

FY 2022 Changes to Governor

Revenue Changes

- 1. May Revenue Estimate.** The May 2021 Revenue Estimating Conference increased the FY 2022 forecast to \$4,191.7 million based on its FY 2021 revisions and the new economic forecast. The estimate is \$146.8 million more than the November estimate and \$189.0 million more than the Governor's recommended level, adjusted for recommended changes that could not be included in the estimate.
- 2. PPP Decouple at \$250,000.** The Governor proposes partially decoupling the state from the federal treatment of forgiven Paycheck Protection Program loans by making only forgiven loan amounts under \$150,000 exempt from state taxation. This change was estimated to recapture \$67.7 million of the estimated loss with \$3.6 million in FY 2021 and \$64.1 million in FY 2022. That estimate was updated to \$2.1 million for FY 2021 and \$59.4 million for FY 2022 based on the results of the May Revenue Estimating Conference. The House Finance Committee recommends increasing the loan amount exempt from state taxation to \$250,000, which would reduce the amount recaptured by \$13.7 million including \$0.5 million for FY 2021 and \$13.2 million for FY 2022. This is estimated to impact 2,043 or 6.9 percent of the 30,000 Rhode Island businesses that participated in the program.
- 3. Beach Fee Correction (GBA).** The Governor proposes allowing the Department of Environmental Management to increase beach, park, and recreational fees at state facilities located in Westerly, which the budget assumes will increase general revenues by \$0.6 million. The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to reduce general revenues by \$26,262 to maintain senior beach parking fees at the current level.
- 4. Request for Public Health Data.** The Governor proposes authorizing the director of the Department of Health to charge fees for processing special data requests and offer exemptions from those fees. The proposal called for "approximately half" of the revenues to be appropriated to the Department to manage and sustain data systems to meet requests. The Governor recommends \$0.2 million for operating expenses based on \$0.4 million in revenues. The House Finance Committee does not concur and adjusts expenditures and revenues accordingly.
- 5. Workplace Tax Compliance.** The Governor proposes to expand the Workplace Fraud Unit with authorization for 2.0 new full-time equivalent positions and \$0.5 million from general revenues. Adjusted for the cost of new staff, net revenues would be \$0.4 million. The Governor has proposed expanding the unit in each of the last three fiscal years; these proposals were not approved by the Assembly. The House Finance Committee concurs with the recommended staff but does not assume the increased revenues proposed.
- 6. Underground Storage Tank Fund Transfer.** The House Finance Committee does not concur with the Governor's proposal requiring the transfer of \$1.0 million from the Underground Storage Tank Fund to general revenues by June 30, 2022.
- 7. Galilee Parking Fee Increase.** The House Finance Committee does not concur with the Governor's proposal to generate \$0.1 million of general revenues by increasing parking fees at the Galilee parking lot.
- 8. Commercial Feed Registration Fee Increase.** The House Finance Committee does not concur with the Governor's proposal to increase the commercial feed registration fee and excludes the \$0.5 million of associated general revenues.
- 9. Interstate Medical Licensing Compact.** The Governor proposes requiring the state to join four interstate compacts for four health professions including: physicians, psychologists, physical therapists and

emergency medical services personnel. Under compact agreements, health care professionals can practice in other compact member states, without having to obtain additional licenses. The legislation also amends the current nurse licensure compact and includes revised model legislation that has been adopted by the compact. The annual revenue loss from this change is \$0.2 million; the Governor's budget assumes a loss of \$58,919 for the last quarter of FY 2022. The House Finance Committee does not concur and restores the proposed revenue loss.

10. Adult Use Marijuana. The House Finance Committee does not concur with the Governor's proposal to establish an age 21 and older adult use marijuana program and excluded the proposed \$1.7 million in new revenues from a new excise tax and weight based taxes plus the sales tax.

11. Real Estate Conveyance - State Share. The House Finance Committee recommends establishing a second tier of the real estate conveyance tax for residential properties valued over \$0.8 million to establish a dedicated revenue stream to support housing development. The Governor's budget recommendation reduces revenues by \$1.5 million by reallocating \$0.16 cents from the state's Real Estate Conveyance Tax share, and doubles the levy on residential properties over \$0.7 million for the same purpose. The House Finance Committee excludes the reapportionment of the state conveyance tax share, increases the tax levy threshold, and recommends appropriating \$35.0 million to initially capitalize the fund.

12. Hospital License Fee. The House Finance Committee recommends the FY 2022 hospital license fee at 5.725 percent based on updated 2020 revenues. Total license fees collected would be \$170.2 million including \$169.9 million from community hospital payments and \$0.4 million from state payments for Eleanor Slater Hospital. This is \$8.0 million less than the Governor's budget.

13. Unemployment Support. The Families First Coronavirus Response Act and Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act signed into law by President Trump on March 18 and 27, 2020, respectively, contained significant changes to unemployment benefits and workers eligibility for them. The changes shift some of the burden to cover costs from employers to federal funds and expand benefits to workers not previously eligible. These changes were subsequently extended twice, most recently through the American Rescue Plan Act signed into law by President Biden on May 11, 2021. Based on information provided by the Department of Labor and Training, an additional \$303.0 million will be provided from federal funds for unemployment benefits for FY 2021. Additionally, in order to cover the state share of benefit payments, \$1.1 million more will be required from the Employment Security Trust Fund than included in the Governor's recommendation. The House Finance Committee shows this increase in resources and expenditures.

14. COVID Relief & Other Non-General Revenues. The state received funding from a variety of sources, most of it in response to the COVID-19 emergency. Direct grants under the most recently enacted stimulus were largely excluded from the Governor's proposal. Adjustments were also made based on spending to date and available resources including changes to Rhode Island Capital Plan funded projects. The House Finance Committee recommendation shows this \$1,419.3 million increase in resources and expenditures.

Expenditures Changes

Administration

15. Centralized Services - Distributed to User Agencies. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation includes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more

accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. It further reduces expenses in the Department of Administration by \$0.8 million based on updated agency charges.

16. COVID Relief - Related Expenses (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to remove \$5.3 million of expenditures from federal funds for which a specific grant source had not been identified at the time of the submission. The expenses were expected to be suitable for some of the funding approved in the American Rescue Plan, which President Biden signed the day the budget was submitted to the General Assembly. The amendment also includes \$0.9 million less for other expenses, including quarantine and isolation, government readiness and other related expenses from Federal Emergency Management Agency funds for the Department to cover COVID related expenses through December 2021.

17. COVID Relief - Residual Funds. The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to add \$0.8 million of uncommitted federal Coronavirus Relief funds to the FY 2022 budget. These funds will be used for emergency or unforeseen expenses related to the pandemic.

18. COVID Relief - Surge Hospital Operations & Deconstruction (GBA). The recommended budget includes \$12.0 million from federal funds for surge hospital operations and deconstruction. The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to reduce these expenses by \$9.9 million based on projected expenses.

19. DCYF RICHIST Project - IT Fund. The Governor proposed borrowing \$17.0 million through the issuance of new Certificates of Participation for the state match on a new child welfare system to replace the current Rhode Island Children's Information System. The House Finance Committee does not concur with the proposal to issue debt. It does provide pay-go funding from the Information Technology Investment Fund to support the state's share of the project and includes \$2.0 million for FY 2022, consistent with the capital recommendation.

20. Emergency Rental Assistance ARP 21. The American Rescue Plan Act allocates \$152.0 million to Rhode Island to essentially to continue the rental and utilities assistance program established by the CARES Act. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$114.0 million in FY 2022. The program, which launched in March 2021 is administered by Rhode Island Housing.

21. Enterprise Resource Planning - IT Fund. The Governor requested a budget amendment to advance his plan to issue debt through Certificates of Participation for an Enterprise Resource Planning System for human resources, information systems, payroll, and financial management. The House Finance Committee recommends funding from its recommendation to recapitalize the Information Technology Investment Fund. It assumes a need for up to \$5.0 million in FY 2022 to begin the work.

22. Equal Opportunity Administrator Position (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to add \$140,402 from general revenues to fund the equal opportunity administrator position in the Office of Diversity, Equity and Opportunity.

23. Homeowner Assistance Fund ARP 21. The American Rescue Plan Act includes a minimum allocation of \$50.0 million to Rhode Island to establish a Homeownership Assistance Fund. The fund provides resources to assist homeowners of single to four family residences experiencing a pandemic-related hardship with mortgage and other financial assistance including insurance, utility, internet, or other expenses to remain in their homes, or for reimbursement to state and local governments for homeowner assistance consistent with the aforementioned aid. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$25.0 million in FY 2022.

24. Library Services - ARP 21. The American Rescue Plan Act provides \$200.0 million for library services. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$2.2 million for the Office of Library and Information Services' share of these funds.

25. LIUNA Settlement Liability to FY 2021 - (GBA). The FY 2022 recommended budget includes \$4.3 million from general revenues in anticipation of a settlement agreement with the Laborers' International Union of North America which challenged the methodology used for calculation longevity and overtime payments for members participating in its supplemental retirement system. Subsequently, the Governor requested an amendment to include \$4.7 million in FY 2021 as a settlement agreement is anticipated to occur in June 2021. The base adjustment to agency budgets for FY 2022 and forward is estimated at \$0.5 million from all sources, including \$0.3 million from general revenues. The House Finance Committee concurs and includes these costs in agency budgets.

26. Pandemic Recovery & Grants Management. On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The Governor subsequently requested an amendment to include \$8.8 million from federal state fiscal recovery funds, including \$6.7 million to support the Office of Pandemic Recovery, which is responsible for policy coordination and compliance for federal COVID-19 related stimulus funds, and expenses for grants management. Funds will be used to support contracted financial monitoring and reporting services. It also includes \$1.7 million for a grants management system and \$0.3 million for legal services. The House Finance Committee concurs with the support for the Office but not the use of federal state fiscal recovery funds. Instead, these expenses will be billed across all grants being managed through an assessment that would be maintained in a restricted receipt account.

27. RICAP Payback in FY 2021. The FY 2020 final budget transferred \$120.0 million from the Budget Stabilization and Cash Reserve Account or "Rainy Day Fund" for use in balancing that budget. The FY 2021 enacted budget included \$90 million to repay the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund and authorization to delay the remaining \$30 million to FY 2022. The Governor's budget recommendation alters the repayment schedule to \$7.5 million in FY 2021 and \$42.5 million in FY 2022, leaving \$70.0 million in FY 2023. The House Finance Committee includes \$120.0 million from general revenues to repay the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund full amount in FY 2021.

