



State of Rhode Island  
Office of the General Treasurer

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The Honorable Marvin Abney  
Chair, House Committee on Finance

The Honorable Members of the House Committee on Finance

**RE:** *2026-H 7156, An Act Relating to Courts and Civil Procedure – Courts – Superior Court*

Chair Abney:

I write with regard to 2026-H 7156, which would allow retired magistrates of the Rhode Island Superior Court to return to their judicial duties for up to 90 days per year after their retirement at the request of the Chief Judge of the state Supreme Court.

Though this legislation proposes a modest expansion of post-retirement employment for a limited number of judges, it is an expanded benefit and may have an impact on the Judicial Retirement Benefits Trust. Consistent with Rhode Island law, legislation concerning the pension system should not be approved without the benefit of a pension impact note. *See* R.I. Gen. Law § 36-10-39. This independent assessment will clarify any impact the proposed legislation may have on the State budget. The Chairperson of the Senate Finance Committee – with the approval of the Senate President – can request a pension impact note concerning proposed legislation originating in the Senate. *See* R.I. Gen. Law § 36-10-39.

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Respectfully,

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