Island Secure Choice  
Retirement Savings Program to be administered by the general treasurer.) {LC3452/1}  
06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**House Bill No. 8180 SUB A****BY** Baginski, Finkelman, Brien, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS (Clarifies that all costs of goods used and services performed in Rhode Island shall qualify as state-certified production costs.) {LC5942/A/1}

06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**House Bill No. 8226****BY** Boylan, Kazarian, Henries, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE TAX ELIMINATION ACT OF 1998 (Repeals the provision setting a different timeline for reimbursement of East Providence for the FY 2025, and would bring East Providence in line with other municipalities in the timing of reimbursements.) {LC6026/1}

06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**House Bill No. 8244 SUB A****BY** Costantino, Edwards, Shallcross Smith, Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING (Increases the maximum amount of credit a video lottery retailer may extend to a patron and would authorize certain amendments to the regulatory agreement involving Bally's Corporation and affiliates of Bally's.) {LC6067/A/1}

06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

A message from the Honorable Senate transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measures:

**House Bill No. 7800 SUB A**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- VICTIM'S RIGHTS (Waives the payment of filing fees and service of process costs when the victim of a crime is still owed restitution at the expiration of a criminal case.) {LC5116/A/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 7562 SUB A****BY** Noret, Marszalkowski, Bennett, Kazarian, Craven, Caldwell, Cotter, Chippendale, Spears, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- FURBEARING ANIMALS (Requires the department of environmental management to promulgate by rule, a list of "furbearers" for purposes of the furbearing animals chapter of the general laws.) {LC4675/A/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 7867 SUB A as amended****BY** Voas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Requires the recording of the bylaws and rules of the association in the land evidence records of the city or town the condominium is located in and require amendments to the original filings to be certified by 2 or more members of the executive board.) {LC5385/A/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**Senate Bill No. 2647 SUB A as amended****BY** McKenney, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Requires the recording of the bylaws and rules of the association in the land evidence records of the city or town the condominium is located in and require amendments to the original filings to be certified by two (2) members of the executive board.) {LC5384/A/1}

06/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar

**Senate Bill No. 2128****BY** Morgan E, Felag, Lombardi F, Ciccone, Lombardo, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- POSTING OF VETERANS' BENEFITS AND SERVICES (Requires employers in the state with more than 50 employees to display a poster containing basic information on veterans' benefits and services be created and distributed by the DLT in consultation with the office of veterans services.) {LC3884/1}

06/08/2024 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (06/11/2024)

**Senate Bill No. 2418 SUB A**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Raptakis, Tikoian, Burke, McKenney, Lombardi F, Sosnowski, DiPalma, Britto, Ciccone, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Allows non-affiliated party voters to vote in party primaries, without becoming an affiliated party voter.) {LC3345/A/1}

06/08/2024 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (06/11/2024)

**Senate Bill No. 2663****BY** Ciccone, DiPalma, Britto, Zurier, Burke, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES GENERALLY (Authorizes Providence canteen vehicles to be equipped with sirens, whistles or bells and would require operators of any canteen vehicle to receive 5 hours of training in the operation of the vehicle and its emergency equipment.) {LC5610/1}

06/08/2024 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (06/11/2024)

**Senate Bill No. 2950 SUB A****BY** Cano, Kallman, McKenney, Burke, Lauria, Murray, Valverde, Pearson, DiMario, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL EMERGENCY DRILLS ACT (Makes revisions to the number, timing, and procedures to be followed when schools grades K through 12 implement fire drills, evacuation drills, and crisis response drills, designed to protect the health and safety of students.) {LC5817/A/1}

06/08/2024 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (06/11/2024)

**Senate Bill No. 2954**

**BY** LaMountain, Euer

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- LOBSTERS AND OTHER CRUSTACEANS (Amends the current law to allow for the harvesting of blue crabs during the hours of darkness.) {LC5632/1}

06/08/2024 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (06/11/2024)