28. Tort Court Award - Current Service. Historically, the Department of Administration has been given an appropriation of \$0.4 million from general revenues to pay for court ordered settlements against any state worker that bears a responsibility for the state and attorney fees. The recommended budget includes an additional \$0.5 million. The House Finance Committee recommends \$250,000 less which reflects \$0.3 million for settlements, consistent with FY 2018 through FY 2020 activity and assumes a sustained elevated level of legal fees relating to the consent decree with the Department of Justice regarding job training and community services to individuals with developmental disabilities.

29. VRI Savings - Distributed. The Governor's FY 2022 recommended budget includes \$8.2 million of undistributed savings in the Department of Administration's budget from a voluntary retirement incentive program the administration implemented during FY 2021. This assumes a delay in refilling the positions and that those are filled without paying the longevity bonus or otherwise upgraded from the current classification. Offsetting costs of \$2.2 million for employee payouts is included in the FY 2021 budget. The House Finance Committee recommendation distributes the FY 2022 savings and includes \$0.5 million for the Department's share of the savings based on the 22 individuals who took the incentive during FY 2021.

Business Regulation

30. Adult Use Marijuana (13.0 FTE). The House Finance Committee does not concur with the Governor's proposal for a new adult use marijuana program. Accordingly, it recommends excluding the

\$3.9 million from restricted receipts for implementation of which \$1.5 million was for salaries and benefits for 13.0 new full-time equivalent positions.

31. Capital - Fire Marshal Asset Protection. The Governor's recommendation provides \$0.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds annually beginning in FY 2022 for service contracts, planned annual maintenance, as well as reoccurring and unexpected repairs of structures and equipment for the Fire Academy. The House Finance Committee recommends excluding the funding as these are operating expenses that do not meet the standard for use of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds.

32. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The amount allocated to the Department of Business Regulation is \$0.1 million.

33. COVID-19 Response (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to eliminate \$1.6 million from federal funds for pandemic response activities in FY 2022. The Department's pandemic-related expenses were also reduced for FY 2021 based on projected spending.

34. Current Service Adjustments. The House Finance Committee recommends providing expenditures within the Department of Business Regulation at the current service level. This includes aligning some staffing and operating expenses in the Division of Building, Design and Fire Professionals, reducing expenditures that appear in other agency budgets, and maintaining actuarial expenses at the enacted level based on historical spending. This is \$1.3 million less than recommended, including \$0.6 million less from general revenues.

35. LIUNA Distribution. The Governor's FY 2022 budget submitted in March included \$4.3 million from general revenues in anticipation of a settlement agreement with the Laborers' International Union of North America which challenged the methodology used for calculation longevity and overtime payments for members participating in its supplemental retirement system. The final settlement is expected to cost \$4.7 million for prior years to be paid from the Department of Administration's budget in FY 2021. The base adjustment to agency budgets for FY 2022 and forward is estimated at \$0.5 million from all sources, including \$0.3 million from general revenues. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$12,688 from general revenues to account for the cost to the Department of Business Regulation.

36. OHIC Staffing to Enacted (1.0 FTE). The House Finance Committee does not concur with the Governor's proposal to expand the activities subject to reimbursement by health insurers and fund additional staff from that assessment. The budget excludes the proposal and the new Director of Consumer Protection position within the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner that would have been funded from it.

37. VRI Savings - Distributed. The Governor's FY 2022 recommended budget includes \$8.2 million of undistributed savings in the Department of Administration's budget from a voluntary retirement incentive program the administration implemented during FY 2021. This assumes a delay in refilling the positions and that those are filled without paying the longevity bonus or otherwise upgraded from the current classification. Offsetting costs of \$2.2 million for employee payouts is included in the FY 2021 budget. The House Finance Committee recommendation distributes the FY 2022 savings and includes \$0.2

million in the Department of Business Regulation's budget based on the two individuals who took the incentive during FY 2021.

Executive Office of Commerce

38. Capital - Quonset Point Infrastructure (GBA). The enacted budget assumed the final \$6.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for completion of the Quonset Point infrastructure project would be paid during FY 2022. The Governor's recommended budget erroneously reduced project funding by \$2.9 million. The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to restore the funding.

39. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The amount allocated to the Executive Office of Commerce is \$0.1 million.

40. COVID-19 Response (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to add \$4.5 million for pandemic response activities in FY 2022. The enacted budget for the Department of Administration includes nearly \$13.0 million for quarantine and isolation activities; the revised recommendation distributed some of those expenses to where the spending occurred, including \$1.8 million for the Executive Office of Commerce.

41. EAA Revolving Loan Fund Capitalization - ARP-21. The Administration requested changes to recognize availability of direct grants from the American Rescue Plan Act to multiple agencies. For the Executive Office of Commerce this includes \$6.8 million for the Economic Adjustment Assistance Revolving Loan Fund.

42. HOME Investment Partnerships Program ARP -21. The Administration requested changes to recognize availability of direct grants from the American Rescue Plan Act to multiple agencies. For the Office of Housing and Community Development this includes \$13.5 million for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

43. Housing Production Fund. The House Finance Committee recommends \$25.0 million from general revenues for FY 2022 for the Housing Production Fund to support housing development. The Governor's budget recommendation allocates \$0.16 cents from the state's Real Estate Conveyance Tax share and doubles the levy on residential properties over \$0.7 million to establish a dedicated revenue stream to fund housing development. The House Finance Committee excludes the proposal to reapportion the state conveyance tax share, increases the threshold to the tax levy to \$0.8 million, and includes \$25.0 million to initially capitalize the fund.

44. Housing Restricted Receipt Corrections (GBA). The House Finance Committee recommends \$0.4 million more from restricted receipts consistent with the Governor's requested amendment correcting the resource calculation for the Housing Production Fund contained in Article 15, and exempting certain affordable housing ownership transfers from the conveyance tax.

45. Industry Cluster Grant Sunset. The House Finance Committee recommends allowing the Industry Cluster Grant program to sunset June 30, 2021, and eliminates \$100,000 from general revenues accordingly. The 2020 Assembly eliminated an unused \$100,000 appropriation from the 2020 final budget.

46. Municipal Infrastructure Match - Infrastructure Bank. The House Finance Committee recommends providing \$1.0 million from general revenues to fund grants in connection with the municipal infrastructure grant program authorized under Rhode Island General Laws, Chapter 42-11.4.

47. Quonset Development Corporation - Transfer Reversal. The House Finance Committee recommends \$1.2 million from general revenues for the Quonset Development Corporation. The Quonset Development Corporation agreed to transfer \$1.2 million to state general revenues by June 30, 2020. It has since reported a lack of flexibility to manage inconsistent cash flow and requested authority to borrow funds for that purpose. The House Finance Committee recommends restoring those resources to the Corporation to allow for sufficient cash management flexibility.

48. Rebuild Existing Commitments. The House Finance Committee recommends providing an additional \$30.0 million from general revenues to fund obligations already made under the Rebuild Rhode Island Tax credit. The design of the program is to forward fund credits which are redeemed over time to avoid budget fluctuations. As of May 2021 an estimated \$192.2 million of credits have been committed and \$67.2 million set aside to pay them as they come due.

49. Small Business Assistance to SBDC. The House Finance Committee recommends \$650,000 from general revenues to recapitalize the Small Business Assistance Program. This is \$350,000 less than the Governor recommended, which is being allocated to provide a commensurate increase to the Small Business Development Center at the University of Rhode Island. The Small Business Assistance Program is estimated to have \$1.5 million of available resources, these funds increase resources to \$2.2 million.

50. State Small Business Credit Initiative - ARP 21. The Administration requested changes to recognize availability of direct grants from the American Rescue Plan Act to multiple agencies For the Executive Office of Commerce this includes \$56.2 million for the State Small Business Credit Initiative to support small businesses impacted by the economic effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

51. Stimulus Reserve (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to remove \$0.1 million for which a specific grant source had not been identified at the time of the budget submission for pandemic response activities in FY 2022.

52. VRI Savings - Distributed. The Governor's FY 2022 recommended budget includes \$8.2 million of undistributed savings in the Department of Administration's budget from a voluntary retirement incentive program the administration implemented during FY 2021. This assumes a delay in refilling the positions and that those are filled without paying the longevity bonus or otherwise upgraded from the current classification. Offsetting costs of \$2.2 million for employee payouts is included in the FY 2021 budget. The House Finance Committee recommendation distributes the FY 2022 savings and includes \$29,441 in the Executive Office of Commerce's budget based on the one individual who took the incentive during FY 2021.

Labor and Training

53. Back To Work RI from FY 2021. The Governor's revised budget includes \$35.3 million from federal Coronavirus Relief funds for Back to Work RI, a program that connects Rhode Islanders with job opportunities across the state providing resources and training. The House Finance Committee recommends shifting \$9.5 million from FY 2021 to FY 2022 based on projected expenditures.

54. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which

are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The House Finance Committee recommends allocating expenditures where they occur by adding \$36,476 from general revenues for information technology charges in the Department's budget.

55. Employer Tax Unit Transfer - Correction. The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's proposal to transfer the Employer Tax Unit and its 35.0 full-time equivalent positions from the Department of Revenue to the Department of Labor and Training. However, it shifts \$1.1 million of associated funds from restricted receipts to other funds to align expenses with actual fund sources.

56. Inmate Post-Release Employment Services (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to add \$0.2 million from general revenues for 1.5 full-time equivalent positions to assist the Department of Corrections with inmate post-release employment services. The position would help contract vendors and connect incarcerated individuals with post-release employment opportunities; this is in conjunction with \$0.3 million recommended in the Department of Corrections. The recommendation would repurpose existing vacancies in the Department.

57. Opportunities Industrialization Center (GBA). Consistent with the Governor's requested amendment the House Finance Committee recommends excluding \$100,000 from general revenues to support the Opportunities Industrialization Center. As the center has closed, the enacted budget excluded the funds which were inadvertently included in the Governor's recommended budget.

58. Real Jobs Rhode Island - General Revenues to Enacted. The Governor recommends \$9.1 million from all sources, including \$8.5 million from general revenues for the Real Jobs Rhode Island program in FY 2022. By source this is \$3.0 million more from general revenues and \$4.9 million less from federal funds. The Governor's recommendation does not assume additional funding from the Governor's Workforce Board, which has supported the program since its inception. The House Finance Committee recommends general revenues consistent with the enacted budget.

59. Real Jobs Rhode Island - Nursing Facility Staff Training. The House Finance Committee recommends that \$600,000 from general revenue support for the Real Jobs Rhode Island Program be allocated to support 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 Rhode Island General Laws, Section 23-17.5-36. The 2021 Assembly enacted legislation that sets minimum staffing standards for nursing home care.

