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MEMORANDUM

The Honorable Marvin L. Abney, Chairman, House Finance Committee

The Honorable Louis P. DiPalma, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

From: Joseph Codega Jr., Budget Officer John Modayah

Date: March 17, 2025

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

Governor's Budget Amendment #5

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. In general, these amendments seek to correct omissions in recommended appropriations while remaining consistent with the Governor's original intent. A description of each amendment requested is provided below.

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 Stephen Whitney, Senate Fiscal Advisor Jonathan Womer, Director of Administration Brian Daniels, Director, Office of Management and Budget

ARTICLE 1, RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2026 SECTION 1, APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2026

Department of Administration

Increase General Revenue for the Capital Asset Management and Maintenance program, Page 5, Line 21, by \$49,600 from \$8,985,340 to \$9,034,940. This amendment restores general revenue funding for a portion of an administrative position in the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance that was inadvertently included in the shift of project management positions to Rhode Island Capital Plan funds (26-D0A-1).

Executive Office of Health and Human Services

Zero-Sum Accounting Adjustment to General Revenue in the Central Management Program, Page 12, Line 26. This amendment aligns the budget for Early Intervention with the account in which expenditures will be recorded, with no net change to appropriations (26-EOHHS2).

Increase General Revenue in the Hospitals subprogram within the Medical Assistance program, Page 13, Line 2 by \$185,709 from \$125,666,740 to \$125,852,449. This amendment adds the applicable Health Insurer Provider Tax for the state directed hospital payment initiatives included in the Governor's Recommend Budget. This amendment generates a total of \$623,841 in general revenue also inadvertently excluded from the Governor's Recommended Budget (26-EOHHS3).

Increase Federal Funds in the Hospitals subprogram within the Medical Assistance program, Page 12, Line 10 by \$438,133 from \$269,959,756 to \$270,397,889. This amendment adds the applicable Health Insurer Provider Tax for the state directed hospital payment initiatives included in the Governor's Recommend Budget. This amendment generates a total of \$623,841 in general revenue also inadvertently excluded from the Governor's Recommended Budget (26-EOHHS3).

Increase Federal Funds in the Other Programs subprogram within the Medical Assistance program, Page 13, Line 16 by \$2,471,606 from \$26,978,394 to \$29,450,000. This amendment corrects the appropriations for Non-Caseload Estimating Conference expenditures inadvertently adjusted in the Governor's revised recommendation (26-EOHHS1).

Increase Restricted Receipts in the Medical Assistance program, Page 13, Line 17 by \$1,493,674 from \$8,422,060 to \$9,915,734. This amendment corrects the appropriations for Non-Caseload Estimating Conference expenditures inadvertently adjusted in the Governor's revised recommendation (26-EOHHS1).

Department of Children, Youth, and Families

<u>Decrease General Revenue in the Children's Behavioral Health Services Program, Page 13, Line 33 by \$354,864 from \$7,464,500 to \$7,109,636.</u> This amendment corrects for 8.0 FTE positions which were inadvertently budgeted as other positions across two programs. A total of 8.0 FTE positions which were meant to be Juvenile Program Worker positions were incorrectly budgeted as other positions including 5.0 FTE positions within the Children's Behavioral Health Services Program and 3.0 FTE positions within the Child Welfare Program.

This amendment adds the Juvenile Program Worker positions to the appropriate Youth Development Services program and removes the incorrect positions in the other programs adjusting for the relevant funding sources resulting in a zero-budget general revenue impact with an adjustment to bring matching federal dollars to the correct levels (26-DCYF1).

Decrease Federal Funds in the Children's Behavioral Health Program, Page 13, Line 34 by \$88,168 from \$8,912,238 to \$8,824,070. This amendment corrects for 8.0 FTE positions which were inadvertently budgeted as other positions across two programs. A total of 8.0 FTE positions which were meant to be Juvenile Program Worker positions were incorrectly budgeted as other positions including 5.0 FTE positions within the Children's Behavioral Health Services Program and 3.0 FTE positions within the Child Welfare Program. This amendment adds the Juvenile Program Worker positions to the appropriate Youth Development Services program and removes the incorrect positions in the other programs adjusting for the relevant funding sources resulting in a zero-budget general revenue impact with an adjustment to bring matching federal dollars to the correct levels (26-DCYF1).