**Senate Bill No. 2982**

**BY** Picard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES AND RESERVES (Replaces the term "the drug naloxone" with the term "opioid antagonist" in chapters regulating life insurance policies and group life insurance policies.) {LC5944/1}

06/08/2024 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (06/11/2024)

**Senate Bill No. 3117**

**BY** Gu

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CHARIHO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FINANCE IMPROVEMENTS, FURNISHING, AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENTS AT THE SWITCH ROAD CAMPUS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DEMOLITION, DESIGN, HEALTH AND SAFETY PROJECTS, ROOFING, PLAYGROUNDS, LANDSCAPING, PAVING AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENTAL THERETO BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$15,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 61% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE, WHICH RATE OR RATIO MAY INCREASE TO 65% AT PROJECT COMPLETION (Authorizes the Chariho Regional School District to issue not more than \$15,000,000 in bonds and notes.) {LC6200/1}

06/08/2024 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (06/11/2024)

**Senate Bill No. 3119**

**BY** Burke

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Names the intersections of Main Street with Legris Avenue and West Warwick Avenue (Route 117), in the town of West Warwick, as Veterans' Square.) {LC6171/1}

06/08/2024 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (06/11/2024)

**Senate Bill No. 3120**

**BY** Morgan E

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS (Permits the town council of the town of Hopkinton to enact ordinances which increase the fines pertaining to the violation of any dog ordinance.) {LC6194/1}

06/08/2024 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (06/11/2024)

**Senate Bill No. 2189 SUB A****BY** Mack, Kallman, Gu, Murray, Bell, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD

TENANT ACT (Increases the time requirements notice for rental increases from 30 days to 90 days and for persons older than age 62 to 120 days.) {LC3793/A/1}

06/08/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**Senate Bill No. 2974****BY** Lauria, Murray, Bissaillon, DiMario, Britto, Acosta, Ciccone, DiPalma, Gallo, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID (Expands the law on school lunch service contracts requirements that provides for payment to workers/aides for 180 days or the contract for the school year, exclusive of paid time off, including vacation days or other forms of compensatory time off.) {LC4770/1}

06/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**Senate Bill No. 2264 SUB A****BY** Quezada, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TAXICABS AND LIMITED PUBLIC MOTOR VEHICLES (Amends requirements regarding how taxicabs can be placed in service.) {LC4907/A/1}

06/08/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**Senate Bill No. 2635 SUB A****BY** Gallo, de la Cruz, Pearson, Felag, McKenney, Miller, Cano, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

(Provide the maximum number of unrelated persons living together that could be constitute an individual household would not be less than one person per bedroom.) {LC4980/A/1}

06/08/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/11/2024)

**Senate Bill No. 2112****BY** de la Cruz, Bissaillon, Lombardi F, LaMountain, Zurier, Rogers, Morgan E, Paolino, DeLuca, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE --

LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP OF ADULTS (Provides that supported decision-making pursuant to chapter 66.13 of title 42 be added to the Limited Guardianship and Guardianship of Adults forms section as one of the less restrictive alternatives to guardianship that have been explored.) {LC3751/1}

06/08/2024 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (06/11/2024)

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 8345****BY** McEntee, Spears, Morales, Bennett**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES AND AMENDING THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES FROM PLASTIC BOTTLE WASTE

(Extends the reporting and expiration dates, and amend the commission's purpose to include glass and aluminum products, and would report back by April 30, 2025, and expire on May 5, 2025.) {LC6248/1}

06/08/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 8346****BY** Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT (Repeals the July 1, 2025, sunset provision of the interstate medical licensure act.) {LC6252/1}

06/08/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Resolution No. 8347****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, Noret, Diaz, Slater, Bennett, Lima, Costantino, Phillips, Serpa**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CONFERRING LIMITED PURPOSE RECOGNITION TO THE NATIVE AMERICAN SEACONKE WAMPANOAG TRIBE {LC6218/1}

06/08/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 8348****BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE

PURCHASES (Provides that vendors, parent corporations, subsidiaries, affiliates, or subcontractors of the state are prohibited from bidding on requests for proposals if the person or entity has a conflict of interest as defined by the code of ethics.) {LC6253/1}

06/08/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8349****BY** Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS --

FAMILY COURT (Only protective orders issued against adults are to be transmitted to A.G.'s B.C.I. for inclusion in the R.O.N.C.O. system. Protective orders against juveniles will be accessible to law enforcement.) {LC6257/1}

06/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary



**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:37 o'clock P.M, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale, the House adjourns on a unanimous voice vote.