60. Unemployment Benefits (GBA). The House Finance Committee recommends \$304.1 million more for unemployment benefits to reflect expected claims based on the extension of temporary federal unemployment programs. This includes \$303.0 million from federal funding which supports new and amended benefits and expanded worker eligibility authorized since the pandemic began, and \$1.1 million from the Employment Security Trust Fund for traditional claims for covered employment.

61. Unemployment Benefits Administration (GBA). The House Finance Committee recommends \$9.7 million more from available federal funds for personnel and operating expenses for the administration of unemployment benefits, reflecting the Department's projected expenses. This includes \$9.5 million from federal unemployment administration funds and \$275,000 from a grant authorized under the American Rescue Plan to support expenses that resulted from the extension of federal unemployment programs.

62. VRI Savings - Distributed. The Governor's FY 2022 recommended budget includes \$8.2 million of undistributed savings in the Department of Administration's budget from a voluntary retirement incentive program the administration implemented during FY 2021. This assumes a delay in refilling the

positions and that those are filled without paying the longevity bonus or otherwise upgraded from the current classification. Offsetting costs of \$2.2 million for employee payouts is included in the FY 2021 budget. The House Finance Committee recommendation distributes the FY 2022 savings and includes \$0.1 million in the Department's budget based on the 11 individuals who took the incentive during FY 2021.

Revenue

63. Adult Use Marijuana (4.0 FTE). The House Finance Committee does not concur with the Governor's proposal for a new adult use marijuana program. Accordingly, it excludes the \$0.8 million from restricted receipts for implementation of which \$0.3 million is for salaries and benefits for 4.0 new full-time equivalent positions.

64. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The amount allocated to the Department of Revenue is \$1.2 million.

65. Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (GBA). The Administration requested changes to recognize availability of direct grants from the American Rescue Plan Act to multiple agencies. For the Department of Revenue this includes \$132.0 million for the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to provide additional support to local governments. This represent half of the total consistent with the federal schedule for disbursement.

66. Lottery Roof Correction. The House Finance Committee recommends excluding \$0.2 million from lottery funds erroneously contained in the Department's request and the Governor's recommendation. The FY 2020 budget provided \$0.2 million for repairs to the roof completed and paid in that year.

67. Tax Increment Financing Appropriation (GBA). The House Finance Committee recommends \$1.6 million from restricted receipts for obligations due under Rhode Island General Law, Chapter 42-64.21, Rhode Island Tax Increment Financing program. For certain agreements, the Division of Taxation segregates the annual incremental revenues for deposit in a restricted receipt account. The disbursement of these funds is subject to appropriation, and the amount is consistent with the Commerce Corporation's projections of amounts due.

68. VRI Savings - Distributed. The Governor's FY 2022 recommended budget includes \$8.2 million of undistributed savings in the Department of Administration's budget from a voluntary retirement incentive program the administration implemented during FY 2021. This assumes a delay in refilling the positions and that those are filled without paying the longevity bonus or otherwise upgraded from the current classification. Offsetting costs of \$2.2 million for employee payouts is included in the FY 2021 budget. The House Finance Committee recommendation distributes the FY 2022 savings and includes \$0.5 million in the Department of Revenues' budget based on the 15 individuals who took the incentive during FY 2021.

Legislature

69. VRI Savings - Distributed. The Governor's FY 2022 recommended budget includes \$8.2 million of undistributed savings in the Department of Administration's budget from a voluntary retirement incentive program the administration implemented during FY 2021. This assumes a delay in refilling the positions and that those are filled without paying the longevity bonus or otherwise upgraded from the current classification. Offsetting costs of \$2.2 million for employee payouts is included in the FY 2021

budget. The House Finance Committee recommendation distributes the FY 2022 savings and includes \$0.8 million in the Legislature's budget based on the 18 individuals who took the incentive during FY 2021.

Lieutenant Governor

70. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The House Finance Committee recommends allocating expenditures where they occur by adding \$13,041 from general revenues in the Office of Lieutenant Governor's budget, all of which is for information technology.

Secretary of State

71. 250th Commission. The House Finance Committee recommends \$100,000 for the Secretary of State in FY 2022 to support the 250th Commission, a planning committee dedicated to preparing celebrations surrounding the 250th year of founding the country.

72. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The House Finance Committee recommends allocating expenditures where they occur by adding \$28,455 from general revenues in the Secretary of State's budget for information technology.

73. Staffing Base Adjustment (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with a Governor's requested amendment to shift \$85,549 of personnel expenses from restricted receipts to general revenues. This is based on the Secretary of State estimating lower collections for the Historical Record Trust in FY 2022.

Office of the General Treasurer

74. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The House Finance Committee recommends allocating expenditures where they occur by removing \$13,745 from general revenues in the Office of the General Treasurer's budget. This includes \$13,678 more for facilities offset by \$27,423 less for information technology.

75. Unclaimed Property. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$3.7 million for the unclaimed property program for FY 2022 to reflect the estimate of the May Revenue Estimating Conference. This reflects a transfer to the state General Fund estimated to be \$14.2 million for FY 2022 and \$13.0 million in claims paid.

76. VRI Savings - Distributed. The Governor's FY 2022 recommended budget includes \$8.2 million of undistributed savings in the Department of Administration's budget from a voluntary retirement incentive program the administration implemented during FY 2021. This assumes a delay in refilling the positions and that those are filled without paying the longevity bonus or otherwise upgraded from the current classification. Offsetting costs of \$2.2 million for employee payouts is included in the FY 2021 budget. The House Finance Committee recommendation distributes the FY 2022 savings and includes \$0.1 million in the Office's budget based on the four individuals who took the incentive during FY 2021.

Board of Elections

77. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The House Finance Committee recommends allocating expenditures where they occur by adding \$52,431 from general revenues in the Board of Elections' budget for information technology.

Ethics Commission

78. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The House Finance Committee recommends allocating expenditures where they occur by adding \$10,617 from general revenues for information technology charges in the Ethics Commission's budget.

79. VRI Savings - Distributed. The Governor's FY 2022 recommended budget includes \$8.2 million of undistributed savings in the Department of Administration's budget from a voluntary retirement incentive program the administration implemented during FY 2021. This assumes a delay in refilling the positions and that those are filled without paying the longevity bonus or otherwise upgraded from the current classification. Offsetting costs of \$2.2 million for employee payouts is included in the FY 2021 budget. The House Finance Committee recommendation distributes the FY 2022 savings and includes \$0.1 million in the Commission's budget based on the two individuals who took the incentive during FY 2021.

Governor's Office

80. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The House Finance Committee recommends allocating expenditures where they occur by adding \$42,922 from general revenues for information technology charges in the Office of the Governor's budget.

81. VRI Savings - Distributed. The Governor's FY 2022 recommended budget includes \$8.2 million of undistributed savings in the Department of Administration's budget from a voluntary retirement incentive program the administration implemented during FY 2021. This assumes a delay in refilling the positions and that those are filled without paying the longevity bonus or otherwise upgraded from the current classification. Offsetting costs of \$2.2 million for employee payouts is included in the FY 2021 budget. The House Finance Committee recommendation distributes the FY 2022 savings and includes \$0.1 million in the Office of the Governor's budget based on the one individual who took the incentive during FY 2021.

Commission for Human Rights

82. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The House Finance Committee recommends allocating expenditures where they occur by adding \$5,717 from general revenues for information technology charges in the Commission for Human Rights' budget.

83. VRI Savings. The Governor's FY 2022 recommended budget includes \$8.2 million of undistributed savings in the Department of Administration's budget from a voluntary retirement incentive program the administration implemented during FY 2021. This assumes a delay in refilling the positions and that those are filled without paying the longevity bonus or otherwise upgraded from the current classification. Offsetting costs of \$2.2 million for employee payouts is included in the FY 2021 budget. The House Finance Committee recommendation distributes the FY 2022 savings and includes \$42,408 in the Commission for Human Rights' budget based on the two individuals who took the incentive during FY 2021.

Executive Office of Health and Human Services

84. Adult Use Marijuana. The House Finance Committee does not concur with the Governor's proposal for a new adult use marijuana program. Accordingly, it excludes the \$1.4 million from restricted receipts in the Executive Office's budget to support health equity zones and provide data analytics capabilities to assess public health impacts of marijuana use.

85. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The House Finance Committee recommends allocating expenditures where they occur by adding \$0.5 million from general revenues for information technology charges in the Executive Office's budget.

86. Clinical Evaluator. The House Finance Committee does not concur with the Governor's recommendation to add \$180,000, including \$90,000 from general revenues, for contracted clinician services and reduces funding accordingly. Positions previously responsible for similar work were repurposed for other duties in the past several years within the organization.

87. Community Health Workers - Savings Delay. The Governor recommends seeking Medicaid reimbursement for community health workers and includes \$2.7 million for the new program expense. The budget also includes savings of \$3.0 million assuming a decrease in hospital stays based on services provided by the community health workers. The House Finance Committee recommends the new program but assumes the savings will take longer to appear in the expenses and restores the \$3.0 million, including \$1.3 million from general revenues.

88. COVID Relief - Related Expenses (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to decrease expenses for the Executive Office by \$2.7 million, primarily from Federal Emergency Management Agency Funds. The Governor's original recommendation inadvertently included funding based on 12 months of eligible reimbursements; the amendment reflects six months of reimbursements.

89. Eleanor Slater Hospital Discharges (GBA). The Governor's recommended budget includes a proposal to transfer patients at Eleanor Slater Hospital to community based settings, such as nursing homes, and includes \$6.9 million, of which \$2.9 million is from general revenues, in the Executive Office's budget to accommodate these placements. The Governor recently suspended progress on the proposal pending further review and requested an amendment to reduce expenses in the Executive Office's budget. The House Finance committee concurs and adjusts funding accordingly.

90. Enhanced FMAP Reserve - Q2. The Governor's budget assumes the enhanced Medicaid rate will extend through two quarters of FY 2022. This is based on preliminary guidance from the Biden Administration that the emergency will remain in place that long. The House Finance Committee recommends reserving \$39.0 million from general revenues in the event the public health emergency ends before October 1, 2021 requiring a higher state match earlier than expected. This information is not likely to be final until August.

91. Health Spending Transparency and Containment. The Governor proposes a \$1 annual fee on all entities offering, administering, insuring, or self-insuring health insurance coverage per covered life, excluding lives insured by government-provided or government-employer sponsored insurance. The FY 2022 recommendation includes \$0.3 million in the medical assistance program for the managed care plans to make the payment and \$0.5 million in the Executive Office to support a data analysis of healthcare claims. The House Finance Committee does not concur and reduces funding accordingly.

