

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT & BUDGET

State Budget Office

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State Fiscal Note for Bill Number:

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2025-S 0042

Date of State Budget Office Approval: Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Date Requested: Thursday, January 23, 2025 Date Due: Saturday, February 15, 2025

Impact on Expenditures Impact on Revenues
FY 2025 \$0 FY 2025 Indeterminate

FY 2025 \$0 FY 2025 Indeterminate FY 2026 \$0 FY 2026 Indeterminate FY 2027 \$0 FY 2027 Indeterminate

Explanation by State Budget Office:

This bill would eliminate the authority of the Governor or General Assembly to transfer funds or monies (colloquially known as "scoops") collected by a quasi-public corporation or agency to the state.

Requested transfers from quasi-public corporations or agencies have been utilized and requested as a mechanism to help address projected state budget deficits. While there are no set metrics or thresholds for when a quasi-public entity can be scooped, typically, transfers are considered when a quasi-public entity has accumulated adequate unrestricted balances that such a transfer would not adversely affect core operations. Transfers which are recurring or excessive result in increased likelihood of negative consequences such as detrimental impact to quasi agency operations, impact to credit ratings, or a fiscal shortfall due to inadequate reserves.

Summary of Facts and Assumptions:

The Governor's FY 2025 revised recommended budget includes several transfers from the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority (\$2.7 million) and the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank (\$2.0 million) for a total of \$4.7 million in requested transfers. In addition, the Governor's FY 2026 Recommended Budget includes a transfer of \$2.9 million from the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority. Should the General Assembly enact these transfers, the impact would be revenue increases of \$4.7 million and \$2.9 million for FY 2025 and FY 2026, respectively.

Comments on Sources of Funds:

Sources of funds for quasi-public corporations or agencies may come from a variety of sources including, but not limited to; taxes, restricted receipts, fees, federal funds, and proceeds from general obligation and revenue bond issuances.

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Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Given the uncertainty of when transfers may be requested by the Governor or General Assembly, potential future requested amounts are unknown for requests of transfers from quasi-public corporations or agencies.

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