**Diane M. DePina**  
**Recording Clerk**

**APPENDIX****INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE JOHN G. EDWARDS**

Dear God: As we wind down this session, we pray for you to guide our decisions and help lessen the burden of public service. Although we are often uncertain of our choices, let us always remember to help each other reach our common goal of bettering the lives of those we serve. Amen.

**APPENDIX****TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR****House Bill No. 7712 SUB A**

(Rhode Island Airport Corporation)

**BY** Kennedy, Azzinaro, Ackerman, McNamara

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS (Designates the appropriate authority on air space issues as the president and CEO of the Rhode Island airport corporation and aligns certain job titles with their proper responsibilities relative to aeronautics.) {LC5336/A/1}

06/07/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2740 SUB A**

**BY** LaMountain

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS (Designates the appropriate authority on air space issues as the president and CEO of the Rhode Island airport corporation and aligns certain job titles with their proper responsibilities relative to aeronautics.) {LC5646/A/1}

06/07/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2240**

**BY** Sosnowski, DiMario, Lombardi F, Felag, Gu

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Authorizes the division of motor vehicles to issue special license plates in recognition of The Commercial Fisheries Research Foundation.) {LC3622/1}

06/07/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2241**

**BY** Euer, DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Authorizes the division of motor vehicles to issue special license plates in recognition and support of the Newport Festivals Foundation, Inc.) {LC4334/1}

06/07/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2278 SUB A**

**BY** LaMountain, Burke, McKenney, Lauria, Tikoian, Quezada, Raptakis, Euer, Bissaillon, Lombardi F

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- SENIOR SAVINGS PROTECTION ACT (Prohibits the charging of any fees to a senior citizen who is 65 years of age or older for a hard-copy paper bill, invoice or statement. The violation of this provision would be a deceptive trade practice subject to a \$500 fine.) {LC4302/A/1}

06/07/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2458**

**BY** DiMario, Burke, DiPalma, Lauria, Euer, Valverde, Murray, Miller, Tikoian, Bissailon  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Includes the general assembly elections within the category of elections subject to the risk-limiting audits within the jurisdiction of the board of elections.) {LC4314/1}

06/07/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2481 SUB A**

**BY** Gu, Gallo, Valverde, Lawson, Felag, Acosta, Raptakis, Tikoian, Ujifusa  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Requires the DMV to create a blue envelope program for drivers with autism.) {LC4277/A/1}

06/07/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2484 SUB A**

**BY** McKenney, Burke, LaMountain, Tikoian, Kallman  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Amends the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation special plate law to include an annual ten-dollar (10.00) surcharge for plate renewals.) {LC4780/A/1}

06/07/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2516**

**BY** Lauria, Murray, Valverde, Miller, DiPalma, Lawson, Felag, LaMountain  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires RIDE to develop type 1 diabetes informational materials for the parents and guardians of students that will be posted publicly on RIDE's website.) {LC5214/1}

06/07/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2741**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Murray

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Requires school districts to provide the parent/guardian of a student with an individualized education program (IEP) with information concerning the achieving a better life experience (ABLE) account program benefits and the program application process.) {LC4937/1}

06/07/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2744**

**BY** Ruggerio, LaMountain, Kallman, Euer, Valverde, Murray

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS (Increases the penalty for violations of the care of dogs statute to a minimum fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) and a maximum fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per violation.) {LC5657/1}

06/07/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2805**

(Dept. of Education)