92. Hospitals - Graduate Medical Education. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$2.0 million from general revenues for graduate medical education program that includes \$1.0 million for academic medical centers that meet certain criteria, including designation as a Level 1 trauma center and \$1.0 million is for hospitals providing Neonatal Intensive Care Unit level of care.

93. Hospitals - Upper Payment Limits. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$26.2 million, of which \$8.6 million is from general revenues, for the state to make inpatient and outpatient upper payment limit reimbursements to the hospitals. The Governor's budget eliminated funding for the outpatient upper payment limit reimbursement. The inpatient limit had been in place in prior years, but not recently.

94. LTSS Rebalancing - Nursing Home Savings Delay. The Governor's recommendation increasing rates paid to home and community care providers to expand the opportunities available for alternatives to nursing home placements that totaled \$14.8 million was offset by \$13.6 million in savings from lower nursing home utilization. The House Finance Committee concurs with rate increases but assumes the savings will take longer to appear in the expenses and restores \$6.9 million, including \$2.9 million from general revenues.

95. Managed Care - Reserve Reduction. The House Finance Committee does not concur with the Governor's proposal to reduce, from 1.5 to 1.25, the percent of the administrative and medical premiums retained by the plans that mitigates the risk on the rates and adds \$4.6 million, including \$1.2 million from general revenues.

96. Medicaid Caseload - May Conference. The House Finance Committee recommends increasing medical assistance expenses by \$78.4 million for FY 2022 to reflect the results of the May Caseload Estimating Conference estimate. This includes updated expenses that reflect rate increases and projected utilization. The estimate also includes general revenue savings of \$65.3 million from two quarters of the enhanced rate assuming the end of the public health emergency in December 2021. Accounting for the remaining savings already assumed in the Governor's budget, primarily the enhanced Medicaid rates, FY 2022 spending is estimated to be \$16.8 million more from general revenues, \$62.1 million more from federal funds and \$0.5 million less from restricted receipts.

97. Nursing Home Staffing - Year One. The House Finance Committee recommends increasing nursing home expenses by \$1.5 million, including \$0.7 million from general revenues, to reflect the first year of the base rate staffing adjustment of 0.5 percent effective October 1, 2021 that is included in 2021-H 5012. The legislation includes further adjustments of 1.0 percent on October 1, 2022 and 1.5 percent on October 1, 2023.

98. Pay for Success. The House Finance Committee recommends appropriating \$6.0 million from general revenues to capitalize a restricted receipt fund authorized consistent with legislation in Article 14. The legislation authorizes a five-year pilot program whereby the Executive Office contracts with non-profit investors and service providers to provide permanent supportive housing and additional wraparound services to a cohort of 125 individuals experiencing homelessness. The Committee recommends authorizing FY 2022 expenditures up to \$1.5 million from that restricted account if certain contracted metrics are achieved.

99. Perinatal Doula - Savings Delay. The Governor recommends seeking Medicaid reimbursement for perinatal doula services and includes \$0.3 million for the new expense. The budget also includes savings of 0.2 million from a decrease in hospital expenses based on services provided by the doulas. The House Finance Committee recommends the new program but assumes the savings will take longer to appear in the expenses and restores the \$0.2 million, including \$0.1 million from general revenues.

100. Rhode Island Parent Information Network Services. The House Finance Committee does not concur with the Governor's recommendation to reduce the contract with the Rhode Island Parent Information Network to support long term care service and supports and restores \$558,000, of which \$279,000 is from general revenues.

101. RIte Share - New Employer Requirements. The Governor proposes savings of \$2.7 million in the medical assistance program from a significant change in the way the RIte Share program operates by having employers with at least 50 workers, excluding non-profits, submit employee-specific information to the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and Division of Taxation so a determination can be made if a Medicaid eligible individual has access to employer sponsored insurance. The recommendation also included \$0.6 million to implement the proposal. The House Finance Committee does not concur and restores the funding. The Committee also includes new reporting requirements for the Executive Office to identify which employer sponsored insurance plans meet the cost effective criteria for RIte Share which may be used for screening and enrollment in the program.

102. VRI Savings - Distributed. The Governor's FY 2022 recommended budget includes \$8.2 million of undistributed savings in the Department of Administration's budget from a voluntary retirement incentive program the administration implemented during FY 2021. This assumes a delay in refilling the

positions and that those are filled without paying the longevity bonus or otherwise upgraded from the current classification. Offsetting costs of \$2.2 million for employee payouts is included in the FY 2021 budget. The House Finance Committee recommendation distributes the FY 2022 savings and includes \$0.2 million in the Executive Office's budget based on seven individuals who took the incentive during FY 2021.

Children, Youth and Families

103. Accreditation Plan (75.0 FTE). The Department submitted an accreditation plan on October 1, 2020 that proposed a 48-month plan for its accreditation. Based on that report, the House Finance Committee recommends adding \$9.4 million from general revenues for all accreditation costs, including \$8.8 million for the 75.0 positions the Department identified as necessary to become accredited. It also recommends \$0.6 million for other identified costs such as the application fee, accreditation readiness assessment, accreditation fees and the site visit. This is in addition to the 16.0 new positions already in the Governor's budget recommendation.

104. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The House Finance Committee recommends allocating expenditures where they occur by adding \$554,924 from general revenues in the Department of Children, Youth and Families' budget. This includes \$121,263 more for facilities and \$433,661 more for information technology.

105. Child Care Rate Increase. The House Finance Committee recommends increasing payments for first tier infant, toddler and preschool age providers above the 25th percentile of a 2018 market survey and payments for top tier providers above the 75th percentile. It also increases rates for school-age children and establishes a tiered system of reimbursement, consistent with the system for infants, toddlers, and preschool age children. Reimbursement rates for family-based providers would be determined by collective bargaining. The budget includes \$4.0 million from federal funds for the Department of Human Services and \$0.7 million for the Department of Children, Youth and Families.

106. COVID Related Expenses (GBA). The Governor's recommendation includes \$1.5 million for COVID-19 expenses, including isolation and intake placements and staffing costs, from a combination of Federal Emergency Management Agency funding and unidentified funding. The Governor subsequently requested an amendment to exclude \$1.4 million for FY 2022, including the non-Federal Emergency Management Agency funds. The House Finance Committee concurs with amended recommendation.

107. COVID Relief - Child Welfare Services Grants. The House Finance Committee includes \$1.5 million for COVID related child welfare services grants, including \$0.5 million from the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and \$1.0 million from the American Rescue Plan Act. This includes \$0.7 million to enhance community-based and prevention-focused programs, \$0.3 million for improving the child protective services system, \$0.3 million to assist youth whose post-secondary education was interrupted by the public health emergency, and \$0.2 million to enhance prevention and early intervention.

108. Headquarters Sublet Savings. The Governor proposes to sublet space at the Department's headquarters to another state agency and includes \$0.1 million of savings. The House Finance Committee does not concur with the proposal and includes \$0.5 million for the full cost of the lease for FY 2022.

109. RICHIST Upgrade - Federal Share (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to add \$1.3 million from federal funds for the federal share of the proposed replacement of the Department's child welfare system. The amendment adjusts the operating budget to include the federal funding reflected in the capital budget recommendation. The House Finance Committee provides pay-go funding from the Information Technology Investment Fund to support the state's share of the project and includes \$2.0 million for FY 2022, consistent with the capital recommendation.

110. VRI Savings - Distributed. The Governor's FY 2022 recommended budget includes \$8.2 million of undistributed savings in the Department of Administration's budget from a voluntary retirement incentive program the administration implemented during FY 2021. This assumes a delay in refilling the positions and that those are filled without paying the longevity bonus or otherwise upgraded from the current classification. Offsetting costs of \$2.2 million for employee payouts is included in the FY 2021 budget. The House Finance Committee recommendation distributes the FY 2022 savings and includes \$0.7 million in the Department's budget based on the 19 individuals who took the incentive during FY 2021.

111. Workload Study Tool. In its December 2020 report, the Office of the Child Advocate indicated that the Department did not meet a number of commitments required in the Children's Rights settlement. As stipulated in the settlement, the Department is required to follow a corrective action plan, which includes a workload study developed in coordination with the monitoring team. According to estimates provided by the monitoring team, the study is expected to be \$0.2 million, and the House Finance Committee recommends that funding.

Health

112. Adult Use Marijuana. The House Finance Committee does not concur with the Governor's proposal for a new adult use marijuana program. It adjusts expenditures in the Department for which the recommended budget included \$0.4 million for existing staff and operating expenses.

113. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. It includes \$252,789 less from general revenues for the Department based on updated agency charges. This includes \$154,833 more for information technology and \$407,622 less for facilities management services.

114. COVID Relief - Stimulus Reserve. The recommended budget includes \$27.3 million of expenditures from federal funds for which a specific grant source had not been identified at the time of the submission. The expenses were expected to be suitable for some of the funding approved in the American Rescue Plan, which President Biden signed the day the budget was submitted to the General Assembly. The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to remove these expenses from the budget.

115. COVID Relief - Testing (GBA). The American Rescue Plan Act includes funding to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to prepare for, promote, distribute, administer, monitor, and track coronavirus vaccines to ensure broad-based distribution and vaccine coverage. Preliminary estimates suggest that the Department of Health will receive \$45.7 million for various grants, including \$31.9 million for K-12 testing and \$13.8 million to support COVID-19 response efforts. The House Finance Committee

concur with the Governor's requested amendment to include \$38.7 million from federal funds for laboratory contracts, supplies, site equipment, and staffing.

116. COVID Relief - Contact Tracing & Case Investigation (GBA). The Governor's recommended budget includes \$33.9 million from federal funds for contact tracing and case investigation. These expenses include contracted staffing from ADIL and Guidesoft, retired nurses and epidemiology services from Brown University. This also includes space for staff to work, call center infrastructure, and a staffing vendor to provide services in the event of a surge. The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to add \$8.9 million in FY 2022. This assumes use of newly available grants from the American Rescue Plan Act and unspent funds other coronavirus relief funds.

117. COVID Relief - Data Analytics and Communications (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to include \$9.2 million from federal funds for communication campaigns, project management, interpreters for press conferences and translation services. This also includes expenses for information technology such as the Salesforce software, which is used to coordinate the tracking of demographic data, personnel costs for contractors providing support and information technology expenses. This includes \$2.1 million from American Rescue Plan Act grants and updated expenses from prior Coronavirus Relief funds.

