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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Marvin L. Abney, Chairman, House Finance Committee
The Honorable Louis P. DiPalma, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

From: Joseph Codega Jr., Budget Officer *Joe M. Codega Jr.*

Date: April 18, 2025

Subject: Amendments to FY 2026 Appropriations Act (25-H-5076)

Governor's Budget Amendment #15

The Governor requests that several amendments be made to the FY 2026 Appropriations Act. The amendments include changes to the appropriation amounts in Article 1, Relating to Making Appropriations in Support of FY 2026.

This amendment adjusts funding for the following Rhode Island Capital Plan projects; 1.) Department of Elementary and Secondary Education – Davies School Wing Renovation and 2.) Military Staff – Aviation Readiness Center. The changes reflect increases based on updated project cost estimates and federal cost-sharing.

Additionally, this amendment requests a change in name and makes timeline adjustments to planned expenditures for the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) Residential Treatment Facility to Residential Treatment Facilities. The adjustment will provide flexibility to utilize any remaining balance from the Residential Treatment Facility project; intended for the development of a facility in Exeter, to develop other potential residential treatment facilities in Rhode Island for DCYF youth.

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

cc: Sharon Reynolds Ferland, House Fiscal Advisor
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ARTICLE 1, RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2026

SECTION 1, APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2026

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Increase Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds for “Davies School Wing Renovation”, Page 22, Line 8 by \$4,515,423 from \$30,000,000 to \$34,515,423. This amendment adjusts funding associated with the renovation and construction of the Davies Career and Technical School’s 1970s building. The additional cost is for the installation of a new roof and temporary membrane overlay as deemed necessary the design-build contracting team’s recent assessments. While the need for a roof repair or replacement had been identified in the feasibility study conducted prior to project commencement, the condition of the roof has since deteriorated making further repairs impracticable. Accelerating the replacement of the end-of-life roof is necessary to proceed with further renovations (26-RIDE1).

Department Children, Youth and Families

Replace the word “Facility” with “Facilities” and decrease Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds for “Residential Treatment Facility”, Page 14, Line 9 by \$4,000,000 from \$15,000,000 to \$11,000,000. This amendment changes the project name to reflect the Administration’s intent to utilize any remaining balance from the Residential Treatment Facility project intended for the development of a facility in Exeter to develop other potential residential treatment facilities in Rhode Island for DCYF youth. It is anticipated that the Exeter facility will complete with approximately \$6.0 million in excess appropriations. Of this amount, approximately \$2.0 million is requested in FY 2026 to conduct a feasibility study, planning, and design of an additional facility. The remainder is requested in FY 2027 as a placeholder for future renovation or construction costs. While this amount is not anticipated to cover the full project cost of an additional facility, further appropriations will be requested in a future budget cycle pending the outcome of planning activities (26-DCYF1).

Insert “DCYF – Residential Treatment Facilities” Page 40, after Line 25, along with the following fund schedule: FY 2027 “4,000,000”, FY 2028 “0”, FY 2029 “0”, and FY 2030 “0” (26-DCYF2).

Military Staff

Increase Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds for “Aviation Readiness Center”, Page 30, Line 7 by \$4,251,673 from \$287,000 to \$4,538,673. Insert “Military Staff – Aviation Readiness Center” Page 41, after Line 30. This amendment adjusts funding associated with the design and construction of a new National Guard Readiness Center for the Army National Guard 1/126th Aviation unit. The National Guard Bureau (NGB) informed the State that the project did not meet the statutory requirements for a 5% state share, and therefore changed to a 25% state share as legally allowed for design and construction costs of the center being built on State owned land. There is also a subsequent increase to the project’s five-year Capital Improvement Plan in FY 2027 from \$0 to \$7,603,990 (26-MIL1).

Insert “Military Staff – Aviation Readiness Center” Page 41, after Line 30, along with the following fund schedule: FY 2027 “7,603,990”, FY 2028 “0”, FY 2029 “0”, and FY 2030 “0” (26-MIL2).

Summary of Governor's Article 1 Amendments to FY 2026 Appropriations Act (25-H-5076)

	General Revenue	Federal Funds	Restricted Receipts	Other Funds	Total	Amendment Code (26-AGENCY#)
FY 2026 Expenditures (Original Governor's Recommend)	5,743,054,676	5,090,207,928	446,197,209	2,936,594,811	14,216,054,624	
March 17, 2025 Amendments	18,159	2,630,687	1,735,730	-	4,384,576	
March 18, 2025 Amendments	-	-	-	-	-	
Department of Children, Youth and Families						
<i>RICAP - DCYF Residential Treatment Facility change to DCYF Residential Treatment Facilities</i>				(4,000,000)	(4,000,000)	26-DCYF1
<i>RICAP - DCYF Residential Treatment Facilities, Page 40, Insert after Line 25, FY 2027 from "0" to "4,000,000"</i>				-	-	26-DCYF2
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education						
<i>RICAP - Davies School Wing Renovation</i>				4,515,423	4,515,423	26-RIDE1
Military Staff						
<i>RICAP - Aviation Readiness Center</i>				4,251,673	4,251,673	26-MIL1
<i>RICAP - Aviation Readiness Center, Page 41, Insert after Line 30, FY 2027 from "0" to "7,603,990"</i>				-	-	26-MIL2
Total	-	-	-	4,767,096	4,767,096	
Grand Total	5,743,072,835	5,092,838,615	447,932,939	2,941,361,907	14,225,206,296	