**BY** Gallo, Lawson, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INCORPORATING THE RHODE ISLAND COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (Reduces the number of commissioners on the board of commissioners to no less than fifteen and would add a d/b/a Serve RI designation after commissions name.) {LC4365/1}

06/07/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2807**

(Dept. of Education)

**BY** Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SHEILA C. "SKIP" NOWELL ACADEMY (Provides for changes to the operating structure of the Nowell Academy establishing a cooperative agreement among school districts.) {LC4921/1}

06/07/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2816 SUB A**

(Dept of Health)

**BY** Ciccone, Lombardi F, DiPalma, Britto, de la Cruz, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS (Provides for procedures for the burial of unclaimed remains.) {LC4442/A/1}

06/07/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2821**

(Dept. of Administration)

**BY** Burke, McKenney, Raptakis, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM (Provides minor technical changes, including an update to the membership of the state planning council to include the secretary of housing or designee, and provides clarifying language relating to the role of the technical committee.) {LC4363/1}

06/07/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2822**

(Dept. of Transportation)

**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- SCENIC HIGHWAYS (Amends the composition of the scenic roadways board reducing the number of members from eleven (11) to nine (9).) {LC4541/1}

06/07/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2849 SUB A**

(Division of Public Utilities &amp; Carriers)

**BY** DiMario, Bissaillon, Lombardi F**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --

EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES (Amends the provision of notice to be provided for the release of any hazardous gas or liquid as determined by the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.) {LC4950/A/1}

06/07/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2857 as amended**

**BY** Bissaillon, Zurier, Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Amends provisions relative to the levy and assessment of local taxes and would provide that the city of Providence may adopt a tax classification with unrestricted tax rates for certain classes of property.) {LC5712/1}

06/07/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2896**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Britto, Murray, DiMario, Miller, Sosnowski, Gu, Acosta, Mack, Bissaillon, Lombardi F

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- UNCLAIMED INTANGIBLE AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY (Provides conditions which persons paid to recover or assist in recovering reported property must comply with.) {LC4943/1}

06/07/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2947**

(Dept. of Transportation)

**BY** Britto, Ciccone, LaMountain, Lombardi F, Raptakis, McKenney, Burke, Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS (Adds "loose material" to the contents of a vehicle that must be covered by a covering that must remain in place until the vehicle's contents are purged from the vehicle.) {LC4539/1}

06/07/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 3030**

**BY** de la Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF GLOCESTER TO FINANCE THE RENOVATION AND/OR EXPANSION AT THE EXISTING GLOCESTER POLICE STATION AND INCIDENTAL FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$10,700,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR (Authorizes the Town of Gloucester to finance the renovation and/or expansion of Gloucester police station and to issue not more than \$10,700,000 bonds and notes therefore.) {LC6030/1}

06/07/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 3046**

**BY** Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWNS AND CITIES (Adds the town of Warren to those towns and cities authorized to issue bonds to finance the uninsured portion of a settlement arising out of litigation against the town or city.) {LC6071/1}

06/07/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2151 SUB A as amended**

**BY DiMario**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET  
METERING (Modifies the definition of "core forest" to refer to unfragmented forest blocks or  
single or multiple parcels totaling 250 acres or greater and at least 25 yards from mapped roads.)

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**APPENDIX****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024:****1. 2024-H 8261****BY Phillips****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --  
SOLAR SITING ADVISORY TASKFORCE**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

**2. 2024-H 7426 SUB A****BY Solomon****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --  
SOLAR DECOMMISSIONING PLANS**

Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**3. 2024-S 2808 SUB A****BY Valverde****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --  
SOLAR DECOMMISSIONING PLANS**

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**4. 2024-H 8116****BY Chippendale****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND  
PARTNERSHIPS -- THE RHODE ISLAND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

**5. 2024-H 7506****BY Dawson****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.



6. **2024-H 7356 SUB A**  
**BY** Cortvriend  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSUMER  
PFAS BAN ACT OF 2024

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

7. **2024-H 7730**  
**BY** Chippendale  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- BIRDS

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends passage.