118. COVID Relief - Vaccines (GBA). The American Rescue Plan Act includes funding to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to prepare for, promote, distribute, administer, monitor, and track coronavirus vaccines to ensure broad-based distribution and vaccine coverage. Preliminary estimates suggest that the Department of Health will receive \$32.6 million for vaccine preparedness. The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to include \$21.9 million from federal funds. This includes \$13.9 million from American Rescue Plan Act grants and \$8.1 million from other federal Coronavirus Relief funds.

119. COVID Relief - Related Expenses (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to add \$6.6 million from federal funds for COVID Relief related expenses. This reflects use of federal grants from the American Rescue Plan Act and other available federal coronavirus relief funds. This includes \$4.7 million for individual support, expenses associated with quarantine and isolation, \$2.3 million to support Health Equity Zones and mitigation efforts, \$0.3 million for surge expenses and \$0.7 million for government readiness.

120. COVID Relief - Personnel and Grants - 15.0 FTE (GBA). The Department uses its indirect cost recovery restricted receipts to offset costs associated with administering federally funded programs. Revenues for the indirect cost recovery account are based on the expenditure of certain federal grants and exclude some expenditures such as assistance and grants. The influx of federal "stimulus" grants creates an opportunity to generate resources. The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to add \$17.2 million of restricted receipt expenditures, including \$3.9 million in grants to various community based agencies, \$7.6 million for contracted services, \$1.9 million for operating expenses and \$3.9 million for staffing costs. A requested amendment also increases staffing in the Department by 15.0 full-time equivalent positions for administration, financial oversight of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grants and monitoring vaccination efforts and new outbreaks.

121. Laboratory Expenses from Opioid Funds. The House Finance Committee does not concur with the Governor's recommendation to shift \$1.5 million of ongoing general revenue expenses for the Forensic Drug, Forensic Toxicology program to the Opioid Stewardship Fund and maintains general revenue funding. Current law states that the funds be available to provide "opioid treatment, recovery, prevention, education services, and other related programs."

122. Request for Public Health Data. The Governor proposes authorizing the director of the Department of Health to charge fees for processing special data requests and offer exemptions from those fees. The proposal called for “approximately half” of the revenues to be appropriated to the Department to manage and sustain data systems to meet requests. The Governor recommends \$0.2 million for operating expenses based on \$0.4 million in revenues. The House Finance Committee does not concur and adjusts expenditures and revenues accordingly.

123. VRI Savings - Distributed. The Governor’s FY 2022 recommended budget includes \$8.2 million of undistributed savings in the Department of Administration’s budget from a voluntary retirement incentive program the administration implemented during FY 2021. This assumes a delay in refilling the positions and that those are filled without paying the longevity bonus or otherwise upgraded from the current classification. Offsetting costs of \$2.2 million for employee payouts is included in the FY 2021 budget. The House Finance Committee recommendation distributes the FY 2022 savings and includes \$0.5 million in the Department’s budget based on the 22 individuals who took the incentive during FY 2021.

Human Services

124. Adult Protective Services - CCA 21. The House Finance Committee recommends \$0.7 million from new federal funds made available through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 for adult protective services. Funds are distributed to local organizations to enhance and improve adult protective services provided by states and local governments in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

125. Aging & Disability Resource Center Vaccine Access - ARP 21. The House Finance Committee recommends \$158,836 from new federal funds authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to support vaccine access for the elderly. Funding will be distributed directly to the Aging and Disability Resource Center, also known as The Point.

126. Cash Assistance Caseload - May Conference. The House Finance Committee recommends reducing expenditures for cash assistance caseloads by \$5.0 million, including \$0.8 million from general revenues, to reflect the May Caseload Estimating Conference estimates for Rhode Island Works, subsidized child care, supplemental security income and general public assistance bridge programs.

127. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor’s recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration’s budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee’s recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The House Finance Committee recommends allocating expenditures where they occur by reducing general revenues by \$0.1 million for facilities service charges in the Department’s budget.

128. Child Care Co-Pays Capped at 7%. The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor’s requested amendment to cap family child care co-payments at seven percent of family income and includes \$0.5 million from federal funds.

129. Child Care Provider Stabilization Grants. The House Finance Committee recommends \$57.3 million from new federal funds authorized under the American Rescue Plan for direct grants to child care providers.

130. Child Care Rate Increase. The House Finance Committee recommends increasing payments for first tier infant, toddler and preschool age providers above the 25th percentile of a 2018 market survey and

payments for top tier providers above the 75th percentile. It also increases rates for school-age children and establishes a tiered system of reimbursement, consistent with the system for infants, toddlers, and preschool age children. Reimbursement rates for family-based providers would be determined by collective bargaining. The budget includes \$4.0 million from federal funds for the Department of Human Services and \$0.7 million for the Department of Children, Youth and Families.

131. Congregate & Home Delivered Meals - CCA 21. The House Finance Committee recommends \$0.8 million from new federal funds for congregate and home delivered meals. This is in addition to \$3.9 million included in the Governor's revised budget for elderly nutrition, including \$0.6 million from general revenues.

132. COVID-Related Veterans' Home (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to decrease expenses for the Rhode Island Veterans' Home by \$1.3 million, primarily from Federal Emergency Management Agency funds. The Governor's original recommendation inadvertently included funding based on 12 months of eligible reimbursements; the amendment reflects six months of reimbursements.

133. Emergency Food Assistance Program - CAA 21. The House Finance Committee recommends \$1.3 million from new federal funds for the emergency food assistance program. Funds are distributed to the Rhode Island Food Bank, which administers the program.

134. Federal Funds Revisions. Based on projected expenditures from federal funds authorized under the CARES Act, the House Finance Committee recommends \$1.1 million more. Revisions reflect funding shifted from FY 2021 in order to realign funding with projected spending.

135. Home and Community Care for Early Onset Alzheimer's. The House Finance Committee recommends \$1.1 million from all sources, including \$0.5 million from general revenues, from expanding the Office of Healthy Aging's home and community care program to individuals with early onset Alzheimer's disease.

136. LIHEAP - CAA 21. The House Finance Committee recommends \$30.8 million from federal LIHEAP funds available through the American Rescue Plan Act. The program assists low income households to meet the increasing costs of home energy and reduce the severity of an energy related crisis.

137. LIHEAP from FY 2021. Based on projected expenditures, the House Finance Committee recommends shifting \$3.3 million from federal LIHEAP funds available through the CARES Act from FY 2021 to FY 2022. The program assists low income households to meet the increasing costs of home energy and reduce the severity of an energy related crisis.

138. Long-Term Care Ombudsman - CAA 21. The House Finance Committee recommends \$30,000 from new federal funds available through the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 for the state ombudsman program. Funding may be used to address abuse, neglect and exploitation of the elderly, including adult protective services and long-term care ombudsman activities

139. Pandemic EBT - CCA 21. The House Finance Committee recommends \$0.7 million from new federal funds for administrative expenses related to supporting the Pandemic EBT program.

140. Paratransit Program Gas Tax Proceeds. The Governor's recommended budget includes the enacted amount of \$4.4 million from Intermodal Transportation funds for the elderly paratransit program, which is supported by a portion of gas tax proceeds. Revised projections for gas tax collections estimate the fund will receive \$4.3 million for FY 2022. The House Finance Committee recommends adjusting expenditures by \$158,508 accordingly.

141. Rehabilitative Services - CAA 21. The House Finance Committee recommends \$0.1 million from new federal funds for financial relief to blind vendors.

142. RI Works Base Benefit Increase - 30%. The House Finance Committee recommends \$4.3 million from federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds to increase the monthly Rhode Island Works benefit by 30.0 percent.

143. Vaccine Access - CAA 21. The House Finance Committee recommends \$250,000 from new federal funds authorized under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 to support vaccine access for the elderly.

144. Veterans' Home - CAA 21. The House Finance Committee recommends \$0.8 million from new federal funds for the Rhode Island Veterans' Home. Funds authorized through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 can be used for emergency payments to existing state veterans homes to prevent, prepare and respond to COVID-19.

145. Vocational Rehabilitation Federal Funds Correction. The Department's FY 2022 request inadvertently included \$4.0 million more from federal vocational rehabilitation funds than available, which was subsequently included in the Governor's recommended budget. The House Finance Committee recommends adjusting federal expenditures based on actual available grant funding.

146. VRI Savings - Distributed. The Governor's FY 2022 recommended budget includes \$8.2 million of undistributed savings in the Department of Administration's budget from a voluntary retirement incentive program the administration implemented during FY 2021. This assumes a delay in refilling the positions and that those are filled without paying the longevity bonus or otherwise upgraded from the current classification. Offsetting costs of \$2.2 million for employee payouts is included in the FY 2021 budget. The House Finance Committee recommendation distributes the FY 2022 savings and includes \$0.8 million in the Department's budget based on the 45 individuals who took the incentive during FY 2021.

BHDDH

147. Adult Use Marijuana (2.0 FTE). The House Finance Committee does not concur with the Governor's proposal for a new adult use marijuana program. Accordingly, it excludes the \$0.2 million from restricted receipts for two new positions and prevention, treatment, and workforce development programming.

148. Hospital License Fee. The House Finance Committee recommends an FY 2022 license fee at 5.725 percent based on 2020 revenues and includes \$351,684, or \$16,893 less than the Governor's recommendation, for the state payment for Eleanor Slater Hospital.

149. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The House Finance Committee recommends allocating expenditures where they occur by adding \$2.9 million from general revenues for information technology charges in the Department's budget.

150. DD Consent Decree (GBA). The Governor's recommended budget includes \$15.0 million, of which \$10.0 million is from general revenues, for a transition fund to assist the Department in complying with its

obligation under the Department of Justice consent decree to address services provided to adults with developmental disabilities. The Governor requested an amendment to add \$26.7 million, including \$7.8 million from general revenues, and to revise the plan for the transition fund. The amendment supports increasing minimum hourly rate reimbursements for direct support professionals to \$15.75 and supervisors to \$21.99. The House Finance Committee concurs with the total of \$39.7 million for rate increases.

151. Eleanor Slater Hospital Medicaid (GBA). The Governor's recommended budget includes \$77.7 million from general revenues and does not include any Medicaid funds as part of the reorganization plan. The Governor requested an amendment to add \$2.0 million from Medicaid funds to offset a like amount of general revenues for the portion of its patient population that can receive Medicaid regardless of the hospital's compliance with patient mix. The House Finance Committee concurs and adjusts funding accordingly.