Increase General Revenue in the Youth Development Services Program, Page 14, Line 3 by \$856,345 from \$24,822,021 to \$25,678,366. This amendment corrects for 8.0 FTE positions which were inadvertently budgeted as other positions across two programs. A total of 8.0 FTE positions which were meant to be Juvenile Program Worker positions were incorrectly budgeted as other positions including 5.0 FTE positions within the Children's Behavioral Health Services Program and 3.0 FTE positions within the Child Welfare Program. This amendment adds the Juvenile Program Worker positions to the appropriate Youth Development Services program and removes the incorrect positions in the other programs adjusting for the relevant funding sources resulting in a zero-budget general revenue impact with an adjustment to bring matching federal dollars to the correct levels (26-DCYF1).

Decrease General Revenue in the Child Welfare Program, Page 14, Line 12 by \$501,481 from \$212,351,378 to \$211,849,897. This amendment corrects for 8.0 FTE positions which were inadvertently budgeted as other positions across two programs. A total of 8.0 FTE positions which were meant to be Juvenile Program Worker positions were incorrectly budgeted as other positions including 5.0 FTE positions within the Children's Behavioral Health Services Program and 3.0 FTE positions within the Child Welfare Program. This amendment adds the Juvenile Program Worker positions to the appropriate Youth Development Services program and removes the incorrect positions in the other programs adjusting for the relevant funding sources resulting in a zero-budget general revenue impact with an adjustment to bring matching federal dollars to the correct levels (26-DCYF1).

Decrease Federal Funds in the Child Welfare Program, Page 14, Line 13 by \$182,968 from \$93,032,678 to \$92,849,710. This amendment corrects for 8.0 FTE positions which were inadvertently budgeted as other positions across two programs. A total of 8.0 FTE positions which were meant to be Juvenile Program Worker positions were incorrectly budgeted as other positions including 5.0 FTE positions within the Children's Behavioral Health Services Program and 3.0 FTE positions within the Child Welfare Program. This amendment adds the Juvenile Program Worker positions to the appropriate Youth Development Services program and removes the incorrect positions in the other programs adjusting for the relevant funding

sources resulting in a zero-budget general revenue impact with an adjustment to bring matching federal dollars to the correct levels (26-DCYF1).

Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals

Increase General Revenue in the Hospital and Community Rehabilitation Services program, Page 20, Line 7, by \$24,906 from \$55,323,206 to \$54,348,112. This amendment corrects appropriations for an FTE which is transferred from the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) within the Department of Administration to the Eleanor Slater Hospital by reflecting the correct pay grade step compensation as well as the funding source as fully general revenue (26-BHDDH1).

<u>Decrease Federal Funds in the Hospital and Community Rehabilitation Services program.</u>
<u>Page 20, Line 8, by \$7,916 from \$61,515,889 to \$61,507,973.</u> This amendment corrects appropriations for an FTE which is transferred from the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) within the Department of Administration to the Eleanor Slater Hospital by reflecting the correct pay grade step compensation as well as the funding source as fully general revenue (26-BHDDH1).

Elementary and Secondary Education

<u>Decrease General Revenue for the Davies Career and Technical School program, Page 21, Line 34, by \$242,056 from \$18,772,462 to \$18,530,406.</u> This amendment shifts funding for 2.0 FTE positions inadvertently allocated to general revenue instead of restricted receipts. The 2.0 FTE positions are for Arts Teacher positions at the school and needed to comply with updated graduation requirements (26-RIDE1).

Increase Restricted Receipts for the Davies Career and Technical School program, Page 22, Line 2, by \$242,056 from \$5,229,338 to \$5,471,394. This amendment shifts funding for 2.0 FTE positions inadvertently allocated to general revenue instead of restricted receipts. The 2.0 FTE positions are for Arts Teacher positions at the school and needed to comply with updated graduation requirements (26-RIDE1).

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 2025 Amendments						
Department of Administration						
DCAMM Position Funding	49,600				49,600	26-DOA1
Executive Office of Health and Human Services						
Medical Assistance Other Programs- Federal Funds and Restricted Receipt Correction		2,471,606	1,493,674		3,965,280	26-E0HHS1
Zero Sum Early Intervention Correction	[\$102,000]				-	26-E0HHS2
MCO Tax for SDP Investments	185,709	438,133			623,842	26-E0HHS3
Department of Children, Youth, and Families						
Correct FTE Positions Budgeted in Incorrect Accounts	[856,345]	(271,136)			(271,136)	26-DCYF1
Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals						
ESH FTE Correction	24,906	(7,916)			16,990	26-BHDDH1
Elementary and Secondary Education						
Davies - Graduation Requirements FTEs	(242,056)		242,056		-	26-RIDE1
Total	18,159	2,630,687	1,735,730	-	4,384,576	
Grand Total	5,743,072,835	5,092,838,615	447,932,939	2,936,594,811	14,220,439,200	