8. **2024-S 2154**  
**BY** Rogers  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- BIRDS

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends passage in concurrence.

9. **2024-H 8093 SUB A**  
**BY** Chippendale  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION --  
FRESHWATER LAKE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

10. **2024-S 2153 SUB B**  
**BY** Sosnowski  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION --  
FRESHWATER LAKE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and the Substitute A and passage of Substitute B.

11. **2024-H 8103 SUB A**  
**BY** Cotter  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION-- SCHOOL COMMITTEES  
AND SUPERINTENDENTS

Committee on Education recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**12. 2024-S 2532 SUB A****BY Gallo****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS**

Committee on Education recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

**13. 2024-H 7615 SUB A****BY Cortvriend****ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY STUDENT TRANSPORTATION NEEDS AND SYSTEM COSTS**

Committee on Education recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**14. 2024-H 7046****BY Speakman****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT COMPUTER DEVICE PRIVACY**

Committee on Innovation, Internet, & Technology recommends passage.

**15. 2024-H 7787 SUB A****BY Shanley****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RHODE ISLAND DATA TRANSPARENCY AND PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT**

Committee on Innovation, Internet, & Technology recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**16. 2024-H 7092****BY Casimiro****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

**17. 2024-H 7882 SUB A****BY** Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LACTATION COUNSELORS PRACTICE ACT OF 2014

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**18. 2024-S 2379 SUB A****BY** Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LACTATION COUNSELORS PRACTICE ACT OF 2024

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**19. 2024-H 7567 SUB A****BY** Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- DOMESTIC ASSAULT

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**20. 2024-H 7449 SUB A****BY** McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**21. 2024-S 2767 SUB A****BY** Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

**22. 2024-H 7646****BY** Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

- 23. 2024-S 3044**  
**BY** F. Lombardi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --  
CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND  
INFORMATION ACT
- Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.
- 24. 2024-H 7976 SUB A**  
**BY** Craven  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --  
COURTS -- CONDITIONAL ESCHEAT OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS IN COURT  
REGISTRIES
- Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and  
passage of Substitute A.
- 25. 2024-H 7105 SUB A**  
**BY** Bennett  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE  
PURCHASES
- Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and  
passage of Substitute A.
- 26. 2024-S 2235 SUB A**  
**BY** Euer  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE  
PURCHASES
- Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and  
passage of Substitute A.
- 27. 2024-H 7456 SUB A**  
**BY** Slater  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --  
ELECTRICIANS
- Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and  
passage of Substitute A.
- 28. 2024-S 2469 SUB A as amended**  
**BY** Bissaillon  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --  
ELECTRICIANS
- Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and  
passage of Substitute A as amended in concurrence.

**29. 2024-H 8013 SUB A****BY** McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**30. 2024-S 2693 SUB A****BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**31. 2024-H 7777****BY** Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION -- RHODE ISLAND -- IRELAND  
TRADE COMMISSION

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

**32. 2024-S 2508****BY** Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION -- RHODE ISLAND -- IRELAND  
TRADE COMMISSION

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**33. 2024-H 7110****BY** DeSimone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- COLLECTION OF TAXES  
GENERALLY

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

**34. 2024-S 2639****BY** Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- COLLECTION OF TAXES  
GENERALLY

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

35. **2024-H 7534**  
**BY Cruz**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CITY HOUSING AUTHORITIES**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

36. **2024-S 2763**  
**BY LaMountain**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CITY HOUSING AUTHORITIES**

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

37. **2024-H 8076**  
**BY DeSimone**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- LIFE ESTATE**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

38. **2024-S 2322**  
**BY Bissaillon**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- LIFE ESTATE**

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

39. **2024-H 8254**  
**BY Casey**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

40. **2024-S 2697 SUB A as amended**  
**BY Murray**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A as amended in concurrence.