152. Eleanor Slater Hospital Reorganization Reversal (GBA). The Governor's recommendation includes general revenue savings of \$38.7 million for a plan to reorganization the state hospital and transfer patients to other community based settings. The Governor requested an amendment to reverse the proposal and restore the savings and the 100.0 full-time equivalent positions. The House Finance Committee concurs.

153. Emergency Grants to Address Mental/Substance Use Disorders - CAA 21. The House Finance Committee recommends \$2.9 million from new federal funds authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 awarded to the Department with a recent spending plan receiving approval through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The plan includes funds to expand telehealth services which support individuals in crisis, providing digital literacy to support peer or case managers to assist with clients, sharing educational materials and promotions of support groups for healthcare workers. The Department is also developing a plan for opiate treatment programs to enhance telehealth capabilities.

154. LIUNA Settlement Base Adjustment. The Governor's FY 2022 budget submitted in March included \$4.3 million from general revenues in anticipation of a settlement agreement with the Laborers' International Union of North America which challenged the methodology used for calculation longevity and overtime payments for members participating in its supplemental retirement system. The final settlement is expected to cost \$4.7 million for prior years to be paid from the Department of Administration's budget in FY 2021. The base adjustment to agency budgets for FY 2022 and forward is estimated at \$0.5 million from all sources, including \$0.3 million from general revenues. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$130,965 from all sources to account for the cost to the Department.

155. Maintenance of Need Allowance (GBA). As part of the Governor's recommendation for changes in the Executive Office of Health and Human Services long term care supports and services program, he proposes having individuals with a requirement to pay for a part of their services retain a higher amount of their monthly income. The FY 2022 recommended budget adds \$5.4 million, including \$2.4 million from general revenues. Subsequent to the budget submission, it was determined that the proposal also affects developmentally disabled adults receiving services through the Department. The Governor requested an amendment to shift \$2.7 million, including \$1.1 million from general revenues, to increase community based program expenses and the House Finance Committee concurs.

156. Mental Health Services Block Grant - CAA 21/ARP 21. The House Finance Committee recommends \$8.7 million from new federal funds authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 awarded to the Department with a spending plan that recently received approval by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The plan includes developing a suicide prevention website, a regional task force on adult suicide prevention, homeless outreach, mobile crisis support for

adults and youth, funding for Kid's Link, psychiatric consultations, employment and housing support specialty work, education and advocacy, workforce development, and expansion of community centers.

157. Restricted Receipts - Correction (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to correct the recommendation that inadvertently reduces restricted receipts by \$580,409.

158. RICLAS Privatization Reversal. The Governor recommends privatizing the state run system for adults with developmental disabilities, known as RICLAS, and includes savings of \$12.7 million, including \$4.5 million from general revenues, for direct services. The budget also includes \$0.7 million, of which \$0.3 million is from general revenues, for a consultant to assist with the proposal and reduces staffing by 50.0 full-time equivalent positions. The House Finance Committee does not recommend the proposal and adjusts funding accordingly between the state and community based programs and restores the 50.0 full-time equivalent positions.

159. Regional Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force Support. The House Finance Committee recommends \$500,000 from Opioid Stewardship funds to support the state's seven regional substance abuse prevention task forces. Funding would support assessing prevention needs and resources, developing plans to address any gaps in resources or community readiness, establishing a local strategic plan, implementing interventions based on community needs, and evaluation.

160. Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant - CAA 21/ARP 21. The House Finance Committee recommends \$13.5 million from new federal funds authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 awarded to the Department with a spending plan receiving recent approval through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The plan includes expanding student assistance services to all middle and high schools, a statewide marijuana awareness campaign, regional prevention task forces support, homeless outreach, a pilot program for mobile crisis intervention, efforts to support detox facilities, and expansion of recovery community centers.

161. Suicide Prevention State Planning Grant (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to add \$30,000 from restricted receipts for total funding of \$95,000 through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline's 9-8-8 planning grant. Funding is available to state mental health, behavioral health and public health agencies to assist with implementing a new, national, three-digit number for mental health crisis and suicide response, or 9-8-8.

162. VRI Savings - Distributed. The Governor's FY 2022 recommended budget includes \$8.2 million of undistributed savings in the Department of Administration's budget from a voluntary retirement incentive program the administration implemented during FY 2021. This assumes a delay in refilling the positions and that those are filled without paying the longevity bonus or otherwise upgraded from the current classification. Offsetting costs of \$2.2 million for employee payouts is included in the FY 2021 budget. The House Finance Committee recommendation distributes the FY 2022 savings and includes \$1.4 million in the Department's budget based on the 32 individuals who took the incentive during FY 2021.

Office of the Child Advocate

163. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The House Finance Committee recommends allocating expenditures

where they occur by excluding \$26,827 from general revenues in the Office of Child Advocate's budget. This includes \$22,341 less for facilities and \$4,486 less for information technology.

164. Turnover Savings Restoration. The Governor's recommendation includes \$0.1 million of turnover savings from holding one position vacant for FY 2022. The House Finance Committee does not concur and adjusts funding accordingly.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing

165. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The amount allocated to the Commission is \$22,422.

166. Current Service Adjustment. The recommended budget includes \$0.5 million from all sources to fund salary and benefit expenses for the authorized 4.0 full-time equivalent positions. All positions are filled and the recommendation appears to be understated by \$21,000. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$21,000 from general revenues to properly fund salary and benefit expenses.

Governor's Commission on Disabilities

167. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The amount allocated to the Governor's Commission on Disabilities is \$6,449.

Office of the Mental Health Advocate

168. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The House Finance Committee recommends allocating expenditures where they occur by adding \$33,887 from general revenues for information technology and facility charges in the Office of the Mental Health Advocate's budget.

Elementary & Secondary Education

169. AP Exams for Students in Poverty. The House Finance Committee recommends \$400,000 from new general revenues to provide advance placement tests to students living in poverty for free. The program would apply to tests offered by the College Board.

170. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The House Finance Committee recommends allocating expenditures where they occur by reducing \$42,325 from general revenues for information technology charges in the Department's budget.

171. Communications Manager (1.0 FTE). The Governor recommends \$0.1 million from general revenues and authorization for one new position to support the Department's communications director. The House Finance Committee does not recommend the funding or authorization.

172. COVID Relief - Education Stabilization Aid to Districts. The House Finance Committee recommends \$539.8 million from federal education stabilization funds. This includes \$166.3 million available through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and \$373.5 million available through the American Rescue Plan Act. The state received a total awards of \$599.8 million from both pieces of legislation, of which \$60.0 million will be distributed by the Department, noted separately.

173. COVID Relief - Education Stabilization Discretionary. The House Finance Committee recommends \$60.0 million from federal education stabilization funds available to the Department. This includes \$18.5 million through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and \$41.5 million available through the American Rescue Plan Act. The state received total awards of \$599.8 million from both pieces of legislation, of which \$539.8 million will be directly awarded to districts, noted separately. Remaining funds may be used for other emergency needs in response to the coronavirus pandemic or awarded to districts, as determined by the Department.

174. COVID Relief - Rethink K-12 Education Grant Correction. In August, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education was awarded a three-year, \$10.9 million competitive grant authorized under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act. Funds are limited to the establishment and expansion of virtual learning and course access programs. The Governor's recommendation includes the entire grant award in the revised FY 2021 recommendation. Based on actual expenditures projected by the Department, the House Finance Committee recommends reducing FY 2021 expenditures by \$9.9 million and adding \$6.3 million to FY 2022.

175. COVID Relief - Governor's Education Stabilization Funds. The House Finance Committee recommends \$13.6 million from new federal education stabilization funds support COVID-related expenses incurred by non-public schools. This includes \$7.1 available through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and \$6.2 million from the American Rescue Plan Act.

176. Education Aid - Density Aid. The House Finance Committee recommends \$1.0 million from general revenues and reinstating a school choice density category of education aid for those districts whose enrollment has been most impacted by the growth of charter schools. Funding would be provided for those districts with 5.0 percent or more of resident students enrolled in a school of choice, specifically for new students attending a new or expanding charter school. For FY 2022, \$500 per pupil would be provided for each new student attending a school of choice since FY 2019, the last time in which this category of aid was provided.

177. Education Aid - March Data Hold Harmless. As a result of the coronavirus emergency, enrollments in public schools declined by approximately 4,000 students from March 2020 to March 2021. The House Finance Committee recommends legislation in Article 10 to hold districts harmless from the

impacts of enrollment decline, adjusted for those students attending new and expanding charter schools in FY 2021. The budget includes an additional \$0.6 million from general revenues to reflect this change.

178. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - ARP 21. The House Finance Committee recommends \$11.7 million from new federal funds authorized under the American Rescue Plan to support Individuals with Disabilities Education Act expenses. This includes \$9.6 million for school age children, \$0.9 million for preschool, and \$1.2 million for infants and toddlers with disabilities.

179. School Construction Administration. The House Finance Committee recommends total funding of \$0.8 million for administration of the school construction program, consistent with the Governor's FY 2022 budget. However, it shifts \$0.5 million of expense from Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation restricted receipts to general revenues based on projected fee revenue used to support the program's staff.

180. School for the Deaf Operations. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$0.2 million from general revenues for operating expenses at the School for the Deaf based on prior year expenditures.

181. School Spending Analysis (2.0 FTE). The House Finance Committee recommends \$0.3 million from general revenues and authorization for two new school spending analysts. The new positions would analyze and report on school spending, including spending on basic education plan activities and information reported through the Uniform Chart of Accounts (UCOA).

182. Transformation Specialist (1.0 FTE). The Governor recommends \$0.1 million from general revenues and authorization for a new transformation specialist. The House Finance Committee does not recommend the funding or authorization.

183. World Language (1.0 FTE). The House Finance Committee recommends \$0.1 million from general revenues and authorization for one new world language specialist. The new position would work with local districts to establish and improve world language and dual language programs, oversee implementation of a dual language immersion pilot, and ensure the inclusion of world language and dual language immersion program data.

184. VRI Savings - Distributed. The Governor's FY 2022 recommended budget includes \$8.2 million of undistributed savings in the Department of Administration's budget from a voluntary retirement incentive program the administration implemented during FY 2021. This assumes a delay in refilling the positions and that those are filled without paying the longevity bonus or otherwise upgraded from the current classification. Offsetting costs of \$2.2 million for employee payouts is included in the FY 2021 budget. The House Finance Committee recommendation distributes the FY 2022 savings and includes \$0.1 million in the Department's budget based on the two individuals who took the incentive during FY 2021.

Higher Education

185. Capital - CCRI Knight Campus Renewal. Based on planned expenditures for FY 2021, the House Finance Committee recommends removing \$890,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds from FY 2021 and adding \$250,000 for FY 2022 and \$640,000 for FY 2023 for the Community College of Rhode Island's Knight Campus Renewal project. Total funding remains at the recommended level.

186. Capital - OPC - Higher Education Centers. The House Finance Committee recommends shifting \$2.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds authorized for FY 2021 to FY 2022 for the Northern Rhode Island Education Center project based on construction delays. The Center was originally slated to open in July 2021 but is now projected to be open later in the fall.

187. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor’s recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration’s budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee’s recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The House Finance Committee recommends allocating expenditures where they occur by adding \$45,510 from general revenues in the Office of Postsecondary Commissioner’s budget. This includes \$46,442 more for facilities offset by \$932 less for information technology.

188. HEERF II and III - CCA 21 and ARP 21. The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and American Rescue Plan Act includes an additional \$60.8 billion for emergency relief for higher education not reflected in the Governor’s recommended budget. Rhode Island’s public institutions will receive \$145.4 million; private institutions will receive \$127.3 million. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$145.4 million to the FY 2022 budget. By institution the allocations are \$48.5 million for the University of Rhode Island, \$34.6 million for Rhode Island College, and \$62.3 million for the Community College of Rhode Island.

189. Last Dollar Scholarship Fund Source. The Governor’s budget includes \$9.6 million for the Last Dollar Scholarship Program. This includes \$5.6 million from tuition savings fees and \$4.0 million from federal loan reserve funds. This program replaced the state’s need-based scholarship and grant program with more flexible state grant programs directed by the Commissioner of Postsecondary Education. Based on projected revenues and expenditures, it appears guaranty agency funds, which support this and other programs, will be exhausted during FY 2023. The House Finance Committee recommends providing general revenues in lieu of federal and other sources for FY 2022 which would extend guaranty agency funds through FY 2024 and help the state meet the maintenance of effort requirement in order to be eligible for federal Education Stabilization funds through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act.

190. RIC Operating Support. To accommodate lower tuition and fee revenues in the current year, Rhode Island College laid off 68.5 full-time equivalent positions and kept 58.5 vacant positions open. Additionally the College negotiated with its bargaining units in the summer to defer the planned 2.5 percent cost-of-living adjustment for July 1, 2020 until July 1, 2021. The College also implemented administrative pay reductions for senior leadership ranging from 5.0 percent to 10.0 percent. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$5.9 million from general revenues which would allow the College to meet its contractual obligations, restore turnover savings and make other priority investments.

191. Small Business Development Center. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$350,000 from general revenues for the Small Business Development Center to bring total funding to \$700,000. There is a 50 percent match requirement for federal funds; this would be matched by \$700,000 from federal funds to provide a total of \$1.4 million to support small businesses.

Arts Council

192. ArtPlace Correction. The Governor’s recommended budget includes an additional \$40,000 from restricted receipts from its ArtPlace America grant. In April 2019, the Council received a \$50,000 grant from ArtPlace America to support its Arts and Healthcare Network program over two years. During FY 2020, the Council spent about \$40,000. The Council subsequently reported that ArtPlace America has closed, and only about \$10,000 is available. The House Finance recommends the enacted level to reflect available resources.

193. National Endowment Grants -ARP 21. The House Finance Committee recommends \$1.5 million of federal funds authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act for the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts. This funding from both National Endowment for the Arts and Humanities.

194. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The amount allocated to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts is \$10,546.

195. Discretionary Grants to Enacted. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$50,000 from general revenues for grants issued at the discretion of the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, in addition to the increased grant support for the Governors portrait, and its supplemental National Endowment for the Arts awards. The House Finance Committee recommends maintaining general revenue grant support at the enacted level for FY 2022.

Atomic Energy

196. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The House Finance Committee recommends allocating expenditures where they occur by adding \$7,520 from general revenues for information technology charges in the Atomic Energy Commission's budget.

197. Federal Instrumentation Grant. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$0.5 million from federal funds to reflect a new grant from the Department of Energy received by the Commission. This funding will support upgrades to reactor control instrumentation.

Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission

198. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The House Finance Committee recommends allocating expenditures where they occur by removing \$71,330 from general revenues in the Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission's budget. This includes \$12,627 less for information technology charges and \$58,703 for facilities management.

199. Federal Funds Correction. The House Finance Committee recommends reducing expenditures from the National Maritime Heritage grant by \$17,950 to correct errors in both the request and recommendation. This grant expired in FY 2020.

200. Staffing - Current Service Adjustments. The House Finance Committee recommends general revenue personnel savings of \$100,000 for the Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission. This corrects overstated salaries and benefits included in the Governor's budget and the request.

Attorney General

201. Capital Improvements - Forfeiture Funds Correction. The House Finance Committee recommends \$350,000 from Google Settlement funds to be used for capital improvements that was inadvertently excluded in the Governor's recommended budget. Funding is included in the five-year capital plan.

202. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The House Finance Committee recommends allocating expenditures where they occur by adding \$40,005 from general revenues for information technology charges in the Office of the Attorney General's budget.

203. Multi-State Litigation GBA (4.0 FTE). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to add four new positions to the Office of the Attorney General to support multi-state litigation efforts and add \$0.4 million, primarily from restricted receipts. There is also a statutory change allowing the Office to keep a larger share of settlement proceeds to support the positions.

204. New Federal Grants. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$570,000 for three new federal grants received in FY 2021 to be spent over multiple years. This includes \$200,000 from a Victim Liaison grant and \$132,000 from a Department of Justice grant to enhance violent crime prosecution strategies. There is also \$238,000 to improve disposition reporting in the state's criminal computerized criminal history record system.

205. VRI Savings - Distributed. The Governor's FY 2022 recommended budget includes \$8.2 million of undistributed savings in the Department of Administration's budget from a voluntary retirement incentive program the administration implemented during FY 2021. This assumes a delay in refilling the positions and that those are filled without paying the longevity bonus or otherwise upgraded from the current classification. Offsetting costs of \$2.2 million for employee payouts is included in the FY 2021 budget. The House Finance Committee recommendation distributes the FY 2022 savings and includes \$143,262 in the Office of Attorney General's budget based on the two individuals who took the incentive during FY 2021.

Corrections

206. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The House Finance Committee recommends allocating expenditures where they occur by adding \$2.8 million from general revenues in the Department of Corrections' budget. This includes \$2.7 million more for facilities and \$105,291 more for information technology.

207. COVID Related Expenses (GBA). The Governor's recommendation includes \$0.2 million for COVID-19 expenses from a combination of Federal Emergency Management Agency funding and unidentified funding that appears to assume expenses would be suitable for some of the funding approved in the American Rescue Plan. The Governor subsequently requested an amendment to exclude all but \$54,000 for FY 2022, including the non-Federal Emergency Management Agency funds. The House Finance Committee concurs with amended recommendation.

208. Substance Abuse Service Contract (GBA). The Governor's FY 2022 budget inadvertently understated projected expenses for the Department's substance abuse contract and he subsequently requested an amendment to add \$0.6 million for FY 2022. The House Finance Committee concurs with the amended recommendation.

209. VRI Savings - Distributed. The Governor's FY 2022 recommended budget includes \$8.2 million of undistributed savings in the Department of Administration's budget from a voluntary retirement incentive program the administration implemented during FY 2021. This assumes a delay in refilling the positions and that those are filled without paying the longevity bonus or otherwise upgraded from the current classification. Offsetting costs of \$2.2 million for employee payouts is included in the FY 2021 budget. The House Finance Committee recommendation distributes the FY 2022 savings and includes \$0.1 million in the Department's budget based on the four individuals who took the incentive during FY 2021.

Judicial

210. LIUNA Settlement Base Adjustment. The Governor's FY 2022 budget submitted in March included \$4.3 million from general revenues in anticipation of a settlement agreement with the Laborers' International Union of North America which challenged the methodology used for calculation longevity and overtime payments for members participating in its supplemental retirement system. The final settlement is expected to cost \$4.7 million for prior years to be paid from the Department of Administration's budget in FY 2021. The base adjustment to agency budgets for FY 2022 and forward is estimated at \$0.5 million from all sources, including \$0.3 million from general revenues. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$0.1 million from all sources to account for the cost to the Judiciary.

211. Pay-go Pensions. The House Finance Committee recommends general revenue savings of \$0.1 million for retirement costs for judges and magistrates hired before 1990 who are not part of the state employees' retirement system. This is consistent with the Judiciary's third quarter report.

212. Veterans Treatment Court Grant (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested budget amendment to add \$0.4 million from federal funds to expand access to the Veterans Treatment Court to more potential clients. The grant would allow the Court to serve 115 unduplicated clients annually with a total of 575 unduplicated clients served over the five-year grant period.

213. VRI Savings - Distributed. The Governor's FY 2022 recommended budget includes \$8.2 million of undistributed savings in the Department of Administration's budget from a voluntary retirement incentive program the administration implemented during FY 2021. This assumes a delay in refilling the positions and that those are filled without paying the longevity bonus or otherwise upgraded from the current classification. Offsetting costs of \$2.2 million for employee payouts is included in the FY 2021 budget. The House Finance Committee recommendation distributes the FY 2022 savings and includes \$0.8 million in the Judiciary's budget based on the 23 individuals who took the incentive during FY 2021.

Military Staff

214. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The House Finance Committee recommends allocating expenditures where they occur by excluding \$6,432 from general revenues in the Military Staff's budget, all for information technology.

215. Injured on Duty - Correction (GBA). The Governor's FY 2022 budget recommendation assumes savings from the exclusion of expenses for firefighters with an injured on duty status, but overstated available savings by \$0.1 million, bringing total funding below zero, as recommended savings exceed the amount of enacted general revenues. The Governor subsequently requested an amendment correcting the overstatement. The House Finance Committee concurs with the amended recommendation.

Public Safety

216. Adult Use Marijuana. The House Finance Committee does not concur with the Governor's proposal for a new adult use marijuana program and excludes all related revenues and expenses including the \$0.8 million from restricted receipts to be used by the Division of State Police for training troopers on drug recognition techniques.

217. Body Worn Camera Statewide Project. The House Finance Committee recommends \$15.0 million from general revenues for the Department of Public Safety to establish a body camera grant program for the State Police and municipalities.

218. Capital - Administrative Support Building. The Governor recommends \$1.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to renovate the Department of Public Safety's Administrative Support Building from FY 2022 through FY 2024, including \$0.2 million in FY 2022. The House Finance Committee recommends this work be done a part of the asset protection project.