**41. 2024-H 8264****BY** Messier

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PARKS, STREETS, STREETSCAPES, RECREATION, SIDEWALKS, SEWERS, BUILDINGS AND BRIDGES AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$20,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2026 AND 2027

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

**42. 2024-H 8061****BY** Alzate

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CITY HOUSING AUTHORITIES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

**43. 2024-S 2765****BY** Acosta

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CITY HOUSING AUTHORITIES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**44. 2024-H 8326****BY** Craven

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING QUESTION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE STATE AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION IN 2024: "SHALL THERE BE A CONVENTION TO AMEND OR REVISE THE CONSTITUTION?"

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**45. 2024-H 8324****BY** Craven

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A BI-PARTISAN PREPARATORY COMMISSION TO ASSEMBLE INFORMATION ON CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS IN PREPARATION FOR A VOTE BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS ON THE HOLDING OF A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XIV SECTION 2 OF THE RHODE ISLAND CONSTITUTION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**46. 2024-H 8325 SUB A****BY** Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**47. 2024-H 7800 SUB A****BY** Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- VICTIM'S RIGHTS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**48. 2024-H 7562 SUB A****BY** Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- FURBEARING ANIMALS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**49. 2024-H 7867 SUB A as amended****BY** Voas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**50. 2024-S 2647 SUB A as amended****BY** McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**51. 2024-S 2933 as amended****BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- INTERLOCAL CONTRACTING AND JOINT ENTERPRISE

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage as amended in concurrence.



**52. 2024-S 2667 SUB A****BY** Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE --  
PRACTICE IN PROBATE COURTS

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

**53. 2024-S 3056****BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND  
PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

**54. 2024-S 2382 SUB A****BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS  
INSURANCE POLICIES -- LIFETIME LIMITS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024:****1. 2024-H 8182 SUB A****BY** Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**2. 2024-H 7465 SUB A****BY** Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**3. 2024-H 7558****BY** Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MOTOR VEHICLE  
INSURANCE -- MANDATORY ARBITRATION PROVISION

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

**4. 2024-H 7212 SUB A****BY** McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --  
FUNERAL DIRECTOR/EMBALMER AND FUNERAL SERVICE  
ESTABLISHMENTS

Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**5. 2024-H 7015 SUB A****BY** Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --  
ELECTRICIANS

Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**6. 2024-S 2120 SUB A****BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --  
ELECTRICIANS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**7. 2024-H 8014 SUB A****BY** Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RHODE  
ISLAND UNIFORM COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE ACT

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**8. 2024-H 7165 SUB A****BY** Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMMERCIAL  
SEXUAL ACTIVITY

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**9. 2024-H 7741****BY** Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FRAUD AND  
FALSE DEALING

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**10. 2024-H 7291 SUB A****BY** Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION WORKFORCE DATA ACT

Committee on Education recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**11. 2024-S 2142 SUB A****BY** Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION WORKFORCE DATA ACT

Committee on Education recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**12. 2024-H 7020 SUB A****BY** J. Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TRANSPARENCY IN ARTS EDUCATION ACCESS AND PROFICIENCY ACT

Committee on Education recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**13. 2024-H 8302 SUB A****BY** Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND COMMISSIONER OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION PREPARE A REPORT ON THE SCHOOL MEAL DEBT POLICY FOR ALL RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS

Committee on Education recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**14. 2024-H 7022 SUB A****BY** Spears**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- ACT ON COASTS - COASTAL RESILIENCY

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**15. 2024-H 7731 SUB A****BY** Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS AND SOLUTIONS

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**16. 2024-H 7127****BY** Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- RHODE ISLAND RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM ACT

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

**17. 2024-H 8226****BY** Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE TAX ELIMINATION ACT OF 1998

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

**18. 2024-H 7032****BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- AWARD OF MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

**19. 2024-H 8244 SUB A****BY** Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**20. 2024-S 3040 SUB A as amended****BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A as amended in concurrence.