219. Capital - Southern Barracks. The Governor's budget includes a proposal for \$35.0 million from general obligation bonds to go before the voters in 2022 for a new southern barracks. The Governor subsequently requested an amendment to reduce the total cost to \$28.1 million, change the funding to Certificates of Participation and move the start date to FY 2022. This assumes that the Portsmouth Barracks will be renovated and reopened in FY 2023 and allows a smaller barracks to be built. The House Finance Committee recommends funding this on a pay-go basis instead of debt and programs \$28.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds in FY 2022 through FY 2024, including \$2.1 million in FY 2022.

220. Capital - Portsmouth Barracks (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to add \$2.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds in FY 2022 and FY 2023 to rehabilitate the Portsmouth Barracks which has been closed since 2012. This includes \$350,000 in FY 2022 to begin architectural and engineering work.

221. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's

recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The House Finance Committee recommends allocating expenditures where they occur by removing \$58,737 from general revenues in the Department of Public Safety's budget. This includes \$79,627 less for information technology charges and \$20,890 more for facilities management.

222. LIUNA Settlement Base Adjustment. The Governor's FY 2022 budget submitted in March included \$4.3 million from general revenues in anticipation of a settlement agreement with the Laborers' International Union of North America which challenged the methodology used for calculation longevity and overtime payments for members participating in its supplemental retirement system. The final settlement is expected to cost \$4.7 million for prior years to be paid from the Department of Administration's budget in FY 2021. The base adjustment to agency budgets for FY 2022 and forward is estimated at \$0.5 million from all sources, including \$0.3 million from general revenues. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$49,107 from all sources to account for the cost to the Department of Public Safety.

223. VRI Savings - Distributed. The Governor's FY 2022 recommended budget includes \$8.2 million of undistributed savings in the Department of Administration's budget from a voluntary retirement incentive program the administration implemented during FY 2021. This assumes a delay in refilling the positions and that those are filled without paying the longevity bonus or otherwise upgraded from the current classification. Offsetting costs of \$2.2 million for employee payouts is included in the FY 2021 budget. The House Finance Committee recommendation distributes the FY 2022 savings and includes \$0.1 million in the Department of Public Safety's budget based on six individuals who took the incentive during FY 2021.

Public Defender

224. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The House Finance Committee recommends allocating expenditures where they occur by adding \$1,906 from general revenues for information technology charges in the Office of the Public Defender's budget.

225. VRI Savings - Distributed. The Governor's FY 2022 recommended budget includes \$8.2 million of undistributed savings in the Department of Administration's budget from a voluntary retirement incentive program the administration implemented during FY 2021. This assumes a delay in refilling the positions and that those are filled without paying the longevity bonus or otherwise upgraded from the current classification. Offsetting costs of \$2.2 million for employee payouts is included in the FY 2021 budget. The House Finance Committee recommendation distributes the FY 2022 savings and includes \$79,096 in the Office of Public Defender's budget based on the two individuals who took the incentive during FY 2021.

Emergency Management Agency

226. American Rescue Plan Act - Emergency Management Performance Grants. The House Finance Committee includes \$0.9 million for Emergency Management Performance Grants included in the American Rescue Plan Act. These funds must be used to support and sustain capabilities across the prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery mission areas.

227. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The House Finance Committee recommends allocating expenditures where they occur by adding \$63,156 from general revenues in the Emergency Management Agency's budget. This includes \$1,500 less for facilities offset by \$64,156 more for information technology.

228. COVID Related Expenses (GBA). The Governor's recommendation includes \$0.9 million for COVID-19 expenses, from a combination of Federal Emergency Management Agency funding and unidentified funding that appears to assume expenses would be suitable for some of the funding approved in the American Rescue Plan. The Governor subsequently requested an amendment to exclude \$0.6 million of recommended funding for FY 2022, including the non-Federal Emergency Management Agency funds. The House Finance Committee concurs with amended recommendation.

229. LIUNA Settlement Base Adjustment. The Governor's FY 2022 budget submitted in March included \$4.3 million from general revenues in anticipation of a settlement agreement with the Laborers' International Union of North America which challenged the methodology used for calculation longevity and overtime payments for members participating in its supplemental retirement system. The final settlement is expected to cost \$4.7 million for prior years to be paid from the Department of Administration's budget in FY 2021. The base adjustment to agency budgets for FY 2022 and forward is estimated at \$0.5 million from all sources, including \$0.3 million from general revenues. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$13,131 from all sources to account for the cost to the Emergency Management Agency.

230. VRI Savings - Distributed. The Governor's FY 2022 recommended budget includes \$8.2 million of undistributed savings in the Department of Administration's budget from a voluntary retirement incentive program the administration implemented during FY 2021. This assumes a delay in refilling the positions and that those are filled without paying the longevity bonus or otherwise upgraded from the current classification. Offsetting costs of \$2.2 million for employee payouts is included in the FY 2021 budget. The House Finance Committee recommendation distributes the FY 2022 savings and includes \$12,138 in the Agency's budget based on one individual who took the incentive during FY 2021.

Environmental Management

231. Capital - Galilee Piers. Based on planned expenditures, the House Finance Committee recommends shifting \$4.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds from FY 2021 to FY 2022 for the Department of Environmental Management's Galilee Piers project. Total funding remains at the recommended level.

232. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The House Finance Committee recommends allocating expenditures where they occur by adding \$112,493 from general revenues for information technology charges in the Department of Environmental Management's budget.

233. COVID Relief - Government Readiness (GBA). The Governor's FY 2022 recommendation includes \$0.3 million from federal funds for which a specific grant source had not been identified at the time of the submission. This appears to assume that the expenses would be suitable for some of the funding approved in the American Rescue Plan which President Biden signed the day the budget was submitted to the General Assembly. The House Finance Committee concurs with a Governor's subsequent amendment to remove these funds.

234. Minimum Wage Increase (GBA). Earlier this year the Assembly passed 2021-H 5130, Substitute A, which increased the minimum wage from \$11.50 an hour to \$12.25 an hour, beginning on January 1, 2022 and provided for increases in subsequent years. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$44,430 from general revenues for the Department of Environmental Management's seasonal staff. The annualized cost for this is approximately \$100,000.

235. VRI Savings - Distributed. The Governor's FY 2022 recommended budget includes \$8.2 million of undistributed savings in the Department of Administration's budget from a voluntary retirement incentive program the administration implemented during FY 2021. This assumes a delay in refilling the positions and that those are filled without paying the longevity bonus or otherwise upgraded from the current classification. Offsetting costs of \$2.2 million for employee payouts is included in the FY 2021 budget. The House Finance Committee recommendation distributes the FY 2022 savings and includes \$0.6 million in the Department of Environmental Management's budget based on 21 individuals who took the incentive during FY 2021.

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236. Centralized Services - Distributed. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$7.1 million from general revenues in undistributed centralized service expenditures in the Department of Administration's budget for later distribution because updated rates for both facilities and information technology services had not yet been finalized. This is inconsistent with how internal service funds, which are billed to user agencies that must budget the expense, should work. The House Finance Committee's recommendation makes adjustments to all affected agencies so that expenses are more accurately shown where they are anticipated to occur. The House Finance Committee recommends allocating expenditures where they occur by adding \$3,495 from general revenues for information technology charges in the Coastal Resources Management Council's budget.

237. VRI Savings - Distributed. The Governor's FY 2022 recommended budget includes \$8.2 million of undistributed savings in the Department of Administration's budget from a voluntary retirement incentive program the administration implemented during FY 2021. This assumes a delay in refilling the positions and that those are filled without paying the longevity bonus or otherwise upgraded from the current classification. Offsetting costs of \$2.2 million for employee payouts is included in the FY 2021 budget. The House Finance Committee recommendation distributes the FY 2022 savings and includes \$46,309 in the Coastal Resources Management Council's budget based on two individuals who took the incentive during FY 2021.

Transportation

238. COVID Relief - Related Expenses (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to remove \$77,170 of expenditures from federal funds for which a specific grant source had not been identified at the time of the submission. The expenses were expected to be suitable for some of the funding approved in the American Rescue Plan, which President Biden signed the day the budget was submitted to the General Assembly. The amendment also adds \$38,585 from Federal Emergency Management Agency funds for the Department to cover COVID related expenses through December 2021.

239. Gas Tax - DOT Yield. Based on a downward revision to the gas tax yield, the House Finance Committee recommends decreasing expenditures in the Maintenance Division by \$1.6 million to reflect anticipated resources.

240. Gas Tax - GARVEE Bonds Yield. The House Finance Committee recommends decreasing expenditures for GARVEE bonds debt service, which are paid for with the equivalent of two cents of the gasoline tax by \$0.2 million to reflect a downward revision of the gasoline tax yield estimate.

241. Gas Tax - Turnpike and Bridge Authority Yield. The House Finance Committee recommends adjusting available gasoline tax in the Department of Transportation based on a decreased transfer to the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority of \$0.3 million to reflect a downward revision to the gasoline tax yield estimate. The FY 2022 enacted budget includes \$14.9 million to the Authority.

242. LIUNA Settlement Base Adjustment. The Governor's FY 2022 budget submitted in March included \$4.3 million from general revenues in anticipation of a settlement agreement with the Laborers' International Union of North America which challenged the methodology used for calculation longevity and overtime payments for members participating in its supplemental retirement system. The final settlement is expected to cost \$4.7 million for prior years to be paid from the Department of Administration's budget in FY 2021. The base adjustment to agency budgets for FY 2022 and forward is estimated at \$0.5 million from all sources, including \$0.3 million from general revenues. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$232,594 from all sources to account for the cost to the Department of Transportation.

243. Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements (GBA). In 2019, the Department received a \$2.8 million grant from the Federal Railroad Administration for preliminary engineering and environmental assessment for an Amtrak stop at T.F. Green Airport. Since then, the Department has been in contract negotiations with Amtrak. The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to include \$1.5 million based on projected expenses.

244. RIPTA - Gas Tax Yield and HMA. The House Finance Committee recommends a transfer of \$51.2 million from gasoline tax proceeds and highway maintenance funds to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority. This is \$0.7 million less than the Governor's budget, including \$0.8 million less to reflect a downward revision to the gasoline tax yield estimate and \$0.1 million more for the Authority's share of the highway maintenance account based on updated estimates.

245. Transit Grant Adjustment (GBA). The Governor's revised and FY 2022 recommended budgets include total expenditures of \$13.3 million from federal CARES Act funds for transit related expenses. This is \$1.7 million more than the grant award, as that amount was spent in FY 2020 on ferry services and other expenses. The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to reduce budgeted expenditures by \$1.7 million, reflecting the actual grant amount.