**21. 2024-H 8180 SUB A****BY** Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**22. 2024-H 7154 SUB A****BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF YOUTH CAMPS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**23. 2024-S 2174 SUB A****BY** Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF YOUTH CAMPS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

**24. 2024-H 7826****BY** Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

**25. 2024-H 7197 SUB A****BY** McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**26. 2024-H 8219****BY** Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERSTATE COMPACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

**27. 2024-H 7103 SUB A****BY** Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- MEDICAL DEBT REPORTING

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**28. 2024-S 2709 SUB A****BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- MEDICAL DEBT REPORTING

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

**29. 2024-H 7577 SUB A****BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTHCARE PROVIDER SHIELD BILL

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**30. 2024-S 2262 SUB B****BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTHCARE PROVIDER SHIELD ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and the Substitute A and passage of Substitute B.

**31. 2024-H 7647 SUB A****BY** Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**32. 2024-H 8174****BY** Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

- 33. 2024-S 2974**  
**BY** Lauria  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

- 34. 2024-H 7057 SUB A**  
**BY** Cruz  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- CONTRACTORS BONDS

Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

- 35. 2024-S 2902 as amended**  
**BY** Cano  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- CONTRACTORS BONDS

Committee on Labor recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

- 36. 2024-H 7171 SUB A**  
**BY** Giraldo  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE -- BENEFITS

Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

- 37. 2024-S 2121 SUB A**  
**BY** Lawson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE -- BENEFITS

Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

- 38. 2024-H 8304**  
**BY** Shanley  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- FEDERAL ELECTIVE OFFICERS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

- 39. 2024-H 8009**  
**BY** Edwards  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --  
ORGAN-DONATION LEAVE ACT

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

- 40. 2024-S 2189 SUB A**  
**BY** Mack  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD  
TENANT ACT

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

- 41. 2024-S 2264 SUB A**  
**BY** Quezada  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --  
TAXICABS AND LIMITED PUBLIC MOTOR VEHICLES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

- 42. 2024-S 2635 SUB A**  
**BY** Gallo  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING  
ORDINANCES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, June 7, 2024**

**Updated: Saturday, June 8, 2024**



**APPENDIX****CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024:****1. 2024-S 2378 SUB A****BY DiMario****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

**2. 2024-S 2529****BY DiPalma****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO VERY YOUNG CHILDREN**

Committee on Education recommends passage in concurrence.

**3. 2024-S 2732 SUB A****BY LaMountain****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- HUNTING AND HUNTING SAFETY -- CAPTIVE HUNTING PROHIBITED**

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

**4. 2024-S 2810 as amended****BY Tikoian****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- DEER HUNTING**

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

**5. 2024-S 3058****BY Euer****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES**

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage in concurrence.

6.     **2024-S 2128**  
       **BY** E Morgan  
       **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --  
       POSTING OF VETERANS' BENEFITS AND SERVICES
- Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
7.     **2024-S 2418 SUB A**  
       **BY** Raptakis  
       **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS
- Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
8.     **2024-S 2663**  
       **BY** Ciccone  
       **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
       EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES GENERALLY
- Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
9.     **2024-S 2950 SUB A**  
       **BY** Cano  
       **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL EMERGENCY  
       DRILLS ACT
- Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
10.    **2024-S 2954**  
       **BY** LaMountain  
       **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- LOBSTERS AND  
       OTHER CRUSTACEANS
- Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
11.    **2024-S 2982**  
       **BY** Picard  
       **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIFE INSURANCE  
       POLICIES AND RESERVES
- Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**12. 2024-S 3117****BY** Gu

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CHARIHO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FINANCE IMPROVEMENTS, FURNISHING, AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENTS AT THE SWITCH ROAD CAMPUS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DEMOLITION, DESIGN, HEALTH AND SAFETY PROJECTS, ROOFING, PLAYGROUNDS, LANDSCAPING, PAVING AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENTAL THERETO BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$15,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 61% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE, WHICH RATE OR RATIO MAY INCREASE TO 65% AT PROJECT COMPLETION

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**13. 2024-S 3119****BY** Burke

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**14. 2024-S 3120****BY** E Morgan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**15. 2024-S 2112****BY** de la Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP OF ADULTS

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, June 7, 2